

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

Dec 3rd – M. Davies, 10th – P. Berry
Jan 7th – G. Furley, 14th – D. Goldsmith
Feb 4th – M. Harwood, 11th – J. Hemming, 18th – L. Gallage

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
Nov 5 th	D. Goldsmith	J. Hutton	M. Moreton-Cox
Nov 12 th	K. Hale	R. Lacey	T. Mugford
Nov 19 th	J. Harris	S. Lacey	T. Payne
Nov 26 th	M. Harwood	M. Lambert	K. Peel
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	T. Payne	J. Walker
Jan 21 st	M. Lambert	K. Peel	J. Watkins
Jan 28 th	I. McIver	L. Sandells	C. Weaver

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 31 Oct - Nailsworth RC Charter Dinner

Mon 5 Nov - Stroud Charter Anniversary Night – The Hill

Fri 16 Nov – Wine Tasting Evening – Box Village Hall

Wed 21 Nov – Club Council – Winterbothams 6.00pm

Wed 12th Dec – Carol Service with Stonehouse at Minchinhampton Church

Tue 18th Dec – Visit to The Houses of Parliament

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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

Nov 5th Charter Night Anniversary. Dr Timothy Brain QPM BA PhD FRSA – The Chief Constable of Gloucestershire will speak on 'Policing Past, Present and Future – thoughts of the Chief'

Friend: J. Walker Thanks: R. Lacey

Nov 12th Chris Ellis will speak on 'Defensive Driving'

Friend: The President Thanks: S. Lacey

Nov 19th Committees

Nov 26th Club Day and SGM (accounts, etc)

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 Jane Tiley by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting.

From The President

October will soon be over and this month we have had our highs and lows.

We said goodbye to George and what a wonderful turn out from the Rotary Club, which goes to show how close George was to us all. Thank you for your support at the Church Service.

I must congratulate Steve Lacey and all his committee for a fantastic and professional Ebley Firework Display. It amazed me how it all came together at 6pm. I do not know how much money was taken but the weather was with us and I am sure charities will benefit.

On November 5th, we have the Charter Anniversary Night and our speaker will be Dr. Tim Brain, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire Police. I look forward to hearing him speak and hope as many as possible will turn out for the occasion.

Richard Small

George Dickinson

George was born on the 10th June 1921. His father was an engine driver who died when George was only five leaving him and his elder sister with his mother who remarried another engine driver.

They lived in Gorton near Manchester where after leaving school he worked in an office for a while then in a large jewellery shop in Manchester.

On the outbreak of war George joined the RAF. After training he was posted to Gambia in West Africa, where he became a travel agent, as he called it, organising transport by land, sea and air for troops.

On his way home his ship was attacked by Condor Bomber. George and a mate made their names by manning a Bofors gun on deck, missed the plane but shot the top off the ships mast. He then met Marjorie and on the 10th June 1944 they were married at St. Peters Church, Bromsgrove and honeymooned in the Lake District on their motorcycle and sidecar. They settled in Hyde, George returned to the Jewellery trade and they had two sons, Peter and Richard.

They moved to Stroud in 1962 where George found work at Hill Bros., Jewellers of George Street. In 1967, he started George Dickinson Tyres which he ran until he retired in 1986.

I knew George but not well until 1975 when Jim Gough Snr. brought him to Rotary. I'm sure you will all agree that he was a first class Rotarian, and justly awarded a Paul Harris award.

He was a very valued member of his church where he served at the Alter for many years, and received many awards including 1st Prize in the Stroud in Bloom competition for the beautiful gardens he created at his church.

Like all of you I shall miss George. I will have no one now to call me "Young lad"

Graham Furley.

Ebley Fireworks

Good weather bought out a big crowd who enjoyed an excellent display. The crowd were in good humour and there were no public order issues and no injuries of note. Early indications are that we should clear £14-£15K which is excellent news. Very well done and thanks to everyone for putting on the fireworks and clearing up afterwards.

Computers for Sri Lanka

The computers for Sri Lanka are coming in at a great rate - so much so that we are running out of storage space. So if anyone can make some space available - dry, but need not be heated - we will be very grateful. It's likely we will need it until the spring (March/April). Please contact Jim or Lakshman

Membership Questionnaire

A reminder to return your completed questionnaires to Martyn Harwood or David Fowles by the 31st October.

Future Programme

Visit to the House of Commons

There are still a few places available on the 18th December visit to the House of Commons with options to visit Big Ben or the Visitors Gallery. Contact Myrtle Moreton-Cox .

Wine Tasting

There are still places available for the Wine tasting on the 16th November at Box Village Hall. This should be a very good evening. £10 per head to include supper. Contact Leon Sandells.