

Rotarian

**Rotary Club
of Bramhall and Woodford**



BULLETIN

December 2003



Father Christmas arrives at
Barton Grange

Presidential pearls

Seasons of mellow fruitfulness have passed but the mists remain which I am sure heralds the forthcoming frosty Festive Season.

The meetings continue to be well attended and quite often we have had more than twenty on a Wednesday evening. From amongst the many ideas discussed at the Club Audit recently, a proposal was adopted giving the opportunity to the members for organising the format for meetings, other than committee and specific evenings relating to business or District. This takes off in the New Year and I am sure it will be successful. But do remember no two members are an island if you have a good idea COMMUNICATE by talk, phone, mail or whatever.

We have had two social events. The Art Gallery; different, interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. The Retrobeats at Cheadle G.C. a repeat of last years success. Also thoroughly enjoyed by those attending but unfortunately, by not many. This rather flies in the face of the Club Audit suggestions. It would have been embarrassing if the band had not

introduced 12 guests. This was a Ways & Means event and in view of the expected reduced income at Christmas at Barton Grange John and his team are going to have a difficult time.

However, there is more good news. One new member. Welcome to David Rose. Three more in the pipeline. That is of course confidential!!!

The fame of our Bridge lives on having received a visit from D.G. Chris Boyes and the National President. The plaque has at last been designed and quotations are being obtained.

The Presidents Party will be held in the New Year combined with another special event!!. Date and venue to be announced shortly.

Finally may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. In line with a policy adopted last year I will not be sending cards but, like most members of the Club , donating a sum to charity. All the very best to you all

President John



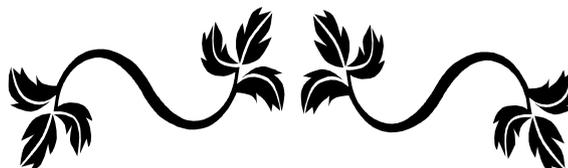
Happy Christmas!

This is the last Bulletin of 2003. A very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2004 to all Rotarians and their families.

In Rotary we are marking the season by a massive effort at Barton Grange, where our activities will, once again, be bringing magic to many youngsters, an influx of funds for our charities and a lot of satisfaction to us Rotarians.

We are also continuing the practice of passing on our good wishes to each other in the Bulletin and verbally, and donating the money we would have spent on cards and stamps to Sight Savers.

Have a happy and rewarding Rotary Christmas!



Council capers

Council has looked into insurance issues regarding the Christmas Grotto. The club will host the September 2004 District Council meeting – but where? Venue ideas are under investigation.

We still cannot raise an outgoing GSE team. Help!

Our General Account stands at £1600, with a 'notional' £1080 in the Charity Account (Ed: what's 'notional' money? Is it like the interest in my bank account?).

Valley School has been given £320.

Several new membership applications are in the pipeline!

There will be a Christmas shoe box collection, which will include Bramhall High School.

A jazz night is being planned for the New Year as a Ways and Means event.

Progress is being made with our memorial garden in Bramhall Park, and with the plaque for the bridge.

Only one sub outstanding (late news: now paid!).

Rotating in the District

The Council meeting at Withington Girls High School during September had the pleasure of your President and myself for company. We, on your behalf, offered to host the SEPTEMBER 2004 Council meeting. Now we have to find a satisfactory venue, either at Bramhall High or the Ladybridge. Likely date is week commencing 27th September. The High School access and parking are very good, and the hall, but the adjacent kitchen is awful. Ladybridge has good facilities, but trying to find it could be a problem. Anyway have a think, and let club council know your preferences, so we can decide.

Membership of Clubs in the District still gives cause for concern, well mine at least. As we gain members so we lose them at the same rate, we seem to be standing still, and you know what that means, in twenty years we shall be no more. There is a good spirit abroad, however, and we shall keep on trying to sell the good news of Rotary and its good works.

The committee is slowly getting to know the clubs by informal visits, and one or two new ideas are going to be tried to assist clubs experiencing difficulties. I will let you know these details later.

David R

Meeting Reports

Young enterprise

The meeting on September 10th got off to a very stuttering start with a very late entrance by M Wolverson (complaining about some act of God or other). Richard Taylor complained about a “virus” – we are not sure whether he was referring to his health or his computer!

