

ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL

This is the traditional silly season for us media folk and the Club's activities over the past month have tended to reflect that mood. A number of members are on holiday and attendances over the latter half of the month have accordingly been somewhat sparse. Not that this has affected the zany gentility which seems to characterise our various pursuits. The latest is that your editor should enter upon a sponsored diet, attending the meetings clad only in boxer shorts where weighing would be undertaken by the ladies who wait upon us, proceeds to go to charity - viz. N. Smethurst beer fund. The project has been cancelled because the police and bus companies would be unable to cope with the vast crowds who would wish to witness the magnificent sight of such a fine body of a man dressed in the suggested manner.

Our programme to the end of October is contained within this Bulletin which we hope will introduce some realism into our deliberations. But I have my doubts ...

Henry

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Howdy

John

LAST MONTH IN BRAMHALL

July 8th

Will ever be engraved in the memories of those who attended for the sheer erudition and persuasion of the speech given by Alan Knight - that, (according to A.K.), is how members will remember this evening.

It was, you may recall, the night of the debate on the motion "That women who have the necessary qualifications should be admitted to membership of Rotary" - or words to that effect. On arrival at the entrance to the Deanwater, members were greeted by a very unseemly demonstration by a band of latter day Pankhurstites carrying banners inscribed with "Women must be Rotarians - Support A. Knight". "Knight is Right"; "Once A. Knight is more than enough" and similar messages.

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Having run the gauntlet with remarkable fortitude, members were pleased to observe, just before the curtains were drawn, to shut out the painful scene from view, that members of the local constabulary were on the scene to quell the demonstration (it was later learnt that one of the demonstrators, having forgotten her glasses tried to handcuff herself to a policeman under the mistaken impression that he was a railing - anyway - that's her story).

Speaking for the proposition were Alan Knight and Simon Smith. Alan spent some time on telling us who was doing what and why and how with such enthusiasm that those at the back of the room had to ask him to speak up.

The arguments for the motion were put forward, and those who opposed were David Dewhurst and Noel Smethurst who gave us the surprise of the night and a glimpse of what might happen when a band of M. Thatcher look alikes entered and took the meeting over. To say that the assembled company were struck dumb would be understating the case. The motion was lost by a 23-6 vote. A damn close run thing.

July 15th Our meeting is reported by John Weston

Ben Benoy of the Cheshire Conservation Trust was the latest in our varied line of speakers.

Ben became involved in the work of the trust after his retirement 14 years ago from the marketing division of Shell-Mex/B.P.

A brief history of the nature conservation movement in Britain was outlined. Its formation was mainly influenced by the naturalist N.C. Rothschild who, starting in the early 1900's, himself visited, listed and graded 280 sites of special scientific interest with a great variety of flora and fauna. He was instrumental in forming the Society for Promotion of Nature Reserves in 1912 and encouraging their creation leading to their first major acquisition in 1920 of Blakeney Point, Norfolk, a site which remains of great interest to ornithologist and nature lovers.

Due to Rothschild's death in 1923, the conditions prevailing in the 1920/30's followed then by World War II, the movement lost its drive until interest was regenerated in 1946 leading to the formation of Local Conservation Trusts in every British County.

The Cheshire membership is 4,000 and their headquarters is at Marbury Country Park, Northwich, where they maintain their offices and information centre open to the public. The Cheshire Trust have created and now maintain and manage 30 nature reserves stretching from the Wirral to Tameside covering marsh, bog, woodlands, ponds and meres, reed beds and waterfowl and wader-waters and even a heronry.

The trust take on the responsibility for surveying and recording local wildlife, monitoring possible effects on wildlife of planning proposals and encouraging and fostering interest in the countryside and its flora and fauna in people of all ages, particularly the young.

July 21st

Was Committee Night

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Noel reported that:

"Dear Henry,

- Chads have been approached again with a view to another charity evening on December 11th. He awaits a reply.
- Bramhall Festival sub-committees are being sorted out and a plan of action will be available next month.
- A Sainsbury's "Value for Money" evening to be held on an evening between April and June next year.

Dennis reported:

- A visit has been arranged to Bramhall High on 15th September at Middle School Assembly between 8.15 am and 8.45 am for the Polio Plus presentation. Publicity will be in school from the first Monday in September.
- Foundation. We are looking for a nominee for India for a visit during January and February 1988. Age is to be between 25 and 35 and the trip will be well worthwhile for any up and coming young man. No relatives of Rotarians are allowed.

Ron reported:

Membership: Further new members in the pipeline.

Doug reported:

The main money raising effort will be for Water Aid. They are still talking about how they will raise the money.

John Handley reported: (In Mike Drew's absence)

6-a-side cricket on 9th August. A large barbeque and two sides are required.

July 29th

POLIO PLUS

Our fifth Wednesday of the month "away day" was to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley. A disappointing seventeen members arrived outside Woolworths to board the coach and three others made there own way to Plumley. A contest was held to judge those who had most mis-spent their youth. After some nailbiting contests in dominoes, pool and darts, the winning team of Jonathan Sheard and Simon Smith beat by a short head Mike Drew and John Mould. Mike and John then took on the local pool champions and won. Jonathan and Simon, however, are eligible for a prize which at the time of writing is still to be announced. Apart from the keen types like the four aforementioned (who, let it be said, were very good at gamesmanship) the evening was also enjoyed by the rest of the party, who after dining from the a-la-carte bar food menu, missed the dartboard, inadvertently potted the pool table black first and muttered "Ow d'yer play this game" at the domino contest like good uns". Judging by the requests for a repeat performance this event could well be a permanent fixture in our diary.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Henry,

Please may I use space in the Bulletin to express my thanks to all Members of the Club for their kind gift to mark my recent release from servitude with North West Water.

