

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

**March** 6<sup>th</sup> Rtn J. Cappi, 13<sup>th</sup> P.P. T. Collins, 20<sup>th</sup> Rtn M. Davies

**April** 6<sup>th</sup> Rtn K. Peel, 13<sup>th</sup> Rtn J. Cappi, 20<sup>th</sup> Rtn G. Dickinson

### 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
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. I. McIver	Rtn L. Odell	Rtn B. Oldmeadow
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. T. Payne	Rtn T. Peel	Rtn R. Small
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. L. Sandells	Rtn M. Stevens	Rtn J. Tebb
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. J. Walker	Rtn J. Tiley	P.P. B. Watkins
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. J. Watkins	P.P. C Weaver	Rtn Rtn M Williams
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. T. Alder	P. P. G. Bateman	Rtn D. Bond
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. P. Berry	P.P. B. Bowen	Rtn M Davies
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. G. Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith	Rtn J. Gough

**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:

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** Final Young Musicians Competition, Sibley Hall

**February, 22<sup>nd</sup>** Charity Quiz Night, Kings Stanley Village Hall

**March TBA** Visit to Mercy Ship, Newcastle upon Tyne

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** Charity Concert, Teresa McIver & Friends

**April 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** District Conference, Bournemouth

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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

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## Programme

**February 6<sup>th</sup> CLUB DAY**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> Turn Right When the Butter Melts**  
**Steve Rowley**

**Friend: Rtn B. Bowen Thanks: Rtn M. Williams**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> Photographic Competition**  
**7.15 – 7.45p.m with Partners**  
**Thanks: P.P. T. Alder**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> CLUB DAY**  
**5.45 to 7p.m.**

**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

I have been asked several times recently, why I persist in including the names of those Rotarians whose attendance may be described as “infrequent”, in the list of duties. I hope that the following will answer this and a few other points which arise from time to time:-

Current Club Membership	44
Club Officers excluded from weekly duties	8 (currently 7 as we have no immediate Past President in the Club)

Excluded for health reasons	3 (average)
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Available for duties	33
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Required each week	3 plus one when we have a speaker
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Thus Club Service duties come round about once every 11 meetings at present. Excluding those who seldom attend or who regularly arrive too late to carry out the full duties would reduce the figure of 33 to about 25, therefore once every 8 or 9 meetings and I have of course no means of knowing when any of the above *might* arrive.

Club Service duties are allocated on an alphabetical basis, with a Past President responsible each week for looking after visitors.

Speaker finders, in collaboration with Rtn C. Major, & thanks to speakers, normally also alphabetical except, in the latter case, when I am aware of a member with a special interest in a subject.

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## In the President's View.

As you know I am a web-enthusiast – I certainly couldn't work without internet access. For example, when researching for our upcoming Kenyan honey project, I have used the 'net to find out about organisations we will be working with, gathered background information about honey processing, looked at similar projects in other parts of the world, and so on. It amounts to hundreds of pages, and I would have found it impossible to access without the 'net.

The whole project will be underpinned by reliable and rapid contact with our partners in Kenya – easy with email, almost impossible without.

I will be asking the Club for approval of the project at our meeting on 6 February. I will give a presentation about it, but of necessity this will be quite brief, so if you can, please have a look at [www.honeycareafrika.com](http://www.honeycareafrika.com). A brief summary of the project is on our own website, which with links to further information, amounts to hundreds of pages, and I would have found it impossible to access it without the 'net.

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## Proposal for Honey Project

### Summary

Provide one-off finance for a project to enable poor Kenyan farmers to diversify into bee-keeping.

### Partners

Rotary Club of Nairobi (Mike Eldon)  
Cura Village Community (Daniel Kimenyi)  
HoneyCare Africa



Daniel Kimenyi

### Details

Our Club would provide funds which, when doubled by District funds and again by a Matching Grant, would finance the training and equipping of needy people to become bee-keepers. Beehives, bee-keeping equipment and 3 days training would cost approximately £250 per farmer.

The amount proposed to be allocated is £2500. This figure is chosen (a) because it represents the sum raised for our previous failed honey project (b) with additional fund-raising it is affordable by the Club on the timescale envisaged and (c) it will create a worthwhile project which will justify the work and time put in by all concerned. Given a successful application for District and Foundation matching funds, it will be possible to finance an initial 40 farmers.

The project will be undertaken under the supervision of Mike Eldon, Past President of the Rotary Club of Nairobi, in partnership with Cura Village community and an organisation called HoneyCare Africa. HoneyCare trains the farmers, manufacture the hives, collect the honey, process and market it.

HoneyCare Africa is an innovative, rapidly expanding Kenyan social enterprise established expressly to increase the income of rural farmers. To date, HoneyCare has doubled the income of several thousand small scale farmers through its "Money for Honey" programme, which trains them in commercial beekeeping and then buys their honey at a guaranteed price. HoneyCare is a Fairtrade organisation and has won International awards, including a prestigious United Nations Sustainable Development award. See [www.honeycareafrika.com](http://www.honeycareafrika.com)

The hives are not given free to the farmers – when they start producing honey an agreed percentage of the cash payable is deducted as loan repayment, until the hive is paid for. So our finance will form a revolving fund and will allow the project to be extended to further farmers.

Advantages of project

- Based on personal contacts of Jim Hutton in Kenya, allowing close supervision.
- Makes a visible difference to identifiable individuals.
- Is sustainable without further finance
- Is within the means of our Club, and releases District & Rotary matching funds.

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