After the meal President John introduced Jackie Armstrong from Young Enterprise. Jackie is particularly qualified to advise youngsters on business ventures as in a prior life she was an insolvency practitioner. The activities of Young Enterprise were illustrated to us by a presentation relating to a group of youngsters in New Mills in the High Peak who formed a company called “Revent”. This comprises of 11 students who identified the opportunity to develop a business allied to the “Tours New Mills Millennium Project”. The essence of their concept was to provide Souvenirs relating to this project as it has attracted high numbers of visitors and remarkably has not developed the commercial aspects that the sale of souvenirs could provide. The Revent team made it through to the 2001

North Western Finalist at the Lowry Centre and became the North West Company of the Year. Their glory was to be the representatives for the North West at the International Business Awards at the Savoy Hotel in July 2001 where Estelle Morris (then Educational Minister) was the guest speaker – “Heavy hitting stuff!!” The team upheld the honour of the region and came 3rd receiving a prize of £500 from HSBC.

Young Enterprise has been in existence for 40 years, 145,000 students in the UK participated last year and the principle is that each group forms an enterprise with real shares (often bought by family and friends), real share capital, real money and no borrowings. The objective is to inculcate the world of work and to inspire self-employment and entrepreneurship. There are 5 programmes designated by each group. Revent is for 15-19 year olds; they choose any product or service and ‘anything goes’ except food or electrical products. The successful teams make it through to a grand final in Europe. The organisation is promoted in a numbers of ways including trade standards, business placements, website etc. Last year 45

companies were formed in Greater Manchester – this year it has risen to 60. The great need of the organisation is to obtain business advisors who can give up to 1-2 hours per week. Michael Lacey undertook to pick up the subject. The evening concluded in good spirits.

Tony Burch

Brainstorming on 17th September

What an important meeting this was, and it was disappointing that more members could not be present. The whole of the business section of the meeting was devoted to a brainstorm with the theme – “What is wrong with our meetings and how can they be improved?” All present completed a response slip with comments and these were pooled in to 2 or 3 main groups; a member spoke on behalf of that group.

David Dewhurst – More outside functions, eg. visit to Manchester Town Hall, Velodrome, MCR Victorian Society-tour of Manchester, picnics, archery etc. After much discussion a vote was totally in favour of these suggestions.

Dennis Allport – More involvement in Community Projects. He gave examples of painting Stepping Hill Hospital Corridor, and renovating old peoples gardens.

Tim Sheppard – More notice of forthcoming events should be

available. Better communication needed – perhaps the programme could be circulated by e-mail. We should aim to have a programme detailed for 3 months.

Sam Kennedy – Quality of Speakers. The Club should empower each member to organise at least one meeting each year – either find a speaker or organise something different. What a great suggestion. Council to consider and report back.

John Mould – We have too many meetings. We could reduce the number, e.g. after a Bank Holiday Monday.

David Poizer – More structured interaction with other clubs. Possibly joint projects or social functions eg snooker or bowls evenings.

A very worthwhile meeting, which could have had more time devoted to discussion of this important topic. We must ensure that firm ideas are put in place and that the Club acts on these – otherwise this meeting was a waste of time.

Kelvin Death

17th Charter Night

It doesn't seem 17 years since we were chartered. Perhaps that is a sign of getting older! About 40 members and guests (three ladies included this time, and none of them Rotarians so far as I know – now that's an innovation) enjoyed a roast beef dinner with wine (provided in the price) on 24th September to celebrate the occasion.

Charter Evening is, of course, about toasting us, RI, Guests as well as the Queen. Each toast was naturally preceded by a light-hearted speech, with emphasis on the great organisation to which we all belong. Tony Burch did the honours to RI, and DG Chris Boyes sang our praises amidst plenty

of revelations to prove that he had been doing his Internet homework looking for anything that related to our club (quite a lot surprisingly!). President John welcomed our guests and Rtn. Philip Andrews (RC Northwich) regaled us with stories of Rotary venues, and excuses for absence from school (he was a headmaster for many years) when responding on behalf of our guests.

There was no S at A, mercifully, and no committee reports either, despite President John coyly inviting some. Now that's another innovation! (John being coy, I mean).

'Rotide'

(Ed: who on earth is that?)

Committee night, October 1st

This was a committee night where attendance was maybe affected somewhat by Man. United's Champion's league endeavours, judging by the number of apologies. (Do we really need to know why people are missing or where they are?). From the highlights watched later on, I think the Rotary meeting was the best deal.

