

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

### Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the Kent and Canterbury Club.

1. President Elect Raj welcomed Keji Moses (Club member) now Sheriff of Canterbury and her guest.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from: President Maxine and David Lewis
3. Almoner/Health Report – In the absence of David Lewis there was no Almoner report nor mention of any issues from Club members
4. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 were approved
  - a. Matters arising (not covered below)
    - i. 'Banter with Bonkers' is rescheduled to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at PoWYC.
    - ii. Visit to Battle of Britain Museum 16<sup>th</sup> July was very good and interesting.
    - iii. The Club's participation in the Canterbury Show 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July in conjunction with the Sunrise Club and the Forest of Blean had been good and there had been expressions of interest in joining the Club.
    - iv. Strode Park Foundation BBQ and visit had proved very interesting for members and had highlighted the excellent work being done by Strode Park Foundation.
5. Presidents' Matters
  - a. The Point – Stephen Thompson advised that the new Planning Approval had now been granted subject to an archeological watching brief. Stephen and Andrew Clague had met with the proposed contractor and stone mason and hoped that a contract would be agreed soon. There is a need to commence works by the 12<sup>th</sup> October under the terms of the License. Stephen will be contacting Club members who had signified originally that they would like their donations to be recognised to agree how this should be done.
  - b. Dining arrangements – Howfield Manor booked from October for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's (see programme V11) for two course hot buffet & desert at £25pp. Kent & Canterbury Club for Business Meetings 1st Tuesday (to be reviewed after September meeting).
  - c. EMS is to be used by all members and last signup dates are to be observed otherwise members who do not promptly unbook or apologise will be charged even if they don't attend.
  - d. Leonard Rea is not renewing his membership due to his ill health. On behalf of the Awards Committee, Leslie Stepheson proposed and it was seconded and agreed unanimously that Leonard is awarded an Honorary membership.
6. MGSE
  - a. MGSE 2024 to Ludenscheid. Two young people have been selected and travel arrangements are in hand.
7. Treasurers' report – Tony
  - a. The Financial Report to the 16<sup>th</sup> July had been circulated to the Club in advance.
  - b. The Group Spending plans for the Rotary year are as follows:
    - 1) International - £3500
    - 2) Community Service - £6,400. This is estimated as:
      - Ryla £400
      - St Nicholas School £400
      - Prince of Wales Christmas Party £400
      - Thanington Resource Centre £1000

Hersden Community Centre £500  
Rising Sun Children's groups £1000  
Salvation Army £1000  
Ad Hoc £1700.

- 3) Vocational £900. Prizes of £600 plus £300 for Junior Writing Competition. There may be a further request for Senior Writing Competition but no details as yet.
- 4) Tthe Trust Fund Account as at 16/7/24 has a balance of £4,039.07 in the Charity General account.
- 5) Taking this balance into account and the requested spending requirements the Club needs to raise a further £6,730 plus £1800 for JPP6. Total of 8,530.
- 6) The main fundraising activity planned for the year is the Annual Duck Race which will need great endeavour from Club members to enable the target above to be met. See item 9 below.
8. The updated Club Programme V11 had been circulated in advance – add 16<sup>th</sup> August Bat and Trap Evening. Richard and Cora are arranging a Pot-luck lunch again on the 20<sup>th</sup> August with a Nautical Theme
9. Gt Stour Riverfest & Duck Race, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Westgate Gardens
  - a. Tony advised Pre-Race ticket Sales will take place at Whitefriars & Westgate Gardens and there are still spaces on the rotas for volunteers.
  - b. Stephen had circulated Members' personal sale sheets and a number of Club members were donating directly to the Charity Fund enabling Gift Aid recovery. Work was in hand seeking Corporate sponsors and Stephen was co-ordinating the approaches to ensure prospective donors were not inundated with requests.
  - c. Tony advised Help on Race Day would be needed as usual and members from the other Clubs would be helping also.
  - d. Philip reminded members of the dangers of Weil's disease and was arranging to bring fresh water washing facilities for members who accidentally became wet.
10. AOB : There being no other business the meeting closed with the final toast of Rotary the World Over.

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