



## CAMBRIDGE COURIER

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Activity: Living Well with Arthritis – Paul Forrestal**

**On Duty: Club Host: Jim Berry**

**Set up/Pack up: John Gartlan**

**Coming up soon**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Activity: To be advised

Club Host: n/a

Set up/pack up: n/a

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- *The Rotary District 9423 Conference is taking place at Margaret River from 28 to 30 March*
- *Pres. Max updated us on recent interaction with the Surf Club*
- *Plans are starting to be made for the Driver Education session later in the year*

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

John M Taylor came along to delve into the topic of raising fens tigers, and we soon learned that John is the author of four books so far. His first book is called Raising Fens Tigers, and it is an anthology of original poems that he has written, all of which focus on the people and places of the fens in England in the aftermath of World War II. John was brought up in a fenland village, and he described how the original wetlands were drained in the 1600s for conversion into farmland. The original inhabitants were incensed by this and they fought like tigers to retain their habitat. The area is very large and stretches from just north of Cambridge right up to the part of England that is adjacent to The Wash i.e. it covers around 3000 sq km. Building a house required very deep footings so that it rested on clay and not malleable peat, and as the land sank many structures with inadequate footings took on unusual shapes! John read a couple of his poems from Raising Fens Tigers – one a very poignant verse about Mrs Fitch who couldn't comprehend that her son Jimmy had perished in the war, and the other titled If You Want to Know the Time Ask a Policeman. John also described his latest book which is called I Will Find You. This focuses on WA and Perth, and deals with child migration and the orphanage at Clontarf. John's presentation was thought provoking and humorous.



***I'm told I'm colour blind; the news came completely out of the green!***

**Birthdays:** Ross Ledger (8 Mar);

**Wedding anniversaries:** none this time

**Rotary anniversaries:** David James ('19 – previously '00 to '10)

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