

ROTARY CLUB of TONBRIDGE

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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Ours is a friendly Club of approximately 35 members, formed in 1924. We meet every Thursday at the Rose and Crown Hotel in Tonbridge. We are, like all Rotary Clubs worldwide, primarily a Service organisation. We support local community groups and organise fundraising events for charity. This year our major events are the Tonbridge Half Marathon (which we organise jointly with the Tonbridge Lions Club), a Charity Golf Day, and the Tonbridge Christmas Festival. Community and Vocational Service projects include Kids Out, Senior Citizens' outings and school mock interviews. Our President's Charities this year are Porchlight and Compaid.

Tonbridge Half Marathon

The 2018 event will be the 7th annual half marathon. It has proved very popular with both fun runners and athletes who compete as part of their training for National events



Tonbridge Christmas Festival

Held on the last Sunday in November, featuring stage entertainment and stalls for local traders to exhibit and market their wares.

The event lasts all afternoon and into the evening.

At dusk the Mayor oversees the switch-on of the Town's Christmas lights before a spectacular fireworks display brings the event to a memorable conclusion

We are committed to supporting local communities of all ages but especially the elderly and our young people. We have two outings each year - a theatre visit and a Country Drive - for the elderly or infirm who find socialising difficult. We help local students prepare for life after schooldays with mock job interviews, book prizes and by supporting school projects

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

School Leavers' Lunch 3 May
Students' hopes and aspirations for the future

Seniors' Drive and Tea 6 May
Annual outing for elderly and infirm

President's Dinner 19 May
Annual Dinner and Entertainment

Kids Out 13 June
Annual Outing for disabled children

Charity Golf Day 22 June
Annual Competition

Presidential Handover 5 July
Chain of office handed over to Sonia Williams

Croisiere Exchange 11-18 Aug
Gelsenkirchen Ahoy!

Tonbridge Half Marathon 6 Oct
Annual event with the Lions Club

Tonbridge Christmas Festival 25 Nov
Fun in the High Street

Senior Citizens

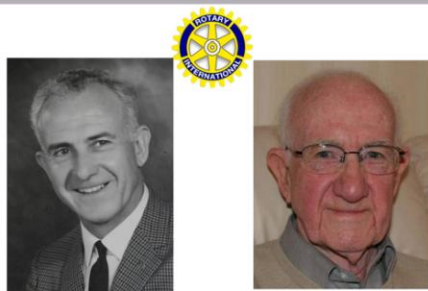
This year's Country Drive and Cream Tea will be hosted by The Hadlow Manor Hotel
A small combo will play during the tea

Kids Out

A party of disabled children from Ridgeview Special School will travel to Chessington Park for a fun filled day of rides and relaxation

Croisiere exchange

We have four European "ContactClubs" - in Belgium, France, Germany and Holland. Each year four teenage students from each Club meet for a week-long social and educational programme organised and funded by one of the Clubs. This year the Gelsenkirchen Club of Germany will host the event



Norman Acaster, Club member since 1962 and President 1968/9 passed away 21 March 2018. His funeral will take place on 19 April at 12.30pm at Tonbridge Parish Church

President Robert Greenhalgh

Vice President Phil Higgins

Membership Committee Chairman - Peter Ruck

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For information on any of the above, Membership, or to nominate a student for the Croisiere exchange etc please contact tonbridgerotarymembership@gmail.com

President Elect Sonia Williams

Hon Secretary Harry Lilly