

Members' newsletter – April 2021

- The updated Club programme can be seen on our website here:
<http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/rotary-club/club-programme.html>
- Visitors, especially prospective Rotarians, are welcome - but are asked to contact us first (contact details at www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/contact/contact.html)
- Due to Covid-19, for the time being we are meeting online by Zoom. This is the URL until further notice: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3484423928#success> You may need to click on "launch meetings" or follow instructions in a dialogue box. Please contact **Richard Kemball-Cook** if you need help attending the online meetings.
- Members of Committees are asked to liaise with Committee Chairs for details of Committee meetings.

Dates for your diaries:

Club Coffee Mornings (by Zoom) – every Thursday at 11 am, usual Zoom link – *but liaise with Richard first.*

- (Joint meeting of RCC Sunrise/RC Aachen Land: 8 April)
- (RC Minster on Sea: Rotary Variety Performance: 10 April)
- Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): MONDAY 12 April
- (Regional Finals of the ESU-Churchill Public Speaking Competition: 24 April)
- (Volunteer Expo: 7 & 8 May 2021)
- Murder Mystery evening by Peter Hermitage: 25 May
- (Rotary Convention, Tapei: 12-16 June)
- Macbeth: 14 September: note new date
- Art & Craft Fair: October? (TBC)

2022 Centenary year!

- Centenary party: 9 February (TBC)
- "1922 Remembered": 29 March (TBC)
- Pentangular: 13 - 15 May

See below for details of some of these events. Bracketed events are not hosted/organised by our Club.

(Joint meeting of RCC Sunrise with RC Aachen Land: 8 April)

Topic: What is a good food system and how do we get there? With Martin Warren, Microbiology Department UKC. See details in email via Alan on 27/3/21.

(RC Minster on Sea: Rotary Variety Performance: 10 April 10)

Registration is needed and availability is limited. See details in email via Alan on 28/3/21. A “teaser” is available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rotary-variety-performance-tickets-144193936947>

Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): MONDAY 12 April

The meeting will be at 7.30pm by zoom – book: Our Man in Havana by Graham Green. Previous notes are available in the Member’s area of our website. Please contact **Brian Dobinson** to join Book Club.

(Regional Finals of the ESU-Churchill Public Speaking Competition: 24 April)

St Edmund's School, Canterbury will be representing the South East. Please see email from Alan dated 30/3/21 for details. The event will be live-streamed on youtube, but details are not yet available.

(Volunteer Expo: 7 & 8 May 2021)

Hosted by RGBI. Online event. Speakers incl. Ben Fogle, Frank Bruno. Booking now open. See RGBI message on 23/3/21.

Murder Mystery evening by Peter Hermitage: 25 May

An evening of fun and mystery to investigate “A bad vintage....”. Please contact **Peter Hermitage** for details.

Macbeth: 14 September: note new date

Please contact **Peter Hermitage** for info – see message from him via the Secretary on 2/2/21.

2022**Centenary party: 9 February 2022 (TBC)**

Organiser: Martin Ward (Music organiser: Bob Anderson). Venue: King’s School Hall. This will be a ticketed event. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

“1922 Remembered”: 29 March 2022 (TBC)

Organiser: Peter Hermitage. Venue: Langton Boys School. This will be a 5th Tuesday - meal and stage show.

Art & Craft Fair: 24 April 2022

Further details TBA.

Pentangular: 13 - 15 May 2022

We will be hosting Pentangular this year!

Other information**March newsletter**

Apologies for the absence of a newsletter in March.

Rotary Day: 2021

This was on 23 February. We marked this online with an “animated” social media post encouraging Membership, which is what we were asked to do by district. You may be able to see this here even if you don't have a twitter account: <https://twitter.com/RotaryCantUK/status/1364131787824324608>

Pantomime

Our first Zoom performance, written and directed by **Peter Hermitage**, was held in March. Many thanks to all that took part; it seemed to be enjoyed by Members.

Pentangular Zoom meeting update

Our first Pentangular Zoom, held on 31 March, was very successful – over 70 members joined at one point, with Presidents of all 5 clubs giving a presentation; an article will be on the website as soon as it is approved. **Alan Mepstead** has all of the presentations if anyone wants to see them. Please contact **Stephen Thompson** for details of Pentangular.

Innovation Competition 2021

The deadline has now passed and quite a number of entries have come in. **Brian Dobinson** is working with James Bennett of Canterbury Christ Church to coordinate next steps with the judges.

