

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

**January** 9th Rtn D. Bond, 16<sup>th</sup> Rtn K. Peel, 23<sup>rd</sup> Rtn M. Stevens  
**February** 13th P.P. B. Bowen  
**March** 6<sup>th</sup> Rtn J. Cappi, 13<sup>th</sup> P.P. T. Collins, 20<sup>th</sup> Rtn M. Davies



### 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
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. G. Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith,	Rtn J. Gough
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J. Hemming
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	P.P. I. McIver
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. R. Lacey	Rtn S. Lacey	Rtn C. Major
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

**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

- January 9<sup>th</sup>** **Down Memory Lane, Geoff Adams**  
**Friend: Rtn D. Bond**  
**Thanks: P.P. Barry Watkins**
- January 16<sup>th</sup>** **The Inca Trail (Part 2) Rtn L. Odell**  
**Friend: The President**  
**Thanks: P.P. J. Watkins**
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Horizons, Anne Stevens**  
**Friend: Rtn M. Stevens**  
**Thanks: P.P. C. Weaver**
- January 30<sup>th</sup>** **Charity Fair & Cheque Presentations**  
**Buffet Supper: 5.45 p.p.**

**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

As the New Year comes in, and memories of 2005 fade, let me be just in time to say thank you to all those who made the first half of 'my year' so special. From 'Cider with Rosie' to 'Carol Float with Graham' – members of the Club have supported me really well. The second half brings challenges too – Rotary Young Musician, Charity Fair, Quiz Evening, a possible new International project, and many more – and I am sure I shall have wonderful support for each event.

Let me wish everyone a really good time in 2006 – let's make it another year when Rotary 'makes a difference'. And please try and bring a friend along to share all the good things we will be doing!

### Progress on 'Mercy Ships'

The amount raised so far for 'Mercy Ships' is growing wonderfully – members may not know that the

Nailsworth Goodwill evening raised £117.86, the Collection at Stroud Symphony Concert contributed £381.52, and sales of Mistletoe at our Christmas Dinner raised £56.20. A collection with the Carol Float outside Woolworths, on Christmas Eve raised £341.



The total now stands at just **over £2,000** – a marvellous effort, especially as we have just heard from Mercy Ships that a generous donor has agreed to DOUBLE all donations received before 15 January! (Up to an overall total of £110,000); so we must certainly try to send off the maximum we can before the deadline!

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### The Centenary Window

Conceived by Immediate Past President Ivor Tucker, the new stained glass window was unveiled by him at the last Club Meeting in November. The project had required, in the first instance, considerable negotiation with the appropriate Masonic Committee, then a search for a suitable local artist and of course, the necessary finance. Ivor and the artist, Kim Jarvis had several discussions before a design was agreed. Ivor is full of praise for the advice and support he received from her.

The window was unveiled in the presence of S.V.P. Mike Lambert, who also supplied the photograph, Kim, and P.P. Ken Hill, main sponsor of the project and father-in-law of Kim. The finished work was very well received by those present and was backlit on the evening of the Club Christmas Dinner so that it could be viewed, as designed, from the dining room.



### St Lawrence Church, Christmas Trees

The President received an invitation to display a decorated tree, with a Rotary theme, in the church for three days before Christmas. Unable to resist the challenge he passed the project to Club Service Chairman, Rtn Jane Tiley and departed for an extended visit to Kenya! In all about 35 trees were displayed by various local organisations, a good response to a new idea.



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**Our Floatmaster Extraordinaire** was keen this year to break the **£3,000** collection barrier. and apparently did so by a narrow margin despite being below the critical number of 4 collectors on at least two evenings.

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**Stroud's Goodwill Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** was unfortunately entirely lacking in goodwill from the weather and numbers were correspondingly down. The strong gusty wind tried hard to take away the gazebo/grotto and it was quite unusable. The procession through the town centre this year seemed to

comprise the Club Carol Float, and a couple of accompanying policemen. Very fortunately it didn't prove necessary to disappoint the small girl chosen by the Town Manager, to ride with Father Christmas, in this case accompanied by her mother, to officially turn on the town centre lights, symbolised by the lighting in the large tree on the Subscription Rooms forecourt.

We must hope for better weather conditions in 2006!

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**Christmas Dinner 2005** was greatly enjoyed by all those Club Members and guests who attended. This year's programme was opened by a choir from the Paganhill Sunday Workshop, singing carols to those seated in the dining room. After an excellent meal, items included music from P.P. Wally and Chris Woolley, a virtuoso performance from Father Christmas, a.k.a P.P. Richard Lacey, who managed to give President Jim a hard time, interspersed by various appropriate readings, and concluding with carol singing accompanied by P.P. Terry Payne.

