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ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

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EDITORIAL

And so to the merry, merry, month of May, tra la la! It seems that one has hardly put down one's pen in early April than it has to be raised again for May. Time does fly, and at this time of year it is perhaps appropriate to look back on what has been achieved and look forward to beyond the A.G.M. to the new Rotary year. It seems no time at all when, as a group of comparative strangers, we were looking forward in some awe and wonderment (particularly after being addressed by the District Extension Convenor) to our inaugerats. Now, as a comparatively strange group there is nonetheless cohesion and purpose on our movement, particularly at those times when the bar is about to shut! A lot has been achieved, there are great plans for the future. May it ever be thus.

Another feature is to be introduced in next month's Bulletin. Each month it is intended to give a pin portrait of a member of the club. It is hoped that these will be factual, witty, often libellous but never malicious. Meanwhile your contributions are still awaited.

Henry.

The Presidential Message

(Trumpeter - what are you sounding now?)

Greetings fellow Rot's

Last month 6 pages, or thereabouts. This month how many pages can we masters of rhetoric produce in order to maintain the high standards of the first edition.

The last month has seen a change in the season's weather and the beginnings of the change in the Rotary year with the District Assembly held in our own area at Bramhall High School. For those who attended, it was a very interesting morning and I was advised by members of other clubs that the format, organisation and restriction in time to a morning was an improvement on last year. The subjects were varied and will be brought to our Club Assembly through council in June

This summer will, we hope, be a season of outdoor social occasion both in and out of Rotary and I hope we will be able to arrange some activities with our parent clubs and this time let us win the cricket match without the need of infringing the codes of fair play between honourable opponents.

Let us also look to the possibility of a greater number of visits by individual representatives either in the district or on a national basis or even internationally. For those holidaying in foreign climes, it is an excellent way of finding out more about Rotary as well as fostering the fellowship which is an important part of the Rotary movement.

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In conclusion I would also ask you all to consider going to this year's District Conference in Llandudno. I thoroughly enjoyed last year and whereas Mary and I relied upon the fellowship of our parent clubs, I would like to think it possible we could renew that fellowship this year as a group. Think about it - and let either Geoff or I know soon

President John

Last month in Bramhall.....

as well as in Woodford. Our speaker on the 8th was Frank Ward, District Community Service Convenor, who brought greetings from the District Governer and the Manchester club. He said that Community Service is the expression of our main aim of service above self and is the second oldest aim of Rotary after that of fellowship. He emphasised that in a Rotarian C.S. project, only the best will do and warned against attempting schemes which are too ambitious. He listed a number of schemes which are operating in the District which are simple, inexpensive and worthwhile. Noel Smethurst voiced our thanks. A dishevelled Sergeant at Arms said a little and did even less.

On the 15th a film and talk by Michael Ajello on the subject of patents and trademarks was adjudged a success and from the number and scope of the questions, it was clear that members were keen on receiving free advice. Michael said that most patents evolve from R&D teams and are the result of long and laborious work. There are some 30,000 applications in the UK each year handled by 1,200 patent agents and some 250 per week or 13,000 a year are successful. An invention must be brand new and not an item which has already been manufactured. He also defined the criteria by which design, copyright and trademarks are granted. Sid Davis, a lifelong buddy apparently, gave the vote of thanks. Ron Malabon reports on the committee night on the 21st.

Committee Night 22/4/87

Vice President, David tried to be business like and wanted committee discussions over in 15 minutes. Club members thought otherwise and returned after 50 minutes.

Renez Allport has reportedly sold a lot - he is not sure how much. It is suggested we have sweet shirts with the club name on to give us a group identity at public events.

Ron Malabon gave a new excuse for the non-arrival of the banners - a postal strike in Bombay!!!

Dennis Smith wants to improve the video made for Bramhall High School. He is still looking for managers with hairy posteriors. It is suggested we sponsor a disadvantaged youngster and help to find him/her a job.

International - No report.

Social. Mike has organised a Hoe-Down on 8th May and hopes a few others will attend. On 27th June, there will be a Barbeque at David Dewhurst's. There will be music, but the style (R&B, C&W, Reggae, trad jazz) has yet to be decided. A Sport's Night is envisaged in June at Bowler's, Trafford Park.

