

ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

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EDITORIAL

It is with some trepidation that we embark upon the first edition of what it is hoped will be a monthly publication. Trepidation, because like most new projects, there is concern that we have not got it quite right. Can we get it promptly? Can we distribute it quickly? Above all will you our readers like it?

The object of the exercise is threefold:

1. To keep members in touch with what is going on. If a meeting or two are missed something quite fundamental is sometimes lost. The bulletin will help to keep the record.
2. To report on the monthly council meeting.
3. To trail coming events and to receive members' comments on anything under the sun and for that matter, the moon.

In a nutshell, our aim is to increase fellowship and to act as a forum. In the main this edition has been written by your editor - in the future I hope to edit your contributions.

Henry Barker.

And now a word from your leader ...

Greetings from the first edition of the Bramhall & Woodford Bulletin. As this edition is hot off the press I have not had the opportunity of proof reading but I do understand that the compilation has been practically the sole effort of Henry and this is not the intention. The object is for Rotarians to provide news and views of themselves and their activities in the club to other Rotarians who may well have been absent from meetings and just as importantly to communicate our activities to visiting Rotarians, our Host Clubs and Senior Executives in District.

So fellow Rotarians if you have something interesting to say put pen to paper and give Henry your copy by the date indicated.

In conclusion my thanks to Henry for the effort he has put into this edition. I look forward to seeing other names or "nom de plumes" at the conclusion of future copy.

President John.

MARCH AND A BIT OF APRIL

The month started well. On the 4th we received a visit from the Handforth and Heald Green Club and our speaker was Dr. S. Rimmer who talked about her work with ultrasound in investigating babies in the womb at the maternity unit at St. Mary's Hospital. This was a quite absorbing subject and we saw some fascinating ultrasound pictures of embryo in various stages of development. Dr Rimmer's department, however, is short of the latest equipment, developments in the field are fast, and a public appeal has been launched to enable the hospital to provide the latest technology for the North West. The interest of her audience was reflected in the number of questions and the meeting closed quite late. Our visitors claimed that they were going straight to their breakfast meeting.

Eric Harrison, the District Secretary, was our next speaker. Clearly a dedicated and long serving Rotarian he gave us an insight into the work and liaison he has with clubs in the District. The 11th was also the last meeting at which John Parkhouse attended before his departure offshore to the Isle of Man. He threatens to return in about 12 months. His cheerful presence will be missed as will be his reports on the financial machinations of the International Committee.

The 18th marked our temporary departure from the Deanwater to the Ravenoak. An interesting move, made marginally more so by the light meal served with a deal of solemnity by the Ravenoak staff. Nobody has yet worked out what was served. Contrary to popular belief it did not consist of spherical objects extracted from elephants. Light relief followed when the video made under the auspices of Vocational Service Committee was shown with appropriate comments by the Careers Master at Bramhall High. Two markedly contrasting and interesting interviews were shown and we were assured that this was of great value despite the fact that one participant sounded as if he was talking through a large feather filled pillow.

Our final March meeting marked another first when our speakers were a husband and wife team, Mr. & Mrs. E. Williams, whose talk on the History of Chetham School of Music was well received. We are grateful to John's wife Mary who attended to host Mrs. Williams.

Our meeting on April 1st featured Joanna Marsha Lowe a Rotary Foundation scholar from New Brunswick, Canada, along with her host Bob Cryer of Hazel Grove. Joanna is a flautist and is studying as a post graduate at RNCM in Manchester having already obtained a Masters Degree at Washington University. Her ambition is to teach and perhaps pursue a soloist career. She has already broadcast with CBC and played in several orchestras. We also got to know a little about Rotary Foundation and her impressions of Rotary on both sides of the Atlantic. A supporting speech (the 'B' picture so to speak) came unsolicited from Ron Malabon who held forth on the reasons why - and the trials and vicissitudes of - ordering banners from India. This was an attempt to cover when Joanna presented us with yet another banner we could not reciprocate.

Coming Up

- April 8th Frank Ward, District Community Service Convenor.
- April 15th Michael Ajello who will be talking on the complicated subject of Patents and Trade Marks.
- April 22nd Committee Night.
- April 29th Visit to Styal Mill meeting there promptly at 7.00 pm. A full meal will be served. Price £7.50 or if N.T. member £5.50.
- May 6th A further District speaker in the person of David Homer, District Treasurer.

