

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the Kent and Canterbury Club**

1. **Welcome:** President Maxine welcomed members to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** for absence had been received from Martin Ward, Farrukh Hussein and Aruna Jago-Brown.
3. **Thought for the Day** was given by Robin Vickers.
4. **Induction of Karen Joy:** Karen Joy OBE was presented to the Club by Robert Yonge and was Inducted into Rotary membership by President Maxine with the classification of Head Teacher.
5. **Almoner/Health Report:** Nothing to report.
6. **Minutes of the Business Meeting** held on 1<sup>st</sup> April having been circulated in advance were agreed.
  - a. Unveiling of The Point: President Maxine reported on the very successful unveiling of The Point by the Lord Lieutenant on 29<sup>th</sup> April and the reception afterwards. Thanks had been expressed to all concerned. Subsequently Maxine had been interviewed by ITN.
  - b. Visit to Charterhouse: Brian Dobinson reported on a very enjoyable visit by Club members to Charterhouse in the City of London.
7. **Secretary's Business:**
  - a. February membership 48 Active members, 1 Honorary member.
  - b. Programme Updates – May to June 2025
    - i. Safari Supper 14<sup>th</sup> June: Offers for hospitality received so far included 12 main courses and 7 desserts so more venues and cooks needed if the evening is to proceed. The cost will be £20 per capita.
    - ii. Canterbury Riverfest 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September: Club Duck Race on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
8. **Presidents' Matters:**
  - a. Club Council: April meeting 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes were circulated.
  - b. The Point Handover: See above under item 6a.
  - c. Co-operation with other clubs:
    - i. Inner Wheel 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday events: President Maxine had attended the Inner Wheel Centenary lunch at Darwin College as had the Presidents of Forest of Blean and Sunrise Clubs. The 3 Rotary Clubs had funded the Birthday Cake for Inner Wheel. Maxine and other Club members had attended the Thanksgiving service at Littlebourne Church led by the Rev Canon Estella Last. The final celebratory event is the forthcoming concert to be given by the Thanet Male Voice Choir.
  - d. District update:
    - i. District Assembly cancelled and will now take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May.
    - ii. next Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May.
9. **MGSE update:**
  - a. Meeting of 2025 Hosting Committee:
    - i. Accommodation needed x 11 bedrooms. 4 offered so far so 7 more needed for 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August and transport will also be required.
    - ii. Martin has asked for someone to take on liaising with Lisa Carlson at Canterbury BID in connection with the vocational day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August (Bat & Trap in evening).

- iii. So far we have had six applications for 2 places and interviews will be held shortly. The deadline is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May for anyone wishing to apply: 18-25, living, working or studying in Canterbury.

**10. Pentangular:**

- a. June 2025 Pentangular Weekend in Leuven: 21 members and guests attending.

**11. Treasurers' report** moved to AGM for 9 month report.

**12.2025 Duck Race: 21<sup>st</sup> September – the opening day of the Canterbury Riverfest.**

- a. Proposal main race and corporate race.
- b. Roles – can be shared between two or more members: Volunteers needed.

- i. A. Race Coordinator:
- ii. B. Sales to Members: Stephen Thompson.
- iii. C. Whitefriars Sales: Richard Kemball-Cook.
- iv. D. Corporate sales: Tim Brett and Roger Hickman.
- v. E. Administration:
- vi. F Advertising and PR: Julie Reza.
- vii. G Health and Safety: Raj Dasan.
- viii. H On the day lead: Maxine Blades.
- ix. I Ducks and equipment:
- x. J Finance:

Club members are asked to email Raj with their offers of help.

**13. Updated Club Programme May & June:**

- a. 13<sup>th</sup> May – Folkestone Fishermen's Heritage Museum 2pm.
- b. 19<sup>th</sup> May Club Council.
- c. 20<sup>th</sup> May – Lunchtime AGM, Howfield Manor.
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> June –Lunchtime Club Assembly – Kent & canterbury Club.
- e. 6-8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentangular Weekend in Leuven.
- f. 14<sup>th</sup> June – Safari Supper – starting at Hatch Farm at 5.30pm.
- g. 16<sup>th</sup> June Club Council & Dinner, Hatch Farm.
- h. 17<sup>th</sup> June – Lunchtime Handover Meeting – Howfield Manor.

**14. Spa Valley Railway on August 21<sup>st</sup>.** Not everybody who put their hands up at Howfield Manor has contacted Martin Ward to confirm they are coming. If you are hoping to come please check that you are on Martin's list as circulated.

**15. Service Group Updates** moved to AGM.

**16. Membership update** moved to AGM.

**17. Sailor Ted:** Robert Yonge asked that Club members who had participated in Cruises from October 2024 to May 2025 notify him of the mileages.

**18. Rotary the World Over Toast**