

Members' newsletter – May 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.*

- (Volunteer Expo: 7 & 8 May)
- (Rye & Winchelsea Rotary Club Community Walk: 16 May)
- Rotary Canterbury AGM: 18 May
- Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): MONDAY 24 May
- Murder Mystery evening by Peter Hermitage: 25 May
- (RC Beckenham - Perplexing Pop! Music Quiz: 28 May)
- (Rotary Convention, Taipei: 12-16 June)
- Innovation Competition 2021 - FINAL: 24 June 2021
- (RGBI: Thank you day: 4 July)
- Macbeth: 14 September

2022 Centenary year!

- Centenary party: 9 February (TBC)
- “1922 Remembered”: 29 March (TBC)
- Art & Craft Fair: 24 April 2022 – note new date
- Pentangular: 13 - 15 May

Details for most of these events have been shared in the previous newsletter, but other details are below. Bracketed events are not hosted/organised by our Club.

(Margate Rotary 100th Birthday Celebration: 5 May 2021 (7 for 7.30 on Zoom))

All are invited but pre- registrations is required using the link below. Dress code: smart. (Please add your Club name in the Surname Box i.e. Voizey – Margate):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-urrjMrHt0F9GCU3jfnUDti8F5uzLSo>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about join.

(Volunteer Expo: 7 & 8 May 2021)

This is free to register. See here for more details about the event. <https://volunteerexpo.vfairs.com/en/>

(Rye & Winchelsea Rotary Club Community Walk: 16 May)

See email from Rye Rotary sent via the **Secretary** on 27/4/21 for entry form for the walk and further details.

Rotary Canterbury AGM: 18 May

At the forthcoming AGM the Club is required to elect Council Members for the year 2021/22. Council will be smaller in line with "Regeneration": i.e. 6 elected Officers namely the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, President Elect and the Vice President + Regeneration Officer. See email from the **Secretary** dated 30/4/21 for further details.

Rotary Canterbury Book Club (online): MONDAY 24 May

The meeting will be at 7.30pm by Zoom – book: Hamnet by Maggie O'Ferrall. Previous notes are available in the Member's area of our website. Please contact **Brian Dobinson** to join Book Club.

Murder Mystery evening by Peter Hermitage: 25 May

"A Bad Vintage" will be brought to you by a stellar cast, all by Zoom. Queries to **Alan Mepstead** or **Peter Hermitage**.

(RC Beckenham - Perplexing Pop! Music Quiz: 28 May)

"A fun Quiz with a difference that teams can take part in from the comfort of their own living rooms." See email from the **Secretary** dated 26/4/21 for further details.

Innovation Competition 2021 - FINAL: 24 June 2021

The Final for this event will be held online, organised together with Canterbury Christ Church University. It's hoped that Members will be able to join the audience online on the day, and that a video will also become available. Further details will be circulated once known. Contact: **Brian Dobinson**.

(RGI: Thank you day: 4 July)

"Let's make Sunday 4th July a great big thank you party where we all get together, say thank you to everyone who helped us over the past year, and look forward to better times ahead!". More details here: <https://bit.ly/338z604>

Other information**Face-to-face Club meetings**

If the Road map out of Covid is successful, we have confirmation from the Cricket Club that we will be able to meet for Lunch starting on 22nd June. The **President** will keep us posted.

On a related note, The Governing Council Statement from RGI was also circulated in a DMS message dated 6/4/21 and discusses meetings and events.

2021/2022 Programme

Please see emails from **Stephen Thompson** dated 6/4/21 and 7/4/21 with details of the Club Programme for 2021/2022 in XL and Word format respectively.

Vocational update

Please see separate document from Chair of Vocational, **Mary McGeary**.

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

St Edmund's School, Canterbury represented the South East at the grand final, which was live-streamed.

The winner was Taunton Academy in Somerset. You can watch the live streaming of the event here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y49rnIvEmPI&t=3s> (it takes a little while to start and St Edmund's come on at around soon after the 2:40:50 time point to play the role of Chair/Questioner to the presentation "If we open a

quarrel between the past and the present we shall find that we have lost the future”; this is followed by St Edmund’s speaking on the topic: “How and why we are more prepared to believe lies than we are the truth”).

“Dear Future Self” Competition

The deadline has now passed and entries will be sent to judges. For queries, please contact **Brian Dobinson**.

Thanet Mass Vaccination

Please see email from **Sidney Denham** via the Secretary dated 29/4/21 with instructions to those wishing to volunteer.

RC Whitstable District Grant application for project: safety gates for children's play area

This is for safety gates for the Rising Sun HERstay project. Please contact **Richard Kemball-Cook** for an update.

Thames barge trip

The trip is not yet confirmed but, further to his email via the Secretary dated 19/3/21, **Brian Dobinson** would like to hear about any Rotarians/non-Rotarians that would like to join the trip so that there are enough numbers to make it viable.

Polio funding

See message from District Governor **Brian Dunne** via Rotary DMS, sent on 30/4/21 in which Rotarians are asked to write to their MP re: Polio funding.

Members’ date of birth

See email from **Alan Mepstead** dated 14/4/21 in which Alan states “I leave it to individual members if they wish to reply.”

Recycling

Further to the recycling info sent by **Julie Reza** via the Secretary on 19/4/21, Sheila Cragg has sent a message to say that medication blister packs can be recycled in Canterbury – “take your empty...packs along to Superdrug in St George's Street, Canterbury and pop them into the TerraCycle recycling box situated near the Pharmacy counter.”

Rotary 100 Club

The next draw is to be made in June 2021. The future of the 100 Club will be discussed during the business meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 May. **Graham Bough** is the contact.

Sailor Ted

Tony Pomeroy is the contact!

Attendance stats: N/A until further notice.

Social media stats

Numbers are going up.

- [Instagram](#) – 366 followers (vs 346 last month)
- [Facebook](#) – 496 followers (vs 486 “)
- [Twitter](#) – 1560 followers (vs 1539 “)

News articles

News articles are on our website: <http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-news/> Please remember to tell **Julie Reza** about any Rotary-related stories.

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

We also had a mention in Rotary’s April/May magazine and in Community Ad, and are hoping to get another piece in the next issue of Comm. Ad.