

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

May 8<sup>th</sup> P.P. G Furley, 15<sup>th</sup> Rtn D. Goldsmith  
 June 5<sup>th</sup> Rtn , 12<sup>th</sup> P.P. J. Harris, 26<sup>th</sup> P.P. M. Harwood  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> P.P. J. Hemming, 17<sup>th</sup> P.P.K.Hill, 24<sup>th</sup> Rtn T. Hooper



# 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
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
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. B. Watkins	Rtn J. Tiley	Rtn D. Vestey
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. B. Watkins	Rtn M. Williams	P.P. C. Weaver
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. T. Alder	P.P. G. Bateman	Rtn D. Bond

**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:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, The funeral of Dorothy Ford, widow of P.P. Philip Ford, will take place at 12 noon, Uplands Church. *n.b. Parking is very limited.*

May 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday President's Evening

May 17<sup>th</sup> Housebound Outing, all day!

May 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> VISIT TO LINK CLUB

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Raft Regatta , Saul Junction



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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

- May 8<sup>th</sup> **The Forgotten War**  
**P. P. T. Collins, assisted by Rtn L. Haughton**  
**Friend: The President Thanks: Rtn M. Davies**
- May 15<sup>th</sup> **The Sinai Rtn. D. Goldsmith**  
**Friend: The President Thanks: P.P. G. Furley**
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> **CLUB DAY**
- May 29<sup>th</sup> **NO MEETING**

**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**

It's hard for me to believe that this is the eleventh 'President's View' that I have written – my year seems to have whizzed by! I am hoping to squeeze quite a lot more into my time, but Mike is already finalising the plans for his year, and the Annual General Meeting is upon us. This is the moment at which the Junior Vice President is elected, to begin the run-up to his year in two years time. There are two unavoidable points here – the Club must have a President, and there are only a limited number of people in the Club who are eligible. So any feelings of 'someone else will do it', or 'I'm too old...not clever enough...not a born leader...too busy...' will have to be put on one side, otherwise the proud 85-year history of our Club will have rather a dent in it.

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## **Severn Vale School "Big Bridge Day" 21 April**

Club participation having been organized by P.P. Graham Bateman, five Members attended this event as mentors, each to a team of about 6 mid teens (year 10) students. As is so often the case with a new venture, preconceived ideas of what the day held in store were quickly shattered when we discovered that the bridges were to be built in the school hall. So much for wellington boots and waterproof jackets! The event, which involved about thirty teams, had been very well organised by staff members, including the serving of refreshments at frequent intervals.

A limited amount of equipment, mostly small bore plumbing tubing with bends etc, string, a roll of masking tape and paper was initially supplied.. Tools available were limited to a hole punch and a pair of round nosed scissors. The teams could, after plans had been finalized, "purchase" additional items as required, up to the limit of the "credit card" supplied.

At the time stipulated for construction work to finish, the bridges were tested to destruction by the application of weightlifting discs to the centre of each structure in turn. Most of the bridges with which Club Members were involved, failed in the mid 30kg range, well above the average for all those there.

The winning entry failed at 51kg! Word soon went round that the mentor for this group was a civil engineer, specializing in bridge design and modification; and some people still say there is no such thing as coincidence! A most interesting aspect of the day, to one who has not had close contact with teenagers for many years, was the general attitude of staff to pupils. The latter were constantly praised for coming to order when required, for announcements etc. even though this normally took about three minutes. The staff member concerned only allowed irritation to show on one occasion when, according to him, it took four minutes to restore silence!

There was a background of music, to motivate apparently, and silence was requested by a blast on a compressed gas horn. I seem to remember my school days passing rather more quietly in general. Motivation was achieved by rather more direct methods!

The President, who unlike some of us, remembered to arrive equipped with a camera, had to negotiate terms for its use. This included leaving the memory card at the school for checking, so unfortunately no photos available, of what was a spectacular and undoubtedly successful event.

*Jim Gough*

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## **Group Study Exchange Scheme**

District 1100 invites applications to join the next exchange, to be held in Argentina in 2007. Closing date for applications/nominations, for both Leader and members, **30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