As with all gifts it is the thought that counts - and as someone who spent 35 years trying to improve the local vintage I appreciate the thoughts behind this one.

I will treasure it always - or at least until I can persuade someone to drink it.

Yours in Rotary

Bob Batty

THE FUTURE

During August

5th Visit from Gatley and talk on Glengarth Home.

13th PLEASE NOTE: No meeting on 12th.
Cricket v Poynton.

19th Dennis Allport : Rats, Mice & Other Nasties.

26th Committee Night

September

2nd David Torens : Rotary in Australia.

CRICKET AT OFFERTON

6-a-Side Contest at Offerton. Mike Drew and his committee claim to have this fully under control and are expecting members to present themselves at 2pm. But what about the weather? we ask. Have they got that under control? we wonder.

POLIO PLUS

The latest position is:

1. Arrangements have been made to advertise the event in early September at the High School with a pupil motivation effort on 15th September at Middle School Assembly at 8.15 am.
2. Routes have been organised for the House to House collection from September 28th and have been handed to individual members.
3. A fund raising effort has been organised by Hazel Grove under the heading of an Ooh La La Night. This is in St. Michael's Church Hall on September 19th at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 each.
4. The money count is on 13th October when we meet jointly with Hazel Grove at the Deanwater.

COUNCIL MEETING

A Council Meeting was held on 13th July. Most of the discussion has been reported in the Committee Meeting notes and apart from finding some sort of job for the Vice President very little else of importance occurred, except that the Secretary talked too much .. Again!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON A ROTARIAN

Since your Editor forgot to nab a victim in the breathtaking excitement of our evening at the Golden Pheasant he has interviewed himself with the following result:

- Name: Henry Barker
- Born: In a house near the dog pound and abbatoir at Kingston upon Thames amid great excitement and on an April evening. His father handed out cigars and a passing gypsy fell drunk into the Thames which passed within 20ft of the back door and on occasions 20ft inside the back door.
- Educated: At Thames Ditton, Hinckley Wood School, Joseph Leekie School and Walsall Technical College.
- Qualifications: He lernt to reed and rite and did sum sums.
- Married: Jose whom he met in a pub next to the railway yards in Walsall, and subsequently in other locations in and around Walsall. After a whirlwind romance the happy couple were married two years later at St. Matthews.
- Career: Has been "in" tubes, mainly with Tube Investment5s. Moved to Newcastle and spent some 25 summers (and what seemed like 50 winters) in that fair city.

Left T.I. some 13 years ago and joined an Irish Dairy group who also made and designed complete plant for others. Rejoined T.I. some 4 years ago and moved to Bramhall.
- Hobbies: Mainley in joining things. Joined R.T. in Walsall and also in Newcastle, where he was Table & Area Chairman.
Joined 41 Club.
Joined Rotary
Also likes gardening, classical music, beer and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.
Dislikes shopping, disco's and paying subscriptions.

NATURAL PROGRESSION

Seen on a road sign in Dorset:

Bere	1½ miles
Piddle	2½ miles
Great Piddleton	4 miles
Piddle Over	5 miles

It is however left to Cheshire to indicate what most have felt like doing at some time or the other:

Peover Superior	1 mile
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LANGUAGE

In yet another service to members, Bulletin on occasion is to advise and instruct on languages other than our own. Our first exercise is in Geordie.

On visiting Geordieland the visitor naturally gravitates to the capital Noocastle (Newcastle upon Tyne). One of the first places the visitor is expected to attend is the Geordie National Shrine, St. James Park (called so after a leper colony which flourished near the site in the Middle Ages) where the National game of futbal (soccer) is played. Some useful phrases in this situation are as follows:-

- Morder the bee We disagree with the referees decision.
- Massacree thim Play up, play up and play the game
- Dunsh'im Tackle your opponent.
- Givower Dunshin Kindly do not push the ground is very congested.
- Yewantipackin Apply for a transfer.
- Worbairncan Your tactics are at fault. Our child could de better improve upon them.

A latecomer may say or you may be accosted in the street later with the remark "Hoosaitganninathematch"? This is not a hold up, merely a request for information as to the situation between the two teams.

For further practise Mike Barker has agreed to rehearse members. he requires a quite exhorbitant fee - but then that's bankers for you.

NEXT BULLETIN

Our August issue is shorter than usual. That is no one's fault but your own.

Copy is required for September by 29th August please.

Our programme is printed on a separate sheet so that you may detach and keep.

NATURAL PROGRESSION

Seen on a road sign in Dorset:

- 18 miles Bera
- 24 miles Piddie
- 4 miles Great Piddleton
- 5 miles Piddie Over

It is however left to Cheshire to indicate what most have left like doing at some time or the other:
1 mile Plover Superior

This page was (incorrectly ?) with the Aug87 Bulletin.
I am NOT at all sure where it should be.
Please help ...
Brian Dec13

ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

PROGRAMME

28th October	Hand over meeting	Deanwater
31st October	Jazz Night	Woodfood Community Centre
4th November	Talk on Youth Enterprise Scheme	Moat House
11th November	Mike Barr UXB	Deanwater
18th November	Quiz versus Wilmslow	Moat House
25th November	Committee Night	Moat House
2nd December	Capt. Peter Margesson Atlantic Conveyor	Deanwater
10th December (no meeting on 9th)	Joint meeting with Poynton	TBA
16th December	Christmas Party	Deanwater
6th January	TBA	TBA
13th January	Colin Fuller - Foreign Students	TBA
20th January	Visit of Foreign students with Hazel Grove	TBA
21st January	Theatre Night	
27th January	Committee Night	TBA