

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at the Kent and Canterbury Club.

1. President Maxine welcomed – Maya Amangeldiyeva & Liz Wingrove
2. Apologies – Stephen Thompson
3. Thought for the Day was given by Tony Loughran
4. President Maxine inducted Dr Malini Karani into Membership of the Club under Classification of Architect & Interior Design. Dr Karani was presented to the Club by Robert Yonge, Chair of the Membership Group.
5. Almoner/Health Report – In the absence of David Lewis President Maxine reported that Jim Gascoigne was unwell. Club members are in contact with John Hill by text messages. Viv asked if anyone had been in contact with John Harris who is very poorly, Maxine noted that John Harris had requested that he does not want to be contacted by the Club. However, if anyone does hear from/about him, please let Maxine & David Lewis know. Brian Dobinson is taking 2 months R & R leave at The Red House, Canterbury. Members should contact the Matron at the Red House if they wish to leave messages for Brian.
6. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 1st October 2024 were agreed
 - a. Matters arising (not covered below)
 - i. 'Banter with Bonkers' Saturday 12th October at PoWYC – had been a good and entertaining evening with over 60 attending to hear Andy McConnell speak. Andy had posted photos of the event on Facebook and over £1,000 had been raised for the Prince of Wales Youth Club for which Joey Wicks had expressed the Club's gratitude.
 - ii. Leo Whitlock's talk on the 15th October had been very informative.
 - iii. Amy Johnson Fundraiser on 1st November had been well attended and had generated over £1,200 for Club funds. The Club recorded their immense gratitude to Stephen and Sue Thompson for arranging and catering for such an excellent evening.
 - iv. Xmas Bucket Collection at Canterbury West has not progressed any further.
7. Presidents' Matters -
 - a. Club Council - Minutes of meeting 21st October 2024 had been circulated.
 - b. An addendum to the Minutes covered the agreement to donate £150 to the RNLI in gratitude for the attendance of the Lifeguards at the Duck race. Also donate £150 to Jarle Tatt as a thank you for his help at the Duck Race – this will go towards the funding of supplies for the three primary schools that Jarla will be visiting as part of RC Sunrise's forthcoming trip to see the progress of their Global Grant project in Zambia.
 - c. The Point – Andrew reported that all continued to go well with the project with work starting on site after Christmas to avoid disruption to traders over the Christmas period but with the intention of completing by 31st March 2025.

- d. District 1120 – K&S Air Ambulance Appeal (email attached) had been considered by Club Council and members are invited to make their personal gifts in support of this directly to the bank account nominated by District.
- e. Vocational, Community Service and International Groups – to help Club members identify which group they are in, Maxine would circulate the list of Group membership from the year 2023 / 2024 to enable fuller participation of Group meetings by the Club.
- f. Santa’s Sleigh – volunteers are sought to help with RC Sunrises’ Santa’s Sleigh arrangements. Maxine reminded the Club that there is a reciprocal financial benefit that comes to the Club from this event based on the number of volunteering slots undertaken.
- g. Pentangular Review – Rosemary Doyle reported on the deliberations of the small working group considering the future of Pentangular having considered its history, strengths and weaknesses. A summary will be circulated to members with comments and suggestions invited before the Presidents meeting on 30th November. Further Club discussion will take place in the New Year.

8. MGSE Martin

- a. Meeting of 2025 Hosting Committee – nothing further to report.

9. Treasurers’ report – Tony

- a. October Financial Report had been circulated and was accepted.
- b. Duck Race summary figures showed that after expenses and reserving the Club’s JPP6 contribution, some £5,500 would be available for use by the Groups and the allocation of funds will be considered at the next Council Meeting.

10. Updated Club Programme Version 18 Attached

- a. Future events
 - i. 9th Canterbury Society Heritage Expo, Westgate Hall 10am -4pm
 - ii. 12th November – Evening Dinner with John Bennett at Howfield Manor Hotel
 - iii. 19th November – No meeting
 - iv. 26th November – A Christmas Carol at Nonington
 - v. 30th November – Pentangular Presidents meeting – Leuven
 - vi. 3rd December – Lunch & SGM followed by Business Meeting
 - vii. 10th December – Evening Christmas Dinner at Cricket Ground
 - viii. 17th December – Canterbury Xmas Markets
 - ix. 1st January – Presidents Drinks, Hatch Farm, Stelling Minnis

11. Updates from

- a. Vocational Service Group - Mary McGeary advised that the invitations to Primary schools for entries into the writing competition are being sent out this week, and the entries will be collected on the last day of term.

12. AOB

- a. Poppy Collections – Thank you to all the Club members who have, or are going to help, with this amounting to some 62 hours of collecting.
- b. Maxine will circulate the details of the Canterbury Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar and asked members to consider contributing to this appeal.

- c. Philip gave further details of the catering arrangements for the performance of 'A Christmas Carol' at Nonington.

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