

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

Jan 7th – G. Furley, 14th – D. Goldsmith
Feb 4th - M. Harwood, 11th – J. Hemming, 18th – L. Gallage
Mar 3rd - T. Hooper, 10th - J. Hutton

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 |
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| Dec 3 rd | J. Hemming | I. McIver | L. Sandells |
| Dec 10 th | T. Hooper | C. Major | M. Stevens |
| Dec 17 th | J. Hutton | M. Moreton-Cox | J. Tiley |
| Jan 7 th | R. Lacey | T. Mugford | D. Vestey |
| Jan 14 th | S. Lacey | K. Peel | J. Watkins |
| Jan 21 st | M. Lambert | L. Sandells | C. Weaver |
| Jan 28 th | I. McIver | M. Stevens | W. Woolley |
| Feb 4 th | C. Major | J. Tiley | T. Alder |
| Feb 11 th | M. Moreton-Cox | D. Vestey | G. Bateman |
| Feb 18 th | T. Mugford | J. Walker | D. Bond |
| Feb 25 th | K. Peel | J. Watkins | B. Bowen |

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 12th Dec – Carol Service with Stonehouse at Minchinhampton Church
 Thur 13th Dec – Nailsworth Christmas Dinner at Forest Green Rovers Football Club
 Wed 19th Dec – Stonehouse Christmas Dinner at Minchinhampton Golf Club
 Wed 30th Jan – A Scottish Evening – Joint event with Stonehouse and Inner Wheel. Forest Green Conference Centre – 7 for 7.30 pm

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 All contributions gratefully received, ideally by e-mail, not later than the Friday preceding the last meeting of the month.



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Programme

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| Dec 3rd | Bruce Hall will speak on 'The Stroudwater Canal Development'. |
| | Friend: M. Davies Thanks: M. Lambert |
| Dec 10th | John Loosley will speak on 'Emigration from the Stroud Valleys'. |
| | Friend: P. Berry Thanks: I. McIver |
| Dec 17th | Christmas Dinner at The Hill – 7.15 for 7.45pm |
| Dec 24th | Christmas Eve – no meeting |
| Dec 31st | New Year's Eve – no meeting |

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 (Tel: 763433 or e-mail ml@goldinghams.co.uk by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.

For evening meetings with partners to Myrtle Moreton-Cox by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.

From The President

December is upon us and I do not believe six months is nearly over. This last month (November) we had two very interesting Speakers. The first one Dr. Timothy Brain (Chief Constable of Gloucestershire) spoke for three quarters of an hour and we were all enthralled.

Chris Ellis our second speaker spoke on defensive driving and I thought it amazing that the only person who knew the shape of a stop sign was our Australian guest that day. Chris said that he would take anyone out who would like an assessment of their driving. If so, get in touch with me and I will arrange a time. He said there is no charge but a donation to the Acorns Hospice (my charity) would be appreciated.

This month we have the Carol Service at Minchinhampton Church on the 12th December at 7.00pm. to start the festive season. Our Christmas dinner is on Dec17th, 7.00 for 7.30 at the Hill and I hope both events are well supported.

Regards Richard

Wine Tasting

Some fifty members and friends enjoyed a very successful wine tasting evening at Box Village Hall on the 16th November.

Brown Brothers in conjunction with Bablake wines provided 12 wines for tasting. The tasting samples were generous and those who were not driving soon entered into the spirit of the evening.

There was excellent food courtesy of the wives of members and a very successful raffle. The evening raised £467 for Rotary Foundation.

Many thanks to Leon and his committee.

District Quiz Night

On Monday 19th November the first round of the District Quiz took place at 'The Ram Inn'. Our opponents were Gloucester and Cirencester Clubs.



Our team of Mike Lambert, David Fowles and Jim Hutton took the lead after the first question in the first round but it was short lived and despite winning two rounds, we failed to peak again and eventually came a creditable third.

Cirencester who were one of last year's finalists, came first with 67 points. Gloucester was second with 55 and Stroud scored 30. Time now to start swotting for next year's competition.

District Skittles Competition

We played our first match this season against Dursley at our home alley, The Fox and Hounds, Coaley on Tuesday 20th November. Our team consisted of Leon Sandells, Rich Lacey, Mike Lambert, Mike Stevens, Myrtle, David Fowles, Alison Davies (she stood in as we were short of numbers) and Mike Davies.



Things did not go too well for us from the start although David scored 11 pins on the first of the seven legs. I ordered an early supper of ham, eggs and chips for 8:15 in the hope that it would fill them up and make it difficult for them to bend resulting in lower scoring. It did work but unfortunately the meal did not arrive until nearer 9 o'clock, by which time we were down to the last two legs.

After a photo finish and careful scrutiny by the auditors I am sad to say that we lost by (said in a quiet voice) 50 pins. Never mind it was our first game and their second of the season. They also had two league players in their team. I can't think of any other excuses.

Having said all that it was a great evening and the company of the Dursley club was very much enjoyed. We wish them well for their coming matches.

Mike D

Membership Questionnaire

A reminder to return any outstanding completed questionnaires to Martyn Harwood or David Fowles ASAP please.

Carol Service

The Joint Carol Service with Stonehouse Rotary 'A Journey to Christmas' will take place on the 12th December at Minchinhampton Parish Church at 7.00pm. There will be a buffet supper afterwards at The Crown. Please let Wally Woolley or Myrtle Moreton-Cox know if you wish to attend.

And finally

The editor would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.