

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

**October** 10<sup>th</sup> Rtn J. Tebb, 17<sup>th</sup> Rtn M Stevens  
**November** 14<sup>th</sup> Rtn D. Goldsmith, 28<sup>th</sup> P.P. G. Bateman  
**December** 5<sup>th</sup> Rtn C. Major, 12<sup>th</sup> Rtn D. Vestey  
**January 06** 9<sup>th</sup> Rtn D. Bond, 16<sup>th</sup> P.P. B. Watkins,



# The Rotary Club of Stroud

*Bulletin – October 2005*

## 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
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P.P. G. Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith	Rtn J. Gough
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J Hemming
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	Rtn S. Lacey
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	P.P. R. Lacey	P.P. I. McIver	Rtn C. Major
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. T. Payne	Rtn L. Odel	Rtn T. Peel
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. L. Sandells	Rtn R. Small	Rtn M.Stevens
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	P.P. J. Walker	Rtn J. Tebb	Rtn J. Tiley
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	P.P. B. Watkins	Rtn D. Vestey	P.P. J. 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:

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** 7pm HEH, Computer Workshop, **15<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 Westonbirt, President's Steak Pie Walk, **18<sup>th</sup>** District Meeting, 7.30 p.m. British Energy **21<sup>st</sup>** The Ship, Trafalgar Day Dinner, **23<sup>rd</sup>** Trafalgar Day Service, St Lawrence Church **23<sup>RD</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>** Ebley Fireworks  
**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Wine Tasting, 7.30pm, Pitchcombe Village Hall  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Goodwill Evening, Minchinhampton, **25<sup>th</sup>** Nailsworth, Goodwill Evening, gluewine stall, **26<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Trinity Church, Stroud Orchestra, Charity Concert

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## Programme

October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CLUB DAY
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Navy Experiences Miles Williams Friend: Rtn J. Tebb, Thanks Rtn J. Tiley
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	To Be Arranged Friend: Rtn M. Stevens, Thanks: Rtn J. Tiley
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	EBLEY FIREWORKS
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	CLUB DAY & SPECIAL GENERAL 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

October is usually one of the busiest months in our Club calendar, and this year the addition of the Trafalgar Celebration Event has made the President's life very hectic. Yet I'm not complaining – I feel more involved in Rotary than I ever have before, and I am meeting some wonderful people, both inside Rotary and in the various organisations we work with. It really is serious pleasure – planning an event, getting people involved, and then seeing the marvellous way everyone pulls together to achieve our goal. This is why I joined Rotary – if something is wrong I want to put it right; if someone is hurting I want to help; and with the power of Rotary behind me – I can !



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### P.P. Mervyn

Gifts in memory of Mervyn amounted to a very good total, including a generous donation from our St.Ingbert friends. It is Joan's wish that the money should go to the Southern Cotswolds Rotary Young Musician Competition, an activity that was very close to Mervyn's heart. He loved to encourage young people to make music, and with Joan's agreement, the donations will finance the First Prize each year, to be called the Mervyn Norris prize: a fitting tribute to a great musician and Rotarian.

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**The President's** barbeque was judged a success, despite being held indoors due to heavy rain. The President and Wally Woolley braved the storm to cook burgers and stir-fry pigeon, and a good time was had by all. A grand total of £160 was raised for 'Mercy Ships'.



Guests at the BBQ were met by a wall of tea-caddies, to be sold in aid of Foundation. By the end of the evening the wall was much smaller,



they make great presents so hurry and get one before it's too late. Clever Wally noticed that the vouchers inside the caddies could be donated to charity so we are part way to a wheel-chair too.

### Club Photographic Competition

The above is being organised and will be judged on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006**, at an evening meeting. Your President has 'ordered' that I carry out the judging task, as he is somehow under the illusion that I have some knowledge of the subject. You will be able to decide that after the Competition!!

The Competition is open to all members and their partners. There will be prizes in each category and an overall winner. The categories are:-



**Landscape**  
**Human Interest**  
**Fun**  
**Power**  
**Digital Manipulation**

Landscape can include derivatives (i.e. seascape, water etc.) but should be principally scenic. Human Interest, Fun and Power are subject to your imagination, originality/ingenuity of the subject will be taken into account when judging. Digital Manipulation enables you to play with your editing programmes and produce a 'wacky' picture. Put on your thinking caps and use 'lateral' thinking.