“Dear Future Self” Competition

This is open to secondary students on Kent, Essex, Sussex and Surrey. Deadline is 30 April 2021. Please encourage any youngsters that you know to take part. Further details here:

<https://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/activities/future-self-competition-intro.html>

As for Innovation Competition, this will be publicised via social media and Rotary Radio, but please also spread the word via your networks/family/friends. For queries, please contact **Brian Dobinson**.

Coffee morning visitor

We had a visitor from the Rotary Club of Chester at a recent coffee morning, Pete Fryer. He used to live locally and sends his best wishes to the rest of the Club. There is an article on our website.

Regeneration/district

Peter Hermitage will be presenting on “Regeneration” to district on 6/4/21. See the meeting details in the email from Brian Dunne dated 1/4/21.

Crocuses

Thanks to spring, crocuses have been “springing up” all around Canterbury. All pictures sent to **Julie Reza** have been shared on social media – please feel free to send others if you have any. Colourful closeups with a prop or story are particularly nice and all help raise awareness about Rotary's efforts to end polio.

Sad news

We were sad to learn of the passing of Margaret, wife of PP Ian Wright. See email from the Secretary on 31/3/21 for the original message from Roger Power.

Changes to members' handbook

Please let **Stephen Thompson** know of any changes that you would like made to the handbook. See his message sent via the Secretary on 22/3/21.

Thames barge trip

Please see email from Brian Dobinson via the Secretary dated 19/3/21 re: a possible trip aboard sailing barge Mirosa.

Berliner seeking health work experience in Canterbury

Please see email from **Richard Kemball-Cook** via the Secretary dated 15/3/21.

Rotary Social Media Challenge

This challenge is now over, but the Facebook group has transformed into the Rotary Social Media Support Group. Please contact **Julie or Shabana** if you wish to be invited to join the group.

Update on the 88 Challenge in aid of Air Ambulance

Both Sheila and **Harry Cragg** have completed the challenge in good time. It officially ends on 4/4/21. Sheila says "Harry and I are very grateful to everyone who put their faith in us. THANK YOU." More details here: <https://www.innerwheeldistrict12.org.uk/index/88challengeinaidofkssairambulance.html>

News from Inner Wheel District 12

Their convention in India will be held virtually on 17/18 April. IW members have also joined in with a campaign to send out 'thank you' cards to local NHS workers, medical practices and pharmacies in recognition of their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they are supporting a Covid Vaccination Distribution programme.

Zoom

Please make sure you have the latest version of Zoom so that you have the most secure version. For further details see email from **Martin Ward** via the Secretary dated 23/2/21.

Covid testing lab in Cancer hospital/Rotary Club of Dhaka

Julie Reza received an update from RC Dhaka that glass partitions for various units of the RT PCR Lab have been completed with epoxy painting of the floors and walls (see pic) including negative pressure system. Equipment is also now in place and staff recruitment underway. We are awaiting bank details to transfer the money nominated from dining club funds. Many thanks again to all. Unfortunately, covid cases are on the rise again in Bangladesh, so this lab will be timely.



Rotary Foundation team: Areas of Focus Icons

The Areas of Focus icons have had an update, and now include 'The Environment' which is the latest addition to Rotary's Areas of Focus. Please bear this in mind for activities in the year ahead.

Rotary's Learning Center

You can now take Rotary's online courses on most mobile devices. For details see email from Rotary's Learning Technology staff on 22/3/21.

Rotary Radio on Radio Garden

You can now search for Rotary Radio on Radio Garden (<http://radio.garden/listen/rotary-radio-uk/dQJ1abuS>) - alongside live radio broadcasts from all around the world!

Rotary 100 Club

100 Club – it's only £1 per month! The 100 Club Draws take place in October, February and June. Please contact **Graham Bough** to join.

Sailor Ted

Don't forget to contact Tony Pomeroy with your nautical miles (!)

Attendance stats: N/A until further notice.

Social media stats

Numbers are going up. Please like, share, follow etc. and keep encouraging friends & family to do so. The more people that know about our activities, the better. Remember that we need stories to share!

- [Instagram](#) – 346 followers (vs 294 in February)
- [Facebook](#) – 486 followers (vs 465 “)
- [Twitter](#) – 1539 followers (vs 1486 “)

News articles

News articles are on our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/>

It's a great way to catch up with news and stories that you may have missed.

More article will be added soon.

Please note that the dates that accompany stories are date of posting and not necessarily of the event.

Please remember to tell **Julie Reza** about any Rotary-related stories.