

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at the Kent and Canterbury Club.

1. President Maxine welcomed Members to the meeting
2. No apologies for absence were recorded.
3. Almoner/Health Report – David Lewis reported that John Hill was in hospital and it was hoped that he would soon be moved to palliative care either at home or in the hospice. John's speaking voice is limited but he is able to respond to text messages should members wish to contact him.
4. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 6th August 2024 were accepted.
 - a. Matters arising (not covered below)
 - i. 'Banter with Bonkers' Saturday is rescheduled for 5th October at PoWYC and Maxine will check with Joey Wicks that all is going to plan.
 - ii. Visit to Tannery organised by Andrew Clague had been very successful.
 - iii. Pot Luck Lunch hosted by Richard and Cora Kemball-Cook had been a happy fellowship occasion.
 - iv. Bat & Trap meeting had gone well with the Forest of Blean Club taking the cup.
5. Presidents' Matters -
 - a. Club Council Minutes had been circulated.
 - b. The Point: Stephen advised members that at last the contract for the construction and installation of the drinking point was to be signed by the Club that day. Stephen has written to all the original donors who had asked for their recognition to be shown for their confirmation. Andrew advised that he had visited DIVA who were making the stainless steel part of the installation and was very impressed. A planning group was being formed for the unveiling / opening of The Point.
 - c. Dining arrangements: EMS to be used and last signup dates are to be observed otherwise members who do not promptly unbook or apologise by the signup date will be charged even if they don't attend. Cut off dates for all future meetings will be earlier than in the past and will be highlighted in **BOLD PRINT** in the weekly notices. Martin & Maxine will continue to provide help for new passwords and other enquiries.
6. MGSE Martin
 - a. MGSE 2024 to Ludenscheid had gone very well with an excellent programme being provided by the Ludenschied Club.
 - b. Our 2025 Hosting Committee is continuing with planning.
7. Treasurers' report
 - a. Tony reported that everything is in order financially and expressed his gratitude to Graham for all his work. The Club is solvent in every way.

8. Updated Club Programme V13:
24th November performance of 'A Christmas Carol' in Nonington Church has been added.
Forthcoming events are: 10th September: Visit to Private Military Collection and meal at the Black Pig, Staple. Cut off date for signing up 6th September.
17th September: Lunchtime visit to Barretts bodyshop at Hersden with lunch provided.
9. Gt Stour Riverfest & Duck Race, 22nd September, Westgate Gardens
- a. Pre-Race ticket Sales Whitefriars & 14th September in Westgate Gardens. One remaining slot was filled at the meeting. Viv will co-ordinate the Race Day and Raj will be the Safety Officer.
 - b. Stephen thanked members for personal sales sheets received and asked that members who had offered donations should now pay them.
 - c. Stephen reported that Corporate duck sales are very low at present but it was hoped that contacts of several individual members would yield more.
10. Updates from:
- a. Community Service Group. No report received but the concert held at Richard and Cora's home had raised £310.
 - b. Vocational Service Group. Brian reported that there was nothing to add.
 - c. International Service Group. Raj reported that the group had agreed what to do and was now doing it.
11. AOB Maxine reported that she had now successfully reloaded all the 2024 Minutes onto the website.

At a recent Trefoil Guild meeting Maxine had heard a good report on the Inter-railing group of whom one member had been supported by the Club.

Maxine reported that she had logged onto a recent Rotary International webinar on Membership which revealed a number of interesting points and Maxine will circulate the link for members to follow.

Rosemary reported on a 'near miss' Club visit in meeting a past President of Washington DC club.