Noel will be throwing his balls about at Cheadle Royal, breaking crockery and needs helpers for his working party.

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The Bramhall Festival planned for 1988 could well be held on Father's Day.

Ken, reluctant to give money away, was also reluctant to divulge financial information and gave no report.

Geoff did his best to persuade members to attend District Assembly and hear what was written on the tablets at Nashville in March.

Our final meeting in April was a 5th Wednesday and was therefore one of our away day. A party of 29 members and wives enjoyed a pleasant meal and a fascinating tour of the Greggs Cotton Mill Styall. This major National Trust attraction improves on every visit and this one left most people vowing to return for a more leisurely look. As it was, we just about made the Ship Inn for closing time.

There was some dispute about the business to be discussed - the President thought there ought to be some and the Secretary was equally adamant to the contrary and an all-time record was established of 31 seconds for this part of the meeting. Noel Smethurst told one of his long involved stories which he swore was true, too long for this edition, but we will try and get him to write it up for June.

Coming Up

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| May 6th | A further spaker from District in the shape of David Homer - The District Treasurer. |
| May 13th | THE AGM. Please note dress will be Dinner Jackets and there will be a prompt 7pm start. |
| May 20th | Mr Poppleton from Stockport Council Parks Department will be talking on the care and cultivation of House plants. |
| May 27th | Committee Night. |

Far Away (or what Dennis is actually doing on business trips)

It really is tough having to go on extended business trips, particularly when you have to spend 10 days in San Fransisco. Knowing the great dangers from A.I.D.S., I took Edwina Curry's advice and took a good book (and my wife). One lunchtime, Wenda wanted to do some shopping and some packing, so what more natural than for a Rotarian to seek out the nearest Rotary Club.

Twelve for twelve-thirty on Tuesdays in the Sheraton Palace, in case you are ever that way. You will be made very welcome, but you will have a problem getting to meet the 550 members individually. I found myself sat at a table for about 12, with two ex-Presidents and a Rotarian from Cambridge and his wife. Oh, yes. Ladies are all welcome at San Fransisco - they have 12 lady members with more waiting to join. It is illegal to exclude ladies in USA, but the ruling is to be tested in the courts. I wonder what will happen if ladies can be excluded?

As it is hard to meet 550 people - a problem even if you go to every meeting - there are 12 Divisions, one for each month of the year. You are simply allocated to a Division by birth date, each Division has its own social events with one enormous annual event when everybody goes.

All these meetings take some organising - no problem! They have 3 full-time officials who have an office near the hotel. All these officials take some paying for - not to mention the weekly newsheet. Again, no problem! You just get one member each week to sponsor a 5 minute News Presentation for \$100 where he gets up and lightheartedly reviews local and national events, with a mention or two for his company. It was all over and done with by 1.30. A meal had been eaten (\$13, and not worth it), two new members had joined the club, a speaker had described a development plan for a dockyard area of San Fransisco and no business had been transacted. I guess that is done outside the meeting somehow. The Directors (Council) met after the meeting for a brief session. All pretty slick, very organised but nonetheless friendly and interesting. That's how it has to be when you have 550 members and are the second Rotary Club to be formed.

I am quite willing to go and find out more - but you will need to find my airfare and hotel bills. Just give me 3 week's notice to cancel all my business engagements.

Dennis Allport.

Ooooh I say.....

Why?, we wonder, do Alan Knight and Noel Smethurst finger each other's underwear before each meeting? Is it do you think, some involved and secret Rotary rite known only to them? Maybe, you feel that it is because they er.. ahem...like each other. Or is it an Inner Wheel custom for which they are practising in anticipation? Answers on a postcard please and the President will buy a pint for the best idea.

Talking about Inner Wheel reminds us.....

For the Ladies

The Bramhall & Woodford Rotarian wives are cordially invited to a Coffee Evening at 8.00 p.m. Tuesday 12th May at Kath Batty's home. 29 Dorchester Road, Hazel Grove. Pat Russell Extension Officer will be there to talk to us about the joys of Inner Wheel.

Mary Meense.

