

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

March 6th Rtn K. Peel, 13th Rtn J. Cappi, 20th Rtn M. Davies
April 3rd April P.P. G. Bateman, 10th Rtn G. Dickinson
May 8th P.P. G Furley, 15th Rtn D. Goldsmith

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
March 6 th	P.P. J. Watkins	P.P. C Weaver	Rtn Rtn M Williams
March 13 th	P.P. T. Alder	P. P. G. Bateman	Rtn D. Bond
March 20 th	P.P. P. Berry	P.P. B. Bowen	Rtn M Davies
March 27 th	P.P. G. Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith	Rtn J. Gough
April 3 rd	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J. Hemming
April 10 th	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	Rtn S Lacey
April 24 th	P.P. R. Lacey	P.P. I McIver	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:

March 19th Charity Concert, Teresa McIver & Friends
April 7th-9th District Conference, Bournemouth
May 13th Saturday President's Evening

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Friday preceding the last meeting of the month.



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Programme

- March 6th** The Stroud Farmer's Market, Claire Gerbardes
Friend: K. Peel Thanks: P.P. G. Bateman
Past Rotarians Invited
- March 13th** Power, Rtn J. Cappi
Friend: The President Thanks: P.P. P. Berry
- March 20th** The Honeymoon Suitcase, World War II to the
Present Day Val Threlfall
Friend: Rtn M. Davies: Thanks: Rtn D. Bond
- March 27th** CLUB DAY

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. March 2006

Thanks to all of you, I am having a great year as President. We seem to have achieved all the objectives I had for my year already – now we are on to the extras! I am incredibly excited about our new Honey project, which offers real hope to some of the poorest people in Kenya, and may serve as a model for similar projects all over Africa.

More and more I am realising that the strength of Rotary is in the willingness of its members to dream up amazing ideas, and then go that extra mile to make them happen. I have met some marvellous people during my time in Rotary – in our Club, in the UK, and overseas. I have also met some great people who are not yet Rotarians – often because no-one asked them. So my challenge to you this month is - to ask one new person every week - 'why don't you become a Rotarian?'

District Skittles

We played Stonehouse in the District Skittles event on Jan 30th at their home alley the Fox & Hounds, Coaley. It was a cold evening outside but the hospitality was very warm and friendly with plenty of barracking from both sides. We played a good game and were on top until about three quarters of the way through when our performance fell off and they started to find their form.

Unfortunately at the end of the match we lost by 18 pins. Never the less we must look on the bright side and say that the company was great and we spent a very light hearted and enjoyable evening.

Mike Davies

Club Photography Competition – 2006

The competition, a first for the Club as far as is known, was devised and organised by P.P. Barry Watkins.

Its culmination, comprising detailed critiques of each entry and award of prizes, took place at the evening meeting on 20th February. On that occasion we saw Dorothy Horton in a completely new role, that of photography expert, critic and judge. She has considerable experience, in several fields of judging and grading the work of a wide range of photographers. To the "point and press" majority in the audience, it was a salutary experience: the Editor seriously considered throwing away a week old camera and giving up!



Tom

It was however a most valuable lesson in how to plan, frame, crop etc our photographs, which we should no longer regard as "snaps". The overall winner was proud grandmother, Carol Bowen with her portrait of Tom.

After receiving the benefit of all that expertise and advice, our President invited the Editor to photograph a presentation to the winner of the "Fun" category, while they both stood in front of the still running projector. Being an unassuming type, he accepted without demur, but please **don't** show it to Dorothy.

Rotary Young Musician of the Year - 2006

The Final of the Southern Cotswolds competition was held, before a large and appreciative audience, in Sibly Hall, Wycliffe College on the evening of Sunday February 19th.

As we have come to expect, all of the seven competitors having of course won their respective rounds, the standard was extremely high and the three judges had considerable difficulty in deciding on a winner. The successful competitor was the violinist Edward Jones from Dean Close School. He received from Joan Norris, among other awards, the Mervyn Norris Cup; this of course being the first time it had been presented.

Unfortunately, owing to the enthusiasm of the "official" photographer, the editor was not able to capture anything of this event on "film".

Charity Quiz Night 22nd February

The last major event in a busy month, the Quiz Night lived up to its reputation as a popular and lucrative event. 35 teams of four entered the event, just about the limit of the accommodation provided by King's Stanley Village Hall. On the night two teams failed to materialise but the bar staff entered a team so that there were in excess of 130 very keen competitors.

As preparations for the evening took place, the huge amount of work which had been put in, both by Mike Lambert, the organiser and Hilary, chief caterer, became obvious. Hilary with considerable help from Inner Wheel members organised an excellent supper for competitors and the large number of helpers in various categories. One of the features of this event is the large number of Club members it involves, with a range of jobs from setting out and clearing the hall to collecting and marking papers etc.

During the interval, the President briefly addressed those present and after welcoming them, gave a brief description of "Mercy Ships" to which profits from the evening will be donated; the latter to such good effect that the winners of one section of the evening donated their £53 prize money to the cause!



