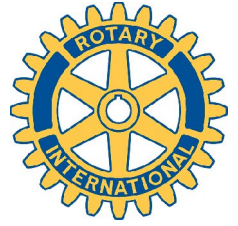


Gloucester Quays Prospective Rotary Club

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www.stroudrotary.org.uk/gloucester_quays_rotary_club.htm

The website has been revamped and updated and now includes links to Rotary International and Rotary International Britain and Ireland that provide a wealth of information on Rotary.

Membership

Over Christmas we gained 3 new prospective members. Angela, Gary and Kevin were welcomed at our first meeting in the New Year.

We now have 16 people interested in forming the Club.

We need at least 20 people to form a new Rotary Club, so if you know of anyone who would be interested then please bring them along to any of the meetings in our diary.

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.

13 January meeting – Booking In

David Pedrette is taking bookings for Cheltenham Sunrise visit and needs to confirm numbers to Martin Greaves by Friday 9 January. Please contact David by this date if you wish to attend.

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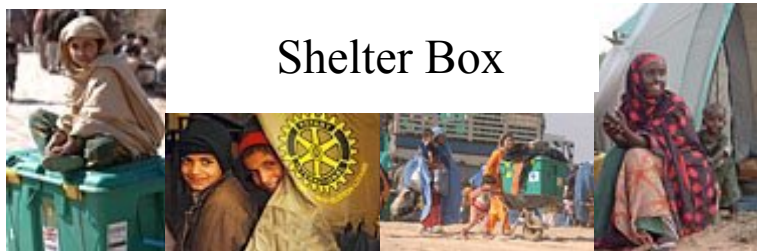
6 January meeting

Michael Carter gave a very good vocational talk at our first meeting of the New Year. It was interesting to find out how his company Carter Construction had evolved in Gloucester after the Second World War to a diversified large regional construction company that came 18th in the Sunday Times "best small companies to work for category". We will have more vocational talks during the year, so everyone gets to know what each other does.

Shelter Box

In December a number of members attended a Shelter Box presentation organised by Stroud Rotary Club.

Shelter Box is a charity that was started by the Helston-Lizard Rotary Club. Its mission statement is "To provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters."



Shelter Box

Since operations began in January 2001, they have helped over 700,000 people and worked in more than 50 countries – responding to earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, wars, volcanoes etc.

The Shelter Box is a tough, green plastic box containing a 10-person tent and ancillary equipment designed to enable a family of up to 10 people survive for at least six months.

A box costs £490. They are stored in 5 locations around the world ready to be dispatched immediately. A Rotary Club in the receiving country co-ordinates their distribution, to ensure they reach the people who need them. www.shelterbox.org

What to do with your old computers?

Severn Vale and Stroud Rotary are both currently undertaking projects to recycle computers, which go to Africa and Sri Lanka respectively. If you have a computer that you no longer require then please give it to either Martin (y). Details of the Stroud scheme can be found on www.stroudrotary.org.uk Attached is a poster which gives info on how Severn Vale collect their computers.

Dates for your Diary

<p>Tuesday 13 Jan 7.15 for 7.30am</p>	<p>We are moving the venue <u>for this week only</u> as we have been invited to go to the Rotary Club of Cheltenham Sunrise Breakfast Club. This is a very good opportunity to see a lively mixed Rotary Club who have been going for 14 years. The speaker will be giving a humorous look at Will writing. Venue: The Lansdown Inn ,Lansdown Road, Cheltenham GL50 2LG</p> <p>Links www.sunriserotary.co.uk</p>
<p>Tuesday 20 Jan 7.15 for 7.30am</p>	<p>Business meeting Discuss your experiences of Cheltenham Sunrise meeting and to plan a programme for the next couple of months.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 Jan 7.15 for 7.30am</p>	<p>Speaker - Jane Cima to talk about the National Star College (which could lead to a club visit)</p>

Skiing in February

Martin Greaves has space for two couples in his skiing party in a chalet for 12 near Morzine, France from 7 – 14 Feb (someone's dropped out). Easy Jet flights to Geneva, excellent accommodation at only £200 a head (self catering or eating out), superb skiing, the party will be of very mixed ability from beginners upwards. If you are interested in joining the party then please contact Martin.