Wilmslow President's Night

This is on the 15th May, tickets £12.00 each. If you wish to go, Secretary Geoff will tell you how to get there.

Shop!!

We have all had an orgy of buying Rotary badges and car stickers - but we have plenty left. There are at least 7 varieties of Rotary badges to be had, large, small, pin, clutch, screw - and all are £0.50. If you want one to stick onto your nice, shiny new name badge - Father's Day is coming up soon. The kids might even run to a tie, or cufflinks or a paperweight. The list is almost endless. All you have to do is to avoid buying the Rotary Apron and then get landed with the washing up.

If you feel flush, or just flashy, I could procure a pen, a wallet, a hip flask, a travelling clock or a tankard.

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The Sergeant Arms has probably amassed enough to buy himself a nice sash by now. The only person who doesn't seem to be able to buy an official sash is the Sales Officer.

So when it is a birthday, an Anniversary or Christmas - think of the Sales Officer with all those Rotary opportunities to spend money.

Dennis Allport.

Congratulations

To Ken and Val Chadwick who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Tuesday 28th April 1987. They are shortly off on their holiday of a lifetime. There must be something in this Treasurers job lads!!

Also to Ron Martin who has been appointed Churchwarden for the parish of St. Michaels & All Angels, Bramhall. His writ will run for the next 6 years.

Auditor

Following the departure of John Parkhouse, we found ourselves short of an auditor. Rob Moulton has been appointed.

Mock Interviews

Volunteers are still sought to perform this service for Bramhall High.

Matters Arising

Last month's Council notes indicated agreements to send £50 to Dr. S. Rimmer for the Kath Lamb Memorial Fund. You will be pleased to know that this has been sent.

You will also be pleased to know that our press release regarding the APNOE alarm system has been published in two local free papers. Mind you it needed much diligent searching to find them.

District

The District Assembly Meeting was duly held on 25th April. As discussions there will become evident in later discussion at our meeting in the near future, this event will not be reported now.

9th - 11th October. The District Conference Llandudno.

Accommodation can be obtained for as little as £9.00 per night per person. This will be a weekend to savour and we earnestly recommend your attendance. Names to Geoff by 20th May, latest.

Notes from the Council Meeting

Held on 5th May.

Secretary:

Letter from District President elect thanking us for help given at District Assembly.

Treasurer: Mike Barker is to be temporary auditor because Ron Moulton is going on holiday.

Accounts stand at: General A/c £328.38
Charity A/c £794.84

Still some monies to be paid out of Charity Account in connection with International Night.

The Budget for the coming year was discussed and the subscription will be £45.00. District subs are up by £5.00 next year. National stamp the same.

Membership
& House

Ron reported:

Three new members in the pipeling!

Unlike last year, no attendance allowance will be made in future for holidays.

Matters arising from District Assembly suggested that new members are interviewed after 3 or 6 months to receive comments and suggestions.

The meeting on 20th May will be at Edwardo's, Church Road, Cheadle Hulme. The Dean water is to be approached about the permanancy of our booking.

Community Service Noel reported:

District Assembly threw up a whole host of suggestions and he read these at length. He will be discussing these in Committee.

Bramhall Festival - plans still being made for 17-19 June 1988. Should have a definite proposition within the next two/three weeks.

Social Committee David reported:

The Hoe-Down tickets are going well for 6th May. There will be a Barbeque at David's on 27th June 1987.

Vocational Service Dennis reported:

The High School has promised to provide names of children in need of jobs to enable Rotarians to offer help.

Some discussion ensued about exchange schemes for children and it was proposed that Hohn Bissell be invited to talk to the club.

Water Aid

Hazel Grove have organised a do at Macclesfield on 14th May featuring the Swingles singles. Anyone interested contact Ian Bell on 439-1985.

Church Parade

Members of Rotary are invited to Sung Eucherist on May 17th at 10.30 am at St. Michaels & All Angels Bramhall. Preacher will be Rotarian Rev. Arthur Harrison. Names (including wives) to the Secretary, please.

Next Bulletin

We know you have a story to tell. Write it down, get it to the editor by Sunday May 31st and you too can be published in the next bulletin.

