

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at the Kent and Canterbury Club.**

1. Welcome – President Maxine welcome Malini to the meeting.
2. Almoner/Health Report – David Lewis
  - a. John and Joan Hill. David reported that he had spoken to Joan, who appears to be recovering well from her recent hip operation. Joan said that John is pain free but not well. Members are asked not to 'phone John, but he does appreciate emails, and will respond when able to.
3. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were agreed.
  - a. Matters arising (not covered below)
    - i. 'Banter with Bonkers' Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at PoWYC - new ticket sales. President Maxine reminded members of the new date. Flyers were provided for members to circulate to friends. Maxine to circulate list of those previously booked and where paid.
    - ii. Staple visit report – very enjoyable and the buffet provided by the Pig was vast.
    - iii. Barrett's' visit report – enjoyed by members. Maxine has sent a 'thank you card' and photos taken by John Gichi. Julie awaiting clearance of her report by Barrett's' PR staff.
4. Presidents' Matters -
  - a. Club Council - Minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 have been circulated – no questions.
  - b. The Point – Update Andrew/Stephen. The WBFP is in production and a target date for completion with a target date for handover to City Council in March.
  - c. EMS –Maxine noted that accounts available for Friends and Supporters.
5. MGSE Martin
  - a. Meeting of 2025 Hosting Committee – Peter noted that initial plans had been drawn up.
6. Treasurers' report – Tony
  - a. September Financial Report was circulated – no questions
  - b. Tony has the Club directories and asked those who had not received them to email him, and he will arrange for delivery.
7. Updated Club Programme V15 has been sent out
  - a. Future events
    - i. 8<sup>th</sup> October – Visit to Diva Steel & Supper at Howfield Manor
    - ii. 12<sup>th</sup> October – Banter with Bonkers - PWYC
    - iii. 15<sup>th</sup> October – Lunch with Leo Whitlock at Howfield Mannor
    - iv. 1<sup>st</sup> November – Supper and talk: Amy Johnson Project, Kingston Village Hal.
      - i) Stephen noted that members need to invite guests as we hope for 60 people at the event. Flyer has been circulated.
    - v. 9<sup>th</sup> November – Canterbury Society heritage Expo – Westgate Hall 10-4pm.
8. Gt Stour Riverfest 14<sup>th</sup> September, Westgate Gardens – Maxine reported that the launch day in Westgate Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> September went well – lots of social media coverage and photos by City Council.
9. Duck Race report Tony.

- a. Tony noted that the weather held for the race day and a big crowd was in attendance.
- b. He thanked everyone who had helped, especially Viv Pritchard.
- c. Initial income looks to be circa £7500 of which £900 is expenses.
- d. Tony and Raj to review the Race for 2025 running, especially in the arrangements for sales on race day.
- e. President Maxine thanked Tony for organising this year's race.

10. Updates from:

- a. Community Service Group – Richard reported that Group Members were in touch with main partners and that once funds were released grants will be made.
- b. Vocational Service Group –
  - i. Brian confirmed that CCCU STEM group will be running the innovation competition with some Club involvement for 2025.
  - ii. Alan noted that there would be both a Junior and Senior writing competition and that there was a sponsor who has come forward and who will help with the judging.
  - iii. Brian confirmed that trip to Charterhouse on 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- c. International Service Group – meeting yet to be held.

11. Membership update – Robert noted that Malini will be deciding about membership this week.

12. AOB -

- a. Leonard Rea sends his best wishes and says 'thank you' to the Club for his Honorary membership.
- b. Following contact with the manager of Canterbury West Station Robert proposed that we hold Xmas Bucket collection at the station. Members agreed to follow this up but we need to have dates for Santa Sleigh to ensure that we have sufficient members for both.
- c. Inner Wheel 100 – celebration dates now included in our programme (V15)
- d. President's visit to Rotary Clube de Silves

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