

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

Nov 5th – J. Walker, 12th – T. Collins,
Dec 3rd – M. Davies, 10th – G. Dickinson
Jan 7th – G. Furley, 14th – D. Goldsmith

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
Oct 1 st	T. Collins	J. Harris	S. Lacey
Oct 8 th	M. Davies	M. Harwood	M. Lambert
Oct 15 th	G. Furley	J. Hemming	I. McIver
Oct 29 th	L. Gallage	T. Hooper	C. Major
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

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:

Mon 8 Oct – Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta Presentation – Slimbridge

Fri 19 Oct - Mike D'Abo concert – Sub Rooms – 7.30pm (Stonehouse RC)

Mon 22 Oct - Ebley Fireworks

Wed 24 Oct – Club Council – Winterbothams – 6 pm

Wed 31 Oct - Nailsworth RC Charter Dinner

Mon 5 Nov - Stroud Charter Anniversary Night – The Hill

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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

Oct 1st	Eddy Whitlock will give a talk entitled 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' Friend: D Bond Thanks: J. Hemming
Oct 8th	David Goldsmith will speak about 'Building the World' Friend: The President Thanks: T. Hooper
Oct 15th	David Leech will speak on 'Life as a Prison Governor' Friend: B. Bowen Thanks: J. Hutton
Oct 22nd	Ebley Fireworks
Oct 29th	Club Day – District Governor's visit

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.

Stroud Rotary Membership Satisfaction Questionnaire

Council has decided that we will undertake a survey of members to assess member satisfaction with club activities and projects and to see how our club may improve and become more attractive to existing and new members.

Survey forms will be circulated via email (those not on email will be given a questionnaire) and you are asked to print this off and let Martyn have the completed questionnaires back by Monday 29th October. Your responses will be confidential. A Summary of the completed questionnaires will be made available to all Club members.

Our membership stands at 39 and is reducing. Council is concerned that over recent months attendance at meetings has been low and is keen to establish why attendance at meetings is dwindling.

Richard Small - President

Monmouth Raft Race Report

We entered our Raft again this year for the 43rd Monmouth Raft Race which is a 6 mile course down stream from Monmouth. 54 rafts took part this year which was down on last year. We were kindly sponsored again this year by Stroud & Swindon. The third time we have been sponsored by them.



It was a staggered start and we left at 12.15. We had expected there to be a reasonable depth of water after the flooding some weeks before hand and were very surprised to find less water than we had experienced over previous years. We had to get off and drag the raft over three of the rapids while being pelted with flour, eggs, oranges and potatoes. The latter were extremely hard and hurt. Poor Rich was hit fairly and squarely on the top of the head (next year we will wear builders safety hats). Despite this we returned a time of 1hr 16 mins. The winners were an all man crew

whose time was 1 hr 10 mins. As ours was a mixed crew we came first in our class and were awarded a (silver!) platter.

The crew was: Rich Lacey, Steve Lacey, Mike Little, Mike Davies, John Hemming, Jonathen Garner (Nailsworth Rotary), Yvonne Bruce (Nailsworth), Tony Pearson (Nailsworth) and Robin Fuller (Friend of Rotary).

If you ask us if we are up for it again next year I think there is little doubt that the answer will be a resounding yes.

Well done crew and here's to next year.

Mike D

Visit to Morgan Cars - Report in the November bulletin

Future Programme

Charter Anniversary Night – 5th Nov.

This will be an evening meeting with partners at The Hill. The speaker will be Dr. Timothy Brain QPM BA PhD FRSA – The Chief Constable of Gloucestershire.

Visit to the House of Commons

There are still 13 places available on the 18th December visit to the House of Commons with options to visit Big Ben or the Visitors Gallery. Coach transport from Stroud has been arranged and the cost is £12 per head. Contact Myrtle Moreton-Cox if you would like to join in the visit.

Mike D'Abo Concert – Swinging 60's Night Out.

This event on the 19th October at the Sub Rooms is being organised by Stonehouse Rotary Club in aid of 'The Meningitis Trust' and the 'Cotswold Care Hospice'. Tickets are £12.50 in advance, £14 on the door. I am sure a good turn out from the Club to support our friends in Stonehouse would be appreciated. Please let Jane Tiley know if you would like to attend. A board will also circulate at meetings.

Nailsworth Rotary Charter Night

Nailsworth Rotary Club will be holding their Charter meeting on Wednesday 31st October at Forest Green Rovers Conference Centre. Stroud is the mother Club to Nailsworth and 16 people from our Club are booked to attend. It is open to partners and anyone else wishing to attend should let Martyn know. All should let him have a cheque payable to Nailsworth Rotary for £27.50 per head by 1st October. Dress Black Tie

Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta – Presentation Evening

Monday 8th October – Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust. Contact Martyn if you would like to attend - £10 per head for meal.