

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

December 5th Rtn C. Major, 12th Rtn D. Vestey
January 9th Rtn D. Bond, 16th Rtn K. Peel, 23rd Rtn M. Stevens
February 13th P.P. B. Bowen,



The Rotary Club of Stroud

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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
Dec 5 th	P.P. C. Weaver	Rtn M. Williams	P.P. T. Alder
Dec 12 th	P.P. W. Woolley	P.P. G. Bateman	Rtn D. Bond
Dec 19 th	P.P. P. Berry	P.P. B. Bowen	Rtn M. Davies
Jan 9 th	P.P. G. Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith,	Rtn J. Gough
Jan 16 th	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J. Hemming
Jan 23 rd	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	P.P. I. McIver
Jan 30 th	P.P. R. Lacey	Rtn S. Lacey	Rtn C. Major

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:

December 2nd, Stroud Goodwill Evening

February, 22nd Charity Quiz Night, Kings Stanley Village Hall

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All contributions gratefully received; ideally by email, not later than the

Friday preceding the last meeting of the month.



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Programme

December 5th Riding for the Disabled, Sue Barney
Friend: Senior Vice President
Thanks: Rtn M. Davies

December 12th The Development of Stroud College, Di Dale
Friend: P.P. G. Bateman,
Thanks: P.P. B. Watkins

December 19th Christmas Dinner, Traditional Style

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.

From The Editor

November, usually a break between Ebley Fireworks and other October events, to which this year of course was added the Trafalgar Night Dinner, has this year seemed to be unusually full; with a number of events, leading us straight into December, always the busiest month of our Rotary Year. P. P Graham has I know already prepared the Carol Float and of course the Beetle at least a week's hard work and it is ready for a very busy month.



President's Christmas Message

When you read this, I shall be around 4000 miles away – visiting family in Kenya. While Pat & I are there, we hope to visit Rotary projects, and perhaps find ways we can help. Most people in Kenya live in poverty, but they always seem very cheerful. They want the same sort of things we do security, food, healthy children, hope for the future. It puts our over commercialised Christmas in sharp contrast – do we really need an iPod or the latest designer jeans ? So I hope all Stroud Rotarians and their partners will have a very happy and peaceful time, with friendship, fun and laughter – ready for the next Club project to help others less fortunate.

J.H.



Wine Tasting Evening, November 11th

This event, held in aid of funding for the International Committee's activities, was attended by 42 Rotarians and friends. Apparently quite a substantial number of orders were placed at the time and the wine merchant, from Berkham's Wines pronounced himself to have been very appreciative of the interest shown. Approximately £240 was raised

Stroud Orchestra Charity Concert, November 26th

This was held in Trinity Church, in Aid of "Mercy Ships" the President's Charity for the year and was another first. All those present greatly enjoyed the evening and there were many compliments on the high standard of the music. A sum approaching £400 was raised.

Nailsworth Goodwill Evening

Organised by Rtn Liz Odell, the Club set up a stand for the evening and, with the aid of a barbeque, sold a mulled fruit drink and mince pies. Thought by those who attended to have been a worthwhile PR exercise.

Book Aid International

Members will be interested to know that The Observer has chosen Book Aid International as its Christmas Charity this year.

Yesterday's paper carried a full page article about this charity - without actually mentioning its origins as the Ranfurly Library but with much interesting information about the work it does, mainly in Africa but also in Palestine and Sri Lanka.

In a nutshell they are promoting the powerful argument that "Without development there is no hope, without education there is no development, without books there is no education."

In addition to the books collected by the likes of Stroud Rotary Club large numbers of books are given by major UK publishers.

There is also a Gift Aid form for anyone wishing to give financial support for transportation costs etc

I will pass the article to Wally Woolley, now in Kenya where Book Aid is currently working.

If anyone would like a copy please let me know.

Mike Little