Entries should be in colour or black and white, no bigger than A4 and should be unframed. (If you have your picture in digital format, then please submit these as it may be possible to display these on the night, but judging will be made on the prints)

Up to two entries per person may be made in each category. All entries must be the competitors own work. **Entries to be received by 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006**. Details of how to submit your entry will be advised nearer the event. Cost per entry £1.00, all proceeds to Foundation/International Charities.

*Barry Watkins*

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**Our first computer workshop** had a good attendance, and covered the management of your digital photos, with other topics covered as they arose. The next one will cover Powerpoint presentations, and the all-important matter of data backups in case of a disc failure.

**Liz Godsell**, a local farmer, was the speaker at our evening meeting. A very natural and relaxed talk was enjoyed by all, as were the cheese samples. A very modest Liz had to be coaxed to admit that she has been invited to show her cheese at a prestigious British Produce event at Harrods in London. Members wished her every success.

**Planning for the Trafalgar Celebration** event moves on apace. With help from Stroud Sea Cadets, we shall be enjoying an evening of fun and naval ceremonial at the Ship Inn, Brimscombe Port. The President investigated real cannon for the 15-gun salute, but has had to settle for a cheaper alternative – you will still need your ear-plugs!

Tickets for the formal dinner in the Officers' Mess are going fast, so get in quick, or you may be relegated to the lower decks for a Sailor's Supper.



**Lots of walking this month.** The first walk is a 'Round the Houses' starting with breakfast at Tim & Kirsten's at Besbury, followed by coffee with Wally and Chris, lunch with Pat & Jim, and finishing with a cream tea at Bill & Carol's in Pitchcombe. About 8 miles. About 9 a.m., Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

The next walk is the President's Steak Pie Walk – 10.30 at the Royal Oak at Leighterton, followed by a gentle walk to see our tree in the Rotary Glade at the Westonbirt Arboretum and return to the Royal Oak for a specially prepared steak and kidney pie. About 4 miles. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Mike Lambert** is looking for names & addresses for the new 'Friends of Rotary' database – people we want to keep informed about our activities, people who have helped us in the past, potential new members. The President is preparing a newsletter to go out in October, so get the names to Mike as soon as possible.

## Monmouth Raft Race 4 Sept 2005

The Club Raft was entered under the sponsorship of the Stroud and Swindon Building Society. The team consisted of David Goldsmith, John Hemming, Steve Lacey, Mike Lambert, Mike Little, Liz Odell, Leon Sandells, Wally Woolley and Mike Davies.

77 rafts took part, *although we were the only Rotary Raft*. We were the oldest team by far and the average of other rafters was estimated to be around 28.

There was a mass start at midday which was chaotic and hindered by two rafts with fire hoses so powerful that they nearly knocked our cox off her seat. We then had to run the gauntlet of eggs and flower bombs from spectators on the bridges, along the river banks and other rafters. There was a series of rapids where we had to dismount and drag the boat through the shallow rocky water.

It was not a race, but was based on each raft being timed.

We initially thought we would stop at the Boat Inn for refreshments, being the half way point in a 6 mile course. However, we were going so well we decided to press on and go for a good time. After five and a half miles the finish came into site. We were in fact the second raft to arrive but it was not position but timing that counted. Our time was 1 hour 40 mins. We came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the race, the winners being The Monmouth School raft with ages around 16. We did however pick up a prize coming second in the mixed team entry (the winners beating our time by only 6 mins.)



Our thanks to our President who brought his camper to the finishing point and provided much

appreciated refreshment. I think he found it difficult to recognise some of us as we were all well plastered with flower and eggs.

A special thank you to Graham, for all his hard work in preparing the raft and getting it to and from the race. Without him we would not have been there. Also thanks to Jim Gough for replacing the buoyancy footballs without which we would have sunk and his work on the sinking rudder (sorry we lost it at the first rapids Jim!!!).

A great day, and one we all want to repeat next year.

*Mike Davies*

