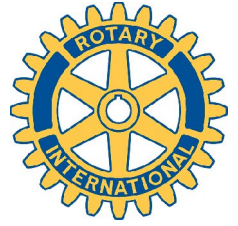


Gloucester Quays Prospective Rotary Club

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[www.stroudrotary.org.uk/gloucester quays rotary club.htm](http://www.stroudrotary.org.uk/gloucester_quays_rotary_club.htm)

Membership

Although a few have dropped out recently we still have 13 people interested in forming the Club and more enquiries have been received. But if you know of anyone who might be interested then do please encourage them to come along to a meeting.

Our numbers have fluctuated somewhat but we need 20 signed up (and paid up when the time comes) in order to hold the first recognised club meeting - the Inaugural Meeting. A **provisional date** of Tuesday April 7th was agreed for the Inaugural. This will be an evening meeting attended by up to about 60 other local Rotarians and we shall need to consider different venues.

To join the Club you need to complete the membership form which is available from the Glos Quays website. If you haven't already done so, please could you complete and give to Martyn Harwood at a meeting.

Booking In

As David Pedrette has decided that his life is already very full and he cannot be sure of having enough time for Rotary he will obviously not be taking the bookings and dealing with Coots. And so until other arrangements are made please make sure that you contact Martin Greaves regarding your attendance or to give your apologies by, at the latest 10am on the Monday before the meeting. In future a board will circulate each meeting where you will be able to indicate your attendance.

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Meetings in January

- On 13th January we were made very welcome at Cheltenham Sunrise Breakfast Club, the meeting was well run and lively. A talk on the lighter side of Will writing was interesting and was useful to those that hadn't made a will or a power of attorney.
- On 20th January we had a discussion meeting and agreed the following
 1. Breakfast at 7.30am sharp (to discourage late arrivals) before starting the meeting.
 2. Ian Dewar volunteered and everyone agreed that he would be Secretary of the Club.
 3. On the social side Angela and Sallie have agreed to look at getting a club quiz team to take part in the Cheltenham Sunrise Quiz on Jan 30th and the Stroud Quiz on Feb 17th.
 4. Martyn offered to help arrange a short **family** walk on a Sunday morning in the spring culminating in lunch at possibly the Bumblebee.

5. Different ideas on raising money were put forward and the favourite was the running of a car park for a day either at Rikenel in Cheltenham or at the Shire Hall in Gloucester. Sallie offered to research these possibilities. Other ideas included getting pubs to sell the squares on a board for a prize of a hamper in each pub, a Duck Race amongst others.
6. Projects that we may support included Shelter Box and Ian Dewar circulated an idea of a house made of recycled paper.
7. Austin would arrange to meet the Head of Field Court Primary School in Quedgeley with a view to assessing ways that Gloucester Quays might support the school.
8. Martyn Harwood outlined a possible club budget, including all relevant costs and arriving at what might be a monthly membership subscription.
9. **Provisionally** Tuesday April 7th was set as the date of the Inaugural Meeting.

On 27th January our speaker was Jane Cima, from the National Star College at Ullenwood, who appraised us of the fine work that the College does and the progress of its Star Appeal. We were invited for a tour of the College at our convenience.

At this meeting “resignations” were acknowledged from David Pedrette, Gary Douglas, Angela Ewen, Martin Nash and Anthony Carlile, possibly as a result of the discussions of the previous week, and possibly an inevitable part of the process of forming a committed membership.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3 February	Speaker – Rob Cattle, Founder President of Nailsworth Rotary Club will talk on their Expedition to Kilimanjaro in Sept 2008
Tuesday 10 Feb	Speaker – Greg Smith, Principal of Gloucestershire College, on the development of the College in the last ten years.
Tuesday 17 Feb	Information and Discussion meeting, an opportunity to ask questions regarding any aspect of Rotary
Tuesday 24 Feb	Speaker - Chris Aldershaw – CEO of Gloucester Urban Regeneration Company, on the redevelopment of Gloucester.

Between Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday March 18th the Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil will be staying in Gloucester and there will be opportunities to meet up with them, particularly on Tuesday 17th March at Cheltenham Rotary Club which meets at the Thistle Hotel off the Golden Valley at 7.0pm

The District Conference is taking place in Jersey from March 11th – March 13th. It takes place every year at about this time but in different venues.