

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

### Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Rosemary Doyle's

1. **Welcome:** President Maxine welcomed Roger Hackman to the meeting particularly in regard of Item 3a.
2. **Apologies** for absence none. Maxine advised that Jim Gascoyne had been re-admitted to William Harvey Hospital.
3. **2025 Duck Race:**
  - a. Proposal for separate Corporate Duck Race: Maxine, Raj, Andrew Clague, Tim Brett and Roger Hickman had met recently to discuss ways of improving the uptake of (and consequent income from) Corporate Duck sales for the annual Duck Race. Roger circulated a brief summary paper and after discussion it was agreed to recommend the following to the Club at the meeting on June 3rd:

There should be a Corporate Duck race held before the full Duck race over a shorter course with larger ducks. The cost would be £25 per duck or 10 for £200 with the objective of selling at least 100 ducks. Accompanying literature would enable Corporate Duck purchasers to be listed and offer an opportunity for their advertising. By holding this race before the main one the attention of spectators would be retained and would facilitate easier clear up afterwards. The two races might be called The Corporate Sprint and the Grand Prix Race.

In discussion it was also agreed to recommend that the price of ordinary ducks be increased to £2 per duck.

Maxine thanked Roger for his input to this item and invited him to remain for the remainder of the business.
4. **Minutes** of meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 had been circulated in advance and were agreed.
  - a. There were no Matters arising not covered elsewhere.
  - b. Whitstable Club VE Day Supper had been attended by Maxine, Tony and Julie and was a good event.
  - c. The Point Unveiling had been well attended and an enjoyable occasion. Maxine had written to thank the Lord Lieutenant for her involvement. Julie had written an excellent note on the project and Members were encouraged to give this wide circulation. Canterbury BID have added The Point to their local map. Canterbury City Council will be asked to consider resiting of the sign that obscures visibility of The Point from Rose Lane as had been discussed previously.
5. **Secretary's Business:**
  - a. RGB&I database showing 48 members & 1 honorary member as of 11/05/2025. The Awards committee will be asked to consider whether any further Honorary Memberships should be offered.
  - b. Compliance Statement: Council recorded that President Maxine had read and will sign off the RGB&I Compliance Statement.

**6. President's Business:**

- a. The Point update: Andrew reported that the City Council had raised issues regarding users discharging water over the stone plinth and were not happy with the proposal to use Dettol for cleaning the stainless steel. Andrew has continuing dialogue with the Council who have said these issues will not hold up the handover to the Council.
- b. Co-operation with Local Clubs:
  - i. Bat and Trap proposal for 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at The Olde Beverlie at 6.00pm will be open to include local Rotary Clubs and will also be attended by the MGSE visitors.

**7. Dining Arrangements:** Raj reported on the Proposal to hold meetings other than the Club Business meetings at The Abbots Barton Hotel from July onwards. He had received a further communication from them that day and will arrange to meet them again with Graham Bough to seek to agree the method of payment.

**8. Pentangular:**

- i. Weekend 6-8<sup>th</sup> June: 12 members are attending and with their guests the total from Canterbury will be 21.
- ii. JPP6: Ludenscheid 5-7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 remains unchanged at present.

**9. Events and Fundraising update – 2025/6**

- i. Duck Race 21<sup>st</sup> September: Maxine had attended a meeting of the Riverfest Committee that day. The Club Duck Race will be on the first day of the Riverfest and the Club will be promoting the Riverfest. Richard will organise Rotas for Duck selling outside NEXT in Whitefriars who will facilitate with gazebo etc. Sessions will be for 1.5 hours from 9.30 to 16.30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September. It is believed that Sunrise Club may help.

**10. Feedback from District Council:**

- i. Revised DC date 28<sup>th</sup> May – Raj and Maxine to attend. District Assembly will be held on line.
- ii. Eastbourne Conference 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October. Maxine will attend on the 25<sup>th</sup>. For the day.
- iii. Zoom Training for incoming officers.

**11. Mini Group Study Exchange 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024:**

- a. MGSE 2025 in Canterbury:
  - i. Accommodation needed still for a further 5 visitors. Roger Hickman and Andrew Clague offered accommodation subject to availability.
  - ii. Interviews for 6 Canterbury host applicants being arranged by Maxine, Rosemary and Raj.
  - iii. A visit to the Houses of Parliament had been offered by Rosie Duffield MP.
- b. Funding/budget for hosting MGSE had been agreed.

**12. Treasurer's Report** To AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> May but Tony unable to be there due to family commitments. He will email the Club before the meeting and invite questions to him by email. On enquiry from Roger Hickman Tony offered to write to the Millenium Scholarship Fund Trustees regarding the stated decline in value of the Charity's Investments. Subsequent to the AGM Tony will write to members regarding annual subscriptions due 1<sup>st</sup> July.

13. **Group's Updates** deferred To AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

14. **Recruitment** – Maxine/Robert Yonge:

- a. Resignations/leavers – none to date.
- b. Prospective New Members: Maxine and Rosemary had met a friend of Rosemarie Morton who had expressed interest in joining the Club and Maxine will invite her to come to a future Club meeting.
- c. Parking at Kent & Canterbury Club: Peter Hermitage has passed to Maxine a limited number of parking permits for entry to the Kent & Canterbury Club and consideration will be given to the best way of using these for Club members. Without them Club members will have to park elsewhere.

15. **Corporate membership Pilot:** Andrew reported that work on this proposal continued and asked if Raj could incorporate a business orientated meeting into the programme from time to time.

16. **Club Programme Update** – V23

- a. 20<sup>th</sup> May – Lunchtime AGM, Howfield Manor
- b. 3<sup>rd</sup> June –Lunchtime Club Assembly followed by short Business meeting– Kent & canterbury Club.
- c. 6-8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentangular Weekend in Leuven.
- d. 14<sup>th</sup> June – Safari Supper – starting at Hatch Farm at 5.30pm. Bookings for 20 so far from those offering hospitality.
- e. 16<sup>th</sup> June Club Council & Dinner, Hatch Farm.
- f. 17<sup>th</sup> June – Lunchtime Handover Meeting at Howfield Manor.

17. **AOB:** Tony asked that Richard send Minutes of Community Service Group meeting direct to Graham so that payments can be processed.

Andrew asked if it is possible to use a better PA system for the Duck Race.

Maxine thanked Rosemary for her membership of Club Council and for her generous hosting of the meetings.