

The following are relied upon to find speakers in the near future

May 12th – M. Little
June 2nd – I. Mclver, 9th – T Mugford, 23rd – M. Moreton-Cox

Table Service Duties

Welcome visitors and ascertain name, Rotary Club if any, position, office etc. Ask to sign visitors' book, collect payment, inform President, and Caterer. Put out banners, President's chair, Past President's board, lectern and bell. - Put away afterwards. Hand cash to Treasurer.

Rota	Visitors	Grace	Final Toast
Apr 7 th	J. Walker	D. Bond	G. Furley
Apr 14 th	J. Watkins	B. Bowen	L. Gallage
Apr 21 st	C. Weaver	J. Clarke	D. Goldsmith
Apr 28 th	W. Woolley	J. Cappi	K. Hale
May 12 th	T. Alder	T. Collins	J. Harris
May 19 th	G. Bateman	M. Davies	M. Harwood
June 2 nd	D. Bond	G. Furley	J. Hemming
June 9 th	B. Bowen	L. Gallage	T. Hooper
June 16 th	J. Cappi	D. Goldsmith	J. Hutton
June 23 rd	J. Clarke	K. Hale	R. Lacey
June 30 th	T. Collins	J. Harris	S. Lacey

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are unable to be present for your Table Service duties, it is important that you arrange a substitute, and notify the Secretary.*

Dates for your diary:

Fri 11th Apr – Sun 13th Apr - RIBI Conference Blackpool

Wed 16th Apr - Club Council – Winterbothams – 6.00pm

Sat 26th Apr – Sri Lanka Evening – Box Village Hall

Fri 16th May – Nailsworth RC Quiz Night – Box Village Hall

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All contributions gratefully received, ideally by e-mail, not later than the Friday preceding the last meeting of the month.



The Rotary Club of Stroud

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Programme

April 7th Martyn Harwood will present the membership survey results.

Friend: The President Thanks: J. Walker

April 14th Jim Hutton will report on his recent visit to Sri Lanka

Friend: The President Thanks: J. Watkins

April 21st Clive Major will speak on 'Mental Health Tribunals (I don't need the Latin)'

Friend: The President Thanks: W. Woolley

April 28th Club Day & AGM (Election of Council)

APOLOGIES: *We regret that, in fairness to all members, if you do not apologise in time you WILL be charged the full cost of the wasted meal.*

For regular lunchtime and evening meetings to Mike Little, preferably by email to littlemj@btinternet.com by 4 pm on the Friday before the meeting."

N.B. Owing to Mike Little's absence on holiday, apologies for the meeting 7th April should be sent to David Fowles by 4 pm the previous Friday please."

For evening meetings with partners to Myrtle Moreton-Cox by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.

From the President

Welcome to Spring. Spring is here and with it the snow.

At the end of February we had the District Conference in Torquay. Being my first I did not know what to expect but I know everyone who went had a wonderful time. Well done Graham for organising it for us.

On Saturday 8th March we were proud to be invited to Tom & Eileen Alder's 60th wedding anniversary. What a great achievement and a marvellous example to us all for the way they have supported Rotary and Inner Wheel. Congratulations to both of you.

On Tues March 18th, 17 of us went to the Houses of Parliament as guest of David Drew our M.P. It was a very enjoyable and interesting day. Many thanks to Myrtle for organising it.

As most of you know, I am due to have a hip replacement and I now have a date 24th April and all it entails!!!!

Richard

Lakshman Gallage – Award

Congratulations to Lakshman who has just received the prestigious award of 'Deshabandu' from the Government of Sri Lanka. This is one of highest National Awards of Sri Lanka and has been given for services as an ex-pat to his country over the past 10 years.

Kenya Honey Project

Jim Hutton reports that the hives have finally been distributed and are going into production.



Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta

The Rotary Clubs of Cotswold Tyndale, Dursley, Nailsworth, Severn Vale, Stonehouse and Stroud are working together to organise this year's Regatta which is on Saturday 7 June at Saul Junction as in past years. Richard and Martyn represent the club on the organising committee. Stroud is responsible for the web site, flyers, programme and manpower on the day. Martyn is

responsible for the website and flyers and Jim Hutton is doing the programme.

The £150 that the organising Committee have contributed is to finance the cost of providing extra rafts to borrow, signage, printing and banners.

This year's charity that will benefit from the proceeds raised is Cotswold Care Hospice.

We are reformatting the day so there is greater interest for the participants and those watching. This will allow for twice as many teams to participate and aim to raise twice as much money as we have in previous years.

We are challenging companies, organisations and clubs to enter a team in the Raft Regatta Challenge Competition and to race against other teams of the same Category. Heats will be run within each category with the winner of the category going through to the grand final.

This year the entry charge is cheaper at £10 per person (£5 if between 14 and 18 years of age). Teams may borrow a 4 person raft for only £10

We need our Club to find at least 8 teams who will enter the Regatta Challenge competition. My suggestions are: Stroud Solicitors, Retail Shops, Charities, Pubs. We need volunteers from our club to put out a challenge to their peers. Please let Martyn know whom you will be approaching with the Challenge. A board will be circulated shortly for names of volunteers to help on the day.

Proforma Challenge letters, flyers, posters entry forms and all Race information is available on www.gqrr.org.uk

Future Events

International Committee - Sri Lanka Evening – Sat 26 April

The evening will be held at the Box Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. The programme includes Sri Lankan meal and traditional dance demonstration. Price £15 per head.

****Important Note****

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