

DIARY	NEXT MEETINGS	VOTE OF THANKS
23 rd Dec	Hope & Homes for Children Christmas Concert Recording 6.30 pm	Zoom link sent
25 th Dec	Meal deliveries Meet at the Oak 11 for 11.15	Details Roy Copper
6 th Jan	Mark Cook Founder "Hope & Homes for Children"	Terry Cunard
7 th Jan	Emergency District Council Zoom Meeting 7.15	Details Ray Holdstock
13 th Jan	Business Meeting	
20 th Jan	Fraud Online tba	Keith Rumblo
27 th Jan	Burns Night - virtually	David Wake
3 rd Feb	Tba	Claire Nicol
All meetings will be by Zoom until further notice		



CLUB BULLETIN CHRISTMAS 2020

"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"



As we approach the halfway point in the Rotary year, the last six months (and indeed the three months before that) have been quite un-paralleled. Covid 19 has taken over our lives and forced us to change many of the ways we do things. Thanks to Bev who initiated our move to Zoom, the Club has stayed together with attendances higher than some of our face to face meetings. Sadly one or two members for various reasons have not been able to join in, but hopefully that will change as soon as the virus comes under control. We have not been able to do much fundraising, but it has been really nice to get out and about with the Sleigh and the delivery of meals on Christmas Day. It was such a pleasure to see the joy on the children's (and adults) faces as Santa arrived and this is always the main reason for doing this - funds are always welcome though and it was good to see donations coming in online. 2021 dawns with some hope that we will return to some normality, although this normality may be different to the old one! Service and Friendship are our backbones and we will build on this as best we can. Membership remains our number one priority - please seek out friends, acquaintances and neighbours who could come and join in. This Covid "war" is in some ways similar to WW2 when the club shrank to 6 members and sprang to life afterwards to over 40 very quickly! There's a challenge! Amanda and I wish you and your families all the very best for Christmas and in particular a healthy 2021 as we approach our Centenary

Jeremy

Christmas Greetings from those who have donated to Polio in lieu of exchanging cards.

From **David & Joy** "Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and hope your new year is better than 2020". & Greetings from **Roy & Barbara Copper, Jai & Jo Chipperfield, Bev & Mick Aitken, Keith Daley, Stephen & Hilary Askew, Derrick Downs, Charlie & Edna Gould and Amanda & I**

Club Zoom Meeting 2nd December 2020. 19 members attended

Guests: none Visits to other Clubs: none Announcements: Club agreed a) to open a Charity Just Giving page, b) to give £1000 to Oasis and £500 to Quarterdeck from the Quiz which raised £1489, c) to pay over the District Grant £500 + our match to the Quarterdeck and d) to support National Voluntary Partnership (post meeting David Wake agreed to be "Lead"). **Speaker Claire Nicol " My Job"** Clair's career started working for a video company in Covent Garden that filmed videos for corporate businesses. She was also a backing singer at that time performing in Covent Garden. She then met her husband, Bruce who worked for a company making architectural glass for buildings including the Criterion. They had a place in Primrose Hill and could often hear the wolves at London Zoo howling at night. She also worked for a company called Cable and Wireless in Holborn which allowed for plenty of travelling. Clair found living in London very expensive and when Bruce was head hunted by a glass company near Vienna in Austria they moved there. Clair, already knowing some of the German language decided to enrol in an intensive German language course. With Bruce often away working and her at home looking after her children, she decided to earn a living by teaching English. They enjoyed living in Austria and built their own award winning house largely made from glass. While living there, a friend who was an avid car collector asked her to look after his car collector's website. However after a while she started to miss the UK and eventually they moved to Burnham on Crouch where she simultaneously worked for an art gallery and delicatessen. Other career changes took her to London, working for Schrodgers in Front-of-house, initially running a team of 15 it was increased to a team of 30. After her separation from her husband, she met Nick while walking her dog, they became a couple and moved to Thanet where she got a job working at the Walpole Bay hotel but left because it was too 'Crazy'. Currently she is working for the NHS Harmonia village in Dover. **Jai Chipperfield**

Club Business Zoom Meeting 9th December 2020. 21 members attended. **Guests: none Visits to other Clubs:none. Announcements: Secretary:** Club agreed that Roy Copper, Charles Gould, Pat Buckley and Mike Bastow be appointed Trustees of our Charity accounts for 5 years. **Treasurer:** Club agreed to pay £100 to Salvation Army. Balances: General £2,945. International £1,407 Centenary £5,911. Trust: General £4927, Swimathon £115, Art £6345 Youth Ops £21,005. **MEMBERSHIP.** No report **PR.** Website is updated 381 views Facebook 6472 contacts. Very good cover-

age for Santa with Justgiving nearly ready **INTERNATIONAL.** Condolences sent to RC Trier re car attack. Computer Cards to Contact Clubs being sent.

House & Speakers. 27th Jan - Burns Night. A virtual tour of "Shakespeare Tour of London" cost c £7.50 pp. **CENTENARY.** TDC planners will decide on our sign 28th Jan. Provisional booking made in November for our function in view of current uncertainties. **FOUNDATION/ SWIMATHON /Fundraising.** No reports. **COMMUNITY SERVICE.** Santa sleigh tours are proving very successful. Collecting £288 so far. 60 meals needed (post meeting - furloughed Chef will come in to cook) NVCSEP rep is David Wake. **YOUTH.** Art Festival dates for 2021 is awaiting schools to fix their terms times. **District :** Agreed not to support the "I million project". **Joint Thanet Clubs:** none **Club Elections 2021/22** Elected unanimously **President** Keith Daley, **Secretary** Ray Holdstock, (asst David Adams) **Treasurer** Stephen Askew, (asst Bev Aitken) **Foundation** Terry Cunard **Membership** Mike Bastow . **Club Council** Keith Rumblo, Jai Chipperfield, Roy Copper, Val Woodin and Mandy Finch **Ray Holdstock**

Club Zoom Meeting 16^h December 2020. 36 attended including 21 members, 8 partners, Sue Midgley & Shirley Thorpe from Inner Wheel, Charlotte Thorpe, Peter Arnold and Tony Debling. **Announcements:** PP Gerald Dineley has a tumour and we hope all will be well. Oasis thanked us for our recent donation of £1000 and explained how the number of domestic abuse cases has risen during lockdown. Beverley gave an update on how well Father Christmas and the sleigh was received at Yoakley House this evening. Sleigh was also going well with donations unexpectedly exceeding £700 with a day to go. Greetings were reported from RC Worms & Rc Lille-Sud **Speakers: Pippa Bennett-Warner** has been an actress for some 10 years who had also attended the same school as our President. She gave an account of the challenges of filming during lockdown and had recently appeared in the BBC drama 'Roadkill' Pippa then, very eloquently, read two lovely poems. **Roger Harding from the Salvation Army.** In normal circumstances we would have enjoyed the company and band of the SA at our Christmas meeting. However, Roger outlined how the Thanet winter shelter was working this year and that 18 beds had been found available for 24 hrs. a day meaning that the homeless did not have to leave after breakfast and return for the evening meal. Over 80% of the homeless that attended the shelter in 2019 went into permanent accommodation. The joint churches foodbanks are more than ever needed, and this year there has been added a takeaway food box service because of the Covid restrictions. Roger also explained the importance of their charity shop and illustrated the incredible generosity of people in the hardest of times. The club donated £100 towards their needs. **Roy Copper**