

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

July 11th Rtn J. Tiley 18th Rtn R. Small

August 1st Rtn M. Stevens, 8th P.P. P. Berry

September 5th Rtn D. Vestey, 12th P.P.L. Sandells, 19th P.P. B. Watkins

October 10th Rtn J. Tebb, 17th P.P. W. Woolley

Table Service Duties

Welcome visitors and ascertain name, Rotary Club if any, position, office etc. therein: ask to sign visitors' book, collect payment for meal, 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
July 4 th	P.P. G Furley	Rtn D. Goldsmith	Rtn D. Bond
July 11 th	P.P. J. Harris	P.P. M. Harwood	P.P. J. Hemming
July 18 th	P.P. K. Hill	Rtn T. Hooper	P.P. R. Lacey
July 25 th	P.P. I. McIver	Rtn C. Major	Rtn B. Omeadow
August 1 st	P.P. T. Payne	Rtn K. Peel	Rtn R. Small
August 8 th	P.P. L. Sandells	Rtn M. Stevens	Rtn J. Tebb

**N.B. The Hill will be closed for the 15th & 22nd
the 29th is a Public Holiday**

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:

July 16th & 17th "Cider With Rosie", Court Lodge, Randwick

Tues 19 July Club Council. Humphreys End House, 6pm.

August 15th 26th, Scatter fortnight

Sat 10 Sept Barbeque, members and friends, Humphreys End House

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All contributions gratefully received,
ideally by email, by not later than the

Friday preceding the last meeting of the month.



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Programme

July 4th Handover Meeting, with partners
7.15 for 7.45p.m

July 11th Rtn Mike Foote The Mayfield Home Trust
Friend Rtn J. Tiley; Thanks P.P. R. Lacey

July 18th Chris Ellis Red Arrows, The Gnat Years
Friend Rtn S. Small Thanks P.P. I McIver

July 25 Club Day

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 MIKE LAMBERT, by 12 noon Saturday.

Mervyn Norris

Club members will have been deeply saddened to hear of the death of Past President Mervyn Norris, at home on the night of Tuesday 21st June, peacefully after a long illness.

Mervyn joined Stroud Rotary in 1993, and was President in 1999. He gave long service to many charitable organisations – his favourite charity was NCH Action for Children and he was a past Chairman of the NCH Ebley Children's Home, Fund Raising Committee. Members will remember him as someone upon whom they could rely to volunteer for a job, and to carry it through with excellence. His last project was to organise the music for the Club's Centenary Celebration Pageant, by which time he was already very ill. As usual, he did a marvellous job, with a special flair for music which was all his own.



He was passionate about music, and keen to encourage young musicians – he was one of the founders of the Southern Cotswold Rotary Young Musicians Competition, and it is a fitting tribute that the Club will be dedicating a prize in next year's event in his memory.

The President's View

After 31 years as an 'ordinary Rotarian', it is a bit of a shock to find myself at the front as President. I don't see myself as a natural leader or socialiser – in front of a fire with a book and a glass of wine is more my style. But I am determined to do the job as best I can, and I know Pat will be supporting me in this. I certainly have plenty of ideas about how I see our Club moving forward in the new century of Rotary. The theme of my year will be 'New century, new ideas' but really the essential message is that we have to accept that things change, at an ever increasing pace, and that Rotary has to adapt or disappear. The community's response to the recent tsunami disaster showed that the Rotary spirit of 'Service above self' is alive and well all around us. Our challenge for the new century is to spread the good news- that Rotary is a great force for good in the world, and to encourage these well-motivated people to join us in the work we do.



My year will see lots of service projects which will need lots of helpers- why not invite friends and business colleagues to come and help too? 'Friends of Rotary' will be a way of doing this, but a personal invitation is the best. Give them the chance to share your Rotary life!

Jim Hutton

The Raft Regatta

After a delay of some 12 months, and as a result of a huge effort by Rtn Mike Davies and his fellow members of the organising committee, the Club raft has at last been used for the purpose for which it was built.

Participation in the event by Club members was unusually high as, unseen by many of us, in addition to the raft crew and supporters, the Club undertook the onerous task of manning the car parks for the, rather long, day.



The number of rafts taking part seemed to be quite high, especially in view of the fact that this was the first such event organised by the Rotary Clubs involved. Stroud's raft skippered by Rtn Steve Lacey, performed reasonably well, and won a prize, but then so did almost everybody involved! When subsequently loaned to a crew from Stroud Round Table, the raft was considerably faster but fortunately racing was by then over. It has been suggested that the average ages of the respective crews may have had something to do with times achieved!

We await a report from Mike on the overall success of the day. The time is fast approaching, when decisions on the raft's future will have to be taken, For example do we dismantle or, at least in the short term, consider future use?

Some items have been held over to next month, owing to lack of space. Ed.