

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

**April** 3<sup>rd</sup> April P.P. G. Bateman, 10<sup>th</sup> Rtn G. Dickinson  
**May** 8<sup>th</sup> P.P. G Furley, 15<sup>th</sup> Rtn D. Goldsmith  
**June** 5<sup>th</sup> Rtn J. Gough, 12<sup>th</sup> P.P. J. Harris, 26<sup>th</sup> P.P. M. Harwood

**Table Service Duties**

Welcome visitors and ascertain name, Rotary Club if any, position, office etc. therein: ask to sign visitors' book, collect payment, inform President, and Ian Evans. Put out: banners, President's chair, Past Presidents board, lectern and bell. Put all away after meeting: cash to Treasurer.

Rota	Visitors	Grace	Final Toast
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J. Hemming
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	Rtn S Lacey
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. R. Lacey	P.P. I McIver	Rtn C. Major
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. T. Payne	Rtn L. Odell	Rtn B. Oldmeadow
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. L. Sandells	Rtn K. Peel	Rtn R. Small
May 22 <sup>ND</sup>	P.P. J Walker	Rtn M. Stevens	Rtn J. Tebb

**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:**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> District Conference, Bournemouth**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL METING**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday President's Evening**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> Housebound Outing, all day!**

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 All contributions gratefully received; ideally by email, not later than the **Friday** preceding the last meeting of the month.



# The Rotary Club of Stroud

## Bulletin –April2006

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### Programme

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> The Future of Stroud College, Di Dale Friend; P.P. G. Bateman. Thanks; P. P. B. Bowen**
- April 10<sup>th</sup> President J. Hutton & P. P, W. Wooley Our Visit to Kenya Friend; S.V.P. M. Lambert, Thanks: Rtn J. Cappi**
- April 17<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING**
- April 24<sup>th</sup> CLUB DAY & AGM**

**Apologies:** For normal lunch and evening meetings, to MIKE LITTLE, by phone or email (see above), by 10.30a.m. Monday. For evening meetings with partners, to JANE TILEY, by 12 noon Saturday.

## In The President's View

*Ave atque Vale.* This month we have both good news and bad news on the Club membership front. I shall have the great pleasure of welcoming David Fowles to Club membership, but we also heard with regret that PP Tony Collins has decided to transfer his Rotary membership to Cheltenham Cleve Vale Club, for 'geographic reasons' as Tony put it. As a typically generous parting gesture, Tony has presented the Club with a cheque towards a shortfall in the Aquabox fund – it sums up Tony's membership of this Club to say that whenever the Club was in need, we could rely on Tony to step forward and offer help, in his unassuming and self-deprecating way.

He sets a wonderful example of Rotary service to our new member. All of us can think of Rotarians whose example we try to follow – though I am not sure Tony's 'Widow Twankey' was exactly a guiding light for me – and I hope we shall welcome David into our Club in this spirit, by showing him how we do 'Service above Self' in this Club.

So 'Farewell' to Tony, and 'Welcome' to David – and may they both have lots of Rotary fellowship ahead of them.

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## Saul Festival 30 June – 2 July.

Keith Rog of RC Severn Vale is the incoming Chairman of Saul Canal Festival, and has asked local Clubs to support the event – as a way of getting publicity for Rotary while supporting a good cause. Members are therefore invited to help with manning the car-park or other volunteer duties. Information and application forms are on the Festival website [www.junctionevents.org.uk](http://www.junctionevents.org.uk) or from Jim Hutton. There may well be a Stroud Rotary corner of the Festival campsite, too!

## Severnvale School 'Big Bridge Day' 21 April

Bill Bowen's son teaches at this school, and has asked us for help with mentoring students during their Young Enterprise day on Friday 21 April. 8.45am – 3.15pm. Please help if you can.

## Garden Open HEH Sunday 30 April

The garden at Humphreys End House will be open to the public on Sunday 30 April (2-6pm) in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities. This year the scheme hopes to donate £1.75 million to charities including Macmillan Cancer Relief and Marie Curie Cancer Care, so your support will be welcomed.

## Other Events

There are lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months, so make sure you check the Bulletin and the website for details. If you live close to a Rotarian who may be out of touch, please try to keep them informed.

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## Past Rotarians' Lunch

Past Stroud Rotarians were invited to the first meeting in March. The speaker, although a last minute substitute for his wife gave a most interesting account of the growth of Farmers' Markets in Gloucestershire and we were pleased to welcome 11 of our past Members.



## Housebound Outing 17<sup>th</sup> May

New ground will be broken in several respects, by the forthcoming outing for the housebound. It will be an **all day** event, actually from 10.15 a.m. to 3 p.m., on a **Wednesday** and lunch will be provided on the water, rather than tea at The Hill.

The excellent facilities of The Willow Trust, a charity which has for many years been supported by the Club, will be put to use in that we shall be aboard one of the Trust's craft, on the Sharpness Canal for the day. The boats, in this case with a capacity of 30 persons, are fully fitted out to cater for the elderly and infirm, wheelchair access to most parts of the boat being included. The normal crew will man the boat.

Obviously the weather will play a part in the enjoyment but the accommodation comprises well glazed cabins, so that our guests will be able to savour, what for many will be a unique experience, even in less than perfect conditions



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