



CAMBRIDGE COURIER

Information about our next Rotary Meeting (usually held at Cambridge Bowling Club, 7.10 for 7.30 am):

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Activity: Jan Bant – Western Swamp Tortoise

On Duty: Club Host: David James

Set up/Pack up: Peter Pearce

Coming up soon

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Activity: Sedin Hashanovic – Recfishwest (recreational fishing)

Club Host: Cate Barlow

Set up/pack up: Peter Burns

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- We were reminded to wear Rotary T shirts on 24 Oct – Ride the Train for Polio awareness
- Bridgetown weekend reminder 30 Oct/2 Nov
- Poppy Day collection is on – Jim Berry will provide details in due course
- The District Conference will be held in Northam over the weekend 13/15 Mar 2026

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEETINGS, ROTARY GENERALLY, & OUR WORLD

We enjoyed an ‘in-house’ situation this week when our Member John Gartlan told us: You Know More About Shakespeare Than You Think. As a boy, John’s teacher Joe O’Dwyer generated a great interest in him for Shakespeare, and John noted that if Shakespeare’s father hadn’t moved to Stratford-upon-Avon at an early age, the Bard of Avon might well have been the Bard of Snitterfield! Shakespeare introduced dozens of words into the English language (e.g. lonely; fragrant; and brittle) as well as many expressions such as ‘tower of strength’; ‘one fell swoop’; and ‘milk of human kindness’. Many of the figures of speech that William brought into the language were oxymorons i.e. phrases containing contradictory words with opposing meanings such as ‘sweet sorrow’, and there were many paradoxes as well – such as ‘I must be cruel only to be kind’, a quote from Hamlet. Then there is the important observation that ‘a rose by any other name would smell as sweet’ (Romeo and Juliet), indicating that a name is just a label which distinguishes one thing from another. On the subject of women, Shakespeare portrayed them as strong rather than inferior, and therefore he could not be accused of being sexist. They played central roles in William’s writings and musings, such as Rosalind declaring in As You Like It: “Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak”.



Spoonerism Conference food shortage rumours were a complete lack of pies

Birthdays: Robyn Holywell (20 Sep);

Wedding anniversaries: Frank & Eileen Nathan (27 Sep)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

IF A MEMBER CAN’T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING
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