After our report of the April Council Meeting in our last issue, and our ladies reaction to a certain suggestion therein, Council are to be approached for funds to send Doug Murphy on a course on How to Cook Lasagne.

Meanwhile, we still await that poem from Sid and for the Vice President to put pen to paper.

Finally, two question. How far will Alan Knight go after three San Miquels? And was Bruce Bissell really at a Table meeting until 2 am?

Find out in the next Bulletin.

Bulletin Report - PolioPlus Campaign

On this occasion I have taken off my Treasurer's hat and I am wearing my PolioPlus committee chairman's hat. I recently attended a talk by Eddie Arstall, who is in charge of PolioPlus for District 105, which was given at the Rotary District Assembly and my committee have had a meeting with the Hazel Grove committee with whom we are combining for our main fund raising event. The purpose of this newsletter is therefore twofold; first of all to give a brief background to the Campaign and secondly to bring you up to date with the latest developments in our own club effort.

The PolioPlus Campaign is a world wide Rotary campaign to raise US\$120 million (or £80 million) to eliminate polio in the third world countries and will be run over the next four years. At the same time the World Health Organisation and UNICEF will be running a parallel effort to carry out immunisation against the other major diseases namely measles, diphtheria, tuberculosis, tetanus and whooping cough. It has been calculated that the cost of each polio vaccination is only 7p so you can appreciate the vast numbers of children who will receive the vaccine. The target amount to be raised per head of Rotarian members is £100 which means that our club will be expected to produce a sum of £3,000 but any sums above that will be gladly received. Obviously the full commitment of every member is essential, as this has to be an extra effort over and above our needs to serve the local community.

At the District Assembly meeting Eddie Arstall advised us that the Government have already committed £1m to the appeal and a further £1m has been donated by the Girl Guides organisation and it was suggested that we should bear in mind reciprocal help to any local Girl Guides Club whenever an opportunity arises. (There is however, no commitment to vote Conservative at the next election!) Attempts are to be made to raise donations of a minimum of £5,000 each from large business organisations so if any of your are well in with Messrs Sieff, Halpern or Conron - or their wives or their mistresses - please let me know. It is also hoped that a major personality, probably from Royalty, will act as a figurehead for the Campaign.

However, on a more mundane level there was a discussion as to whether we should set a District target or an individual club target and the consensus of opinion seemed to be for the latter. A District committee of eight was formed to oversee the Campaign over the next four years (I managed to avoid this!) and to produce suitable fund raising ideas and supporting publicity material. We were asked to stress that every penny raised would go to the appeal. Although, worldwide, marketing experts are to be employed they will be paid solely out of interest earned on the funds collected.

Turning now to our own campaign, we are hoping to raise the bulk of our funds from a house to house collection run in conjunction with Hazel Grove Club. They ran a similar venture ten years ago covering both Hazel Grove and Bramhall so a lot of the groundwork has already been covered. It was proposed at our joint committee meeting that we should collect in Bramhall and they will cover Hazel Grove but the total funds should be divided 50/50 between the clubs. If either club experiences difficulty on a manpower front then the other club should be prepared to give assistance.

It is hoped to arrange for the Bramhall High School 5th and 6th form pupils to distribute the envelopes on the 25th/26th and 27th September. We would then have two weeks from the 28th September to the 11th October inclusive to collect the envelopes. It is envisaged that each member will be given a round of about 250 houses and he can call on the help of his wife and/or one or two reliable friends to help. It is hoped to arrange a night at the Deanwater with Hazel Grove Club for counting the proceeds on Tuesday 13th October. Also we hope to arrange a joint venture with Hazel Grove to raise funds to cover our costs.

We have been offered display facilities for two weeks from the 9th May in the Woolwich Building Society window in Bramhall, but unfortunately, I have been unable to get any decent publicity material for the campaign. We will, however, do the best we can and use the opportunity to bring the formation of our club to the attention of the local population.

If you are still reading this and have not used the paper to light your fire, wear under your vests to keep out the Summer cold, or do whatever else with it you might think suitable, then please make a commitment to this Campaign. If you require any further information I do have some literature that can be passed around. Further reports will appear in future bulletins. (Order your copies in advance!)

Ken Chadwick