



CANCER CARE CLUB

September 2017

www.cancercareclub.org

Summer party

About 70 Club members were able to attend the Summer Party on 5th August. As the Rugby Club was not available, instead the party took place at the Abbots Barton Hotel. We had the room we normally have for the Xmas lunch, and access to an outside space with chairs and tables, which would have been very useful had it not been for our fickle summer weather. We arrived at the hotel in bright sunshine but as the event got under way the skies darkened and we were treated to torrential rainfall, flashes of lightning and claps of thunder. A typical summer afternoon.

Nevertheless, the downpour did not dampen our spirits. The buffet was varied and delicious with plenty for all. The raffle was very popular and our usual entertainer, Tim, supplied his usual repertoire of easy listening favourites. Most of our members seemed happy with the arrangements. As ever though, if you have any comments or suggestions about our events then please do let us know.

Christmas Lunch

Our next major event is the Christmas Lunch. Although Christmas seems a long way away Daphne and Eve are already on the case and the booking form is enclosed with the Newsletter. We hope as many of you as possible can attend. For several years now we have held the price at £20 per person, which I am sure you agree represents very good value for a three course Christmas lunch with wine. The Club subsidises the meal so that members do not pay the full cost. However, the cost to the Club has been rising and it is with regret we have decided it is necessary to raise the price we charge to members to £22.50 per person. We hope you will understand and will still find the Christmas lunch good value for money. The booking form is at the end of the Newsletter.

Wednesday Evening Talks

Attendance at our monthly Wednesday evening meetings has been falling over time and now only a handful of members attend. It has been decided that from next year there will be no Wednesday evening talks. The ones already scheduled for this year will go ahead (see below) but there will be no more in 2018.

Forthcoming Events

** Following requests by members, Daphne has organised another trip to Ely Christmas Market in the Cathedral on Friday 17th November. It will cost £34 per person including the driver's tip. Seats are limited, so if you would like to go, phone Daphne **as soon as possible** on 01227 720631*

Abbots Barton Hotel Lunches

Between 12noon and 2pm, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th,
14th December Christmas Lunch (*Raffle prizes needed please*)

Evening talks, Cathedral Day Unit, Kent & Canterbury Hospital 7pm

Wednesday 4th October: Rob Waite will talk about testicular cancer

Wednesday 1st November: CAB advisor will give advice of benefits and form filling.

Wednesday 6th December: **Xmas Party; fiendishly easy quiz with prizes. Please bring a plate of food to share.**

Wednesday 27th September

East Kent Ploughing Match, Quex Park. Daphne will have our Cancer Care Club stall there

Saturday 28th October

Heather Morgan's 60/70s night in aid of the Cancer Care Club at the Victoria and Barns Cricket Club, Walmer CT14 7RQ from 7pm. Tickets £7.50 including supper. Enquiries and tickets phone 01304 363710 or 07896 507507. Heather has a waiting list for tickets as they are all allocated, if you want to go, let her know and she will put you on the list.



Saturday 4th November

Christmas Fayre, Whitstable United Reformed Church, 9.30am to 12.30pm Daphne will have a CCC stall.

Saturday 18th November

Christmas Craft Fair, 10am to 4pm, Landmark Centre, Deal. Admission 25p, proceeds for the Cancer Care Club.

Tuesday 5th December

Visit to Brick Lane Theatre. Cost £70 including lunch. Contact Daphne 01227 720631 for details.

Wednesday 6th December (as noted above)

Christmas party and fiendishly easy Quiz with prizes. Please bring a plate of food to share. Cathedral Day Unit, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, 7pm sharp

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Lunch at the Abbots Barton Hotel. Menu and booking form enclosed.

Trip to Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park.

The trip took place on 30th May and was a great treat for people who love heritage railways. Below is a picture of the happy passengers (and the lovely steam train)

For those interested in railway history, did you know that the Kent and Canterbury Hospital is on the site of South Canterbury Railway Station, which was one of the stations on the Elham Valley Railway which ran from Canterbury West to Folkestone, passing through Bridge, Bishopsbourne and Elham. It was reputed to be one of the loveliest train lines in the country.

The actual station was not very grand, a timber framed construction with a corrugated iron roof. It was situated roughly where the Fracture Clinic is now. The remains of a railway bridge can be seen by the back entrance to the hospital. The line finally closed in 1945.



