

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

November 14th Rtn D. Goldsmith, 28th P.P. G. Bateman

December 5th Rtn C. Major, 12th Rtn D. Vestey

January 06 9th Rtn D. Bond, 16th Rtn K. Peel, 23rd Rtn M. Stevens

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
Nov 7 th	P.P. T. Payne	Rtn L. Odel	Rtn T. Peel
Nov 14 th	P.P. L. Sandells	Rtn R. Small	Rtn M. Stevens
Nov 21 st	P.P. J. Walker	Rtn J. Tebb	Rtn J. Tiley
Nov 28 th	P.P. B. Watkins	Rtn D. Vestey	P.P. J. Watkins
Dec 5 th	P.P. C. Weaver	Rtn M. Williams	P.P. T. Alder
Dec 12 th	P.P. W. Wooley	P.P. G. Bateman	Rtn D. Bond
Dec 19 th	P.P. P. Berry	P.P. B. Bowen	Rtn M. Davies

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:

Nov 8th First Round, Dist. Quiz, 7.30p.m. Whitminster Hotel, S.V.P Mike is in need of team members and support

Nov 11th Wine Tasting, 7.30pm, Pitchcombe Village Hall

Nov 18th Goodwill Evening, Minchinhampton,

Nov 25th Nailsworth, Goodwill Evening, gluewine stall,

Nov 26th 7.30pm Trinity Church, Stroud Orchestra, Charity Concert. Address by President Jim, wine and meet the orchestra

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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

November 7th **Twilight Meeting, 6p.m. for 6.15p.m.**
Open meeting with guests

November 14th **Rotary Youth Leaders Scheme, Robert Case**
Friend: Rtn D. Goldsmith,
Thanks: P. P. J. Walker

November 21st **CLUB DAY**

November 28th **The Development of Stroud College, Di Dale**
Friend: P.P. G. Bateman,
Thanks: P.P. B. Watkins

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.



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In the President's View

I was amused to hear on the grapevine that some members are having trouble keeping up with the pace of all the events which have been happening over the last few weeks. I know the feeling – I am too! The trouble is that I seem to be a President who can't say no. It reminds me of a comment from one of the workers on board Mercy Ship Anastasis *'the hardest part of the job is turning away someone we can't help'*.



The Complete Admiral

So keep reading the Club bulletin, log in to our excellent new-look website, and attend Club meetings – then you won't miss out on all the great things the Club is doing. Shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, healing for the sick and injured, water for the thirsty – and that's just this month!

Trafalgar Night Dinner

Despite the weather, which somewhat dampened the outdoor parts of the programme, this event was a great success and much enjoyed by those Rotarians, and others, who attended.

The evening was the brainchild of President Jim, and at the time he started the planning, I doubt that many of us had realised what a significant national celebration, the 200th anniversary of Trafalgar Day would be. As with all such events a great deal of hard work went into the organisation, as would have been obvious to all those attending, when they witnessed the interior and exterior transformation of the Ship Inn at Brimscombe.

With sea shanties, a demonstration the dancing of the hornpipe and an excellent meal, it was a busy evening, during which, a first for most of us, the Loyal Toast was drunk whilst seated, a right granted to the Royal Navy because of the lack of headroom in the cabins of wooden warships.

The proceedings were rounded off by an appreciation of the qualities of Admiral Lord Nelson, given by Captain Baum R.N. who proposed the traditional toast "The Immortal Memory".

Ebley Fireworks, 2005

Always one of the major events of the Rotary Year, added pressure was put on Committee Chairman Steve Lacey and his large band of helpers, by the somewhat dire weather forecasts which we were receiving. In fact

the forecast belt of rain arrived about four hours later than the lunchtime weather charts predicted, and more or less coincided with the start of the firework display. Somewhat unusually this was in two parts, as the heavy rain affected some of the electrical firing circuits, and it took the technicians about 10-15 minutes to rectify the faults.

For the first time this year and with the co-operation of Stroud Sea Cadets, it was possible to count the numbers coming through the gates, divided into adults and under 16s. It is hoped that this information will help in future planning. It seems likely that numbers were somewhat lower than usual, probably because of the unfavourable weather and forecasts.

A Flight of Fancy

August 17th 2005

Oaksey Park Aerodrome, Wiltshire

Pilot Jermey Lister -- Co-pilot Graham Furley

Aircraft Jodel 1051 M1, French built 1963, single engine, timber framed, fabric covered, four seats. Departure 1855hrs Landing 2005hrs

Sortie Details:

Our own Flying Officer Graham Furley, sometime Dakota pilot one of those "magnificent men in their flying machines" takes to the skies again.

Transit to Broadwell disused aerodrome near RAF Brize Norton, Graham was handling pilot en-route to Broadwell, He flew several "missed approaches" formerly known as "overshoots" to various runways at Broadwell, a wartime RAF field at which he was stationed in 1944/5, with three or four circuits at around 500 feet. He had of course landed much larger aircraft there on many occasions.

Return flight via RAF Little Risington, Chedworth and Kemble. Executed an orbit over Graham's house then back to land at Oaksey Park. When on the "down wind" "leg to runway 04, a UFO was sighted near Malmesbury and investigated. Carried out one and a half orbits of a hot air balloon at a distance of about 500 ft, and on levelling out to return to Oaksey Park, flew through own wake.

Much of the piloting was done by Graham, who, despite not having piloted an aircraft for 59 years, was instantly in control. Jermey Lister has since said that he was amazed at the ease and skills demonstrated by Graham after such a time lapse. Much fun was had by all.

Well done Graham, another entry for your log book!
George Dickinson



