

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

### Table Service Duties

Welcome visitors and ascertain name, Rotary Club if any, position, office etc. Ask to sign visitors' book, collect payment, inform President, and Caterer. Put out banners, President's chair, Past President's board, lectern and bell. - Put away afterwards. Hand cash to Treasurer.

Rota	Visitors	Grace	Final Toast
May 7	NO MEETING - BANK HOLIDAY		
May 14	I McIver	D Vestey	G Bateman
May 21	C Major	J Walker	P Berry
May 28	NO MEETING - BANK HOLIDAY		
June 4	L Odell	J Watkins	D Bond
June 11	T Payne	C Weaver	B Bowen
June 18	K Peel	M Williams	J Cappi
June 25	L Sandells	W Woolley	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:

Wed 16 May Joint Council meeting 6pm at Winterbothams  
Fri 25 May- Mon 28 May Link Visit  
Sat 26 May President's Night, KSVH.  
Sat 2 June Raft Regatta, Saul Junction  
Sat 16 Jun Stonehouse President's Night at the Prince of Wales  
Sat 23 Jun Stroud Orchestra Concert (in aid of Wheelchair Foundation)  
Thur 28 Jun Nailsworth Rotary Inaugural dinner at Forest Green Rovers  
Mon 2 July Club Handover Dinner, The Hill  
Fri 20 July - Sat 21 July Play by the Lake 'Sense & Sensibility'  
Sun 29 July Play by the Lake 'Peter Pan'

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## Rotary Club of Stroud

### Monthly Bulletin - May 2007

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### Programme

May 7 No Meeting (Bank Holiday)  
May 14 Rev John Forryan - subject not decided  
Friend: Richard Small, Thanks: David Fowles  
*Past Rotarians are invited*  
May 21 Club Day  
May 28 No Meeting (Bank Holiday)  
June 4 Caroline Annfield 'The National Star Centre'  
Friend: Clive Major, Thanks: Jim Cappi

**APOLOGIES:** We regret that, in fairness to all members, if you do not apologise in time you WILL be charged the full cost of the wasted meal.

For regular lunchtime and evening meetings to Mike Little preferably by e-mail to [ml@goldinghams.co.uk](mailto:ml@goldinghams.co.uk) by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.

For evening meetings with partners to Jane Tiley by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.



### In the President's Words

This last month started with District Conference in Plymouth and was quickly followed by RIBI Conference in Bournemouth both of which Hilary and I were pleased to have attended. In between we were privileged to have hosted the GSE team from Argentina; that experience was an enriching one which has left me with many happy memories and new friendships made.

As I look back over the last 10 months, I realise how quickly time has passed since becoming president and what an enjoyable and rewarding time it has been for Hilary and myself.

During May, I very much look forward to sharing our time with our visitors from St Ingbert – a time for renewing old friendships and making new ones too. By then my year will almost be complete, and before long it will be time to hand over to our new president at the beginning of July. I know Wally has been planning well for the following year and I am sure we all share his regret that he will no longer be able to assume that role.

At this late stage in the year, the Club could have been placed in a difficult position but I am delighted that Richard Small has risen to the challenge by agreeing to succeed as president one year earlier than he had planned. He will be ably supported by Jane who has also agreed to step up to senior vice president next year. Both of them will need extra support and understanding which I am confident the club will provide.

### Reminder - President's Night

*Please support Mike by coming to this event - Kings Stanley Village Hall on Saturday 26 May. £27.50 per person, black tie.*

### Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta

This will be taking place on Saturday 2 June and our Club is hoping to enter a raft. The event is in aid of SARA, Willow Trust, and the new £3 million Maggie's Centre in Cheltenham, which will provide support for cancer sufferers when it is completed in 2008. Our Club is responsible for 'communications' this year, and Mike Davies is looking for volunteers to help with car-parking duties on the day. If you can help, let him know.



### Successful St Georges Night Event

Thanks to our own entertainment duo of Terry and Clive, this evening was voted the best yet by a capacity audience of over 100 Rotarians and friends from both Stroud and Stonehouse Clubs. The food (by Ian) was appropriate, and the hall decor festive, but 'Minor Ache' were the highlight of the event, from the 'Boar's Head' procession to the 'Land of Hope and Glory'. On the way they covered almost the whole of English comedy, including 'Sex', 'Politics' and 'Religion' among many other topics. A truly great effort!



### Computers for Sri Lankan Schools

As members will be aware, this project is going ahead full blast - and we expect to take the first consignment of 11 computers to London on Tuesday this week, for onward transport to Sri Lanka. This is by way of a pilot, for what it is hoped will be a total of 100 computers.

Computers have been coming in steadily, but quality has been disappointing, and out of 33 donated, only 13 have proved OK without servicing. However, we have good contacts with IT Schools Africa, who have promised to help with repairs, so some may be rescuable. Anyway, keep spreading the word, ask your friends, we need many more if we are to achieve our target.

Incidentally, Lakshman and Jim were featured by the new Stroud News & Journal video diary, explaining the project. You can see it on the SN&J website (via our own website).

### And next ... Cameras for Sri Lankan Schools

Jim has just had *another* idea - why not send the schools unwanted digital cameras too! So if you are thinking of upgrading, or have an unwanted one in working order (preferably with lead and software disc) let Jim know.



(12 hours later...)

Thanks to Graham Furley, who has provided the first one already!