Fundraising News

Richard Ovenden

Richard had a coffee morning at his house on Friday 9th June and with the help his family, friends and Committee members, raised an impressive £654 for the Club. Our thanks go to everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

Donations from members

Many thanks to all of you who have donated raffle prizes. Also thanks to those who have donated old watches, pens, cufflinks etc. We had donations of some old silver coins which were sold at auction raising over £120 for the club. Other items we sold raised another £50. My plan is to make sets of donated items which I can sell on EBay or at auction to raise funds for the Club. If you have any old watches, particularly wind up, or odd cufflinks, old fountain pens, coins or costume jewellery they will be useful. Thank you also to the Club member who donated a tub of pre-euro foreign coins.

Fundraising ideas

If anyone would like to hold a coffee morning to raise funds for the Club, Daphne would be very happy to help by bringing cards and other items to sell. If you know anyone who would like to do a sponsored walk, run, swim or similar do ask them to get in touch with a committee member so that we can help with organising fundraising. (contact details at the end of the newsletter)

How have we been spending the Club's funds?

We are continuing to negotiate the purchase of equipment to enable sentinel node biopsies. The ability to carry out sentinel node biopsies means that patients can be spared unnecessary surgery on lymph nodes when a cancer is found. Rather than removing all adjacent lymph nodes it is possible to detect which ones need surgery. We are hopeful that the purchase can be finalised soon.

We are also continuing negotiations for our other projects including furnishing and equipping a room for new patients in the Cathedral Day Unit. Quotes are being obtained and we will keep you informed of progress.

Cancer Care Club Contacts

Daphne Woodcock	Social Secretary, Fund Raiser	01227 720631
Malcolm Hodgson	Secretary 01843 639777 or 07760301116	hodgson_m5@sky.com
Eve Twyford	Treasurer	01227 766166
Ann Clewer	Newsletter 01227 455260	ann.clewer@googlemail.com

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter contact Ann or Malcolm

If you have an email address and would like to receive your newsletter by email then please let Ann or Malcolm know. This will save both postage and paper. Thank you.

=====

Christmas Lunch 2017: Cathedral Suite, Abbots Barton Hotel on Thursday, 14th December, 12.30 for 1.00 pm

On Arrival - Non-alcoholic Punch/Fruit Juice with nibbles in the Lounge.
Alcoholic Drinks available at the Bar (sorry, your own purchase).

← Please choose one number only from each course

There will be a bottle of Red and White Wine, a jug of Orange Juice and Water on every table.

STARTERS

- (1) Jerusalem Artichoke Soup (V)
- (2) Wild Rabbit Terrine, Tarragon Mayonnaise, Mustard Dressing
- (3) Home Smoked Mackerel, Blinis, Pickled Vegetables, Wasabi Mayonnaise

∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞

MAIN COURSE

- (4) Roasted breast of Kentish turkey from the Butcher of Brogdale (+ all the trimmings)
- (5) Chickpea and Leek Fondue, Pine Nut Lavash Bread, Pomegranate & Mint Dressing (V)
- (6) Pan Fried Sea Bream with Clams, Pink Fir Potatoes, Buttered Kale, Lemon and Caper Beurre
- (7) Slow Roasted brisket of Sussex Beef, Sarladaise Potatoes, Roasted Salsify, Madeira Reduction

A range of vegetables suitable for all main course choices will be served

∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞

DESSERT

- (8) Christmas Pudding, with Courvoisier Brandy Sauce
- (9) White and Dark Chocolate Truffle, Passionfruit and Mint Salad, Rose Sorbet
- (10) Fine Cheese from Kent and Sussex, Water Biscuits, Celery, Pear and Vanilla Chutney
- (11) Fruit Salad

There will be fresh filtered Tiki Coffee and Mince Pies served for everyone and a Raffle afterwards

✂

If you would like to come please return this form with a cheque payable to the Cancer Care Club

Name/s:

Address:.....

..... Tel. No. _____

Amount of cheque £22.50 per person.....

Menu Choice No. for Each Person

You: _____ Your Partner : _____

Return to Daphne Woodcock, Eversfield, Canterbury Road, Wingham, Canterbury CT3 1NL (Tel 01227 720631) before Monday, 20th November, 2017 please. (The sooner the better if possible). Please enclose a SAE for your receipt. Also note that your booking cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.