District

- April 25th District Assembly Meeting at Bramhall High School.
- October 9th - 11th District Conference at Llandudno. Hotel accommodation looks like between £18-£22 per person per night plus conference dinner.

Stepping Hill

President John and Noel attended the hospital on Tuesday, 31st March, and handed over a cheque for £400.00 to Dr. Lacey amid a flash of press photographers - well one anyway. Neither could remember which paper was represented so we have sent a press release to all the local ones.

Hoe Down

It's "Take your Partners" time on 8th May at Woodford Community Centre when Social Committee present a Country & Western Evening. Cost is around £5.00 - a fair price for a frolic amongst the cow pats, and there is a splendidorous, multitudinous proliferation of tickets. Highlight of the evening will be the attempt by Mike Drew to sell raffle tickets to members of the International Committee.

Council Highlights

Council met on 6th April at 13, Oak Drive.

President John reported attendance at the District Governors Meeting for incoming club Presidents. From this it became evident that:

1. The District Governor will invite himself to the club meeting.
2. Other functions will only be attended after exchange of letters. He has already been invited and accepted for Charter Night and is to be invited for President's Night.

Secretary Geoff reported:

1. Tony Hamer has resigned due to business commitments.
2. John Parkhouse has also resigned.
3. Agenda for AGM together with nomination forms to be distributed.

Treasurer Ken reported balances as:

General account	£280.64
Charity account	£1515.67

Most of Charity account relates to Water Aid.

Ken also reported on Polio Plus. We have been offered a window in the Woolwich Building Society from 8th May for 2 weeks. Publicity material is to be purchased. Display will also feature a note about our club. Fuller advantage of publicising ourselves will be taken in a window display in the Vernon Building Society during July.

House and Membership

Ron referred to a proposed method of payment for meals by standing order. After due consideration he thinks that this will be administratively more difficult and prefers to stick with the present method. Council agreed.

It was also agreed that a steward will be appointed for each meeting to host and propose the vote of thanks to the speaker. Members nominated will be responsible for finding their own substitutes should they be unable to attend.

Club attendance is reported to District every month. Overall attendances in January were 84%, February 70% and March 76.4%.

Club membership attendance records are calculated from 1st July to 30th June.

House and Membership : cont.

There is one prospective candidate in the pipeline.

Council discussed multiclassification and decided to consider each and any such case as and when it occurs.

International

Doug reported a total of £500 profit from a total raised of £1473.00 from the Water Aid night in February and the subsequent raffle. Doug with Council endorsement thanked John Handley for free printing and Mac McLeod for his generosity in providing prizes.

For any future event it may well be worthwhile considering hiring a hall and asking wives to cater since food costs accounted for a major proportion of the total.

Community Service

Noel reported:

1. Cheadle Royal Fete. Various ideas considered. Now decided, with Council approval, that a Crazy Crockery Smashing Contest would be staged. A balloon race is still to be considered but it is thought that the Airport Authorities might object.
2. Bramhall Festival. Sub-committees now formed and are busy investigating various aspects of the organisation and participation. Last weekend in June 1986 is the suggested date.
3. It was agreed that £50 should be sent to Dr. Rimmer and consideration given later in the year for further contributions.

Programme, PRO, Bulletin.

Henry reported that:

1. First edition of Bulletin in course of preparation for distribution - hopefully over next weekend.
2. A copy of the press release regarding Stepping Hill was circulated.
3. Speakers, were fixed to end June.

Club Assembly

President ~~John~~ said that he would be on holiday on the suggested date. Accordingly this will be changed so that June 10th will be a Committee Night and Club Assembly will be on 24th June.

Next Bulletin

That's the end of this one and we hope you enjoyed it. Our thanks to Doug Murphy and his "word processor". More volunteers are required with access to typing facilities and photocopying. Please let Henry know if you can help.

Our next edition will be published over the week ending 9th May and copy should be with the editor by Sunday 3rd May. Meanwhile, will the Sergeant at Arms crazily smash his crock? Will Sid Davis write another of those poems? Will David Dewhurst change his shirt?

It will all be in the Bulletin.