As a side issue, I'm learning that there's an art to getting the best sitting area for meetings at The Ladybridge Club. Ideally, you don't want to be

among the group who get served first; this way you get to see what the choices look like before you make your decision. On the other hand, if you're in the last wave, there's a chance they may run out of the dish you want. Anyway on this occasion, I got served first and wished I'd chosen the alternative.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: Nothing. Question from Bob about the Memorial Plantation, niftily intercepted by the President (obviously anticipating the Q.) that we would now be having a memorial

plantation to all those members who had sadly left us.

Ways & Means: Ron reported on behalf of John Sykes: Christmas Grotto would start 22nd November. Barton Grange had suggested that Tuesday & Thursday should be 2 – 6PM. Admission will be £3.00. Barton Grange need sight of our insurance documents.

Retrobeats 24th October £16.00 per person including meal. Venue – Cheadle Golf Club.

Programme: Dennis announced various changes to the programme, which totally confused me so hopefully this bit will get reported elsewhere.

Community Service: Kelvin gave details of local schools participating in the “Young Enterprise” scheme and highlighted that advisors were needed urgently.

An area is being sought for planting of the commemorative trees (mentioned earlier).

A donation of £300.00 has been agreed for Valley School.

East Cheshire Hospice will be the beneficiary from the Christmas Grotto. Macmillan Nurses are raising £1.5m for a new cancer facility at Macclesfield hospital and need volunteer collectors. Suggestion is that we offer our services for 3rd December, possibly afternoon /

evening after which we meet for a meal at the Ladybridge Club.

2004 / 2005 is centennial year for Rotary. Suggestions needed for a centennial project.

International / Foundation: Tim advised that the Morecambe Bay walk had raised £500.00. He is waiting expectantly for empty marmalade jars – well full jars actually but money instead of marmalade. (did anyone notice the sugar content of that marmalade? I think the dentists will be the main winners).

There will be a donation again instead of sending Christmas cards.

The shoe box scheme will be repeated.

Social: Sam Kennedy reported in Paul’s absence: Beaujolais Evening 21st November. Probable venue - Bridge Lane Scout hut.

Christmas Dinner: 17th December Bramhall Park Golf Club, both events open to guests.

End of collection party 21st December, venue to be arranged – possibly Barton Grange.

PRO: In Henry’s absence it was highlighted that the path clearance programme had been widely reported in the local press.

S. at Arms: Alan fined most (although not me despite early threats).

Raffle: Won by somebody.

John Mould

The lowdown on the venue

Chris O'Dyer, the chairperson of the Ladybridge Park Residents' Club told us about the Club and its facilities on 15th October. All house owners on the estate have to agree, on purchase of their property, to pay a fee (decided annually) to the Club. Currently it is £110/year. A Management Company of five elected Directors runs the Club for the benefit of the residents. All give their time voluntarily, and a great deal depends on their willingness to work for others. Chris also is the chef. She has a paid General Manager to run the day to day matters.

The Club provides a large sports hall cum events venue, two squash courts, changing and showering facilities, two bar areas (lounge and TV) and a function room. Upstairs is a three bed flat (unoccupied).

Chris is eager to host events, the proceeds of which helps the finances. Chris explained that all the food was freshly prepared daily. We are able to use all the facilities as guests, a charge being payable for the sports on offer. Several residents' clubs use the premises (karate, bridge, computing etc), the idea being to provide a real sense of community for all age groups.

Chris is one of those committed people, willing to put a lot of effort into a worthwhile project of high

social value. As Mac said in his vote of thanks, we are fortunate in having this venue in which we feel very much 'at home'.

From the start of 2004, members will take turns to fix about half the club meetings – so we can look forward to exhilarating speakers, riveting visits and spectacular other events. Or will it just be more quizzes? Watch this space!

Paul Ridgway is unwell unfortunately, and his role as Social Chairman has been taken over by Sam Kennedy.

The Christmas Grotto time approaches and we are all asked to do at least five shifts in our major annual effort. It's hard work, but really rewarding.

Jam jars full of loose change should be returned to Tim Sheppard. All the money is going to Rotary Foundation. When you fill one jar, it will be emptied for you to refill it! Now isn't that helpful?

S @ A Malcolm came up with an original wheeze. Pay a £1 fine (note the inflationary rise) or tell a joke. It took longer than usual, but we got some good jokes, some old ones and some pounds for the funds. Bob B took home two bottles of vino to the usual protests of unfairness in the lottery.

Rotide

Art for the masses

October 29th, being a fifth Wednesday, it was time for an away day (strictly speaking evening). When Tony announced a visit to Stockport Art Gallery I am sure most members, including me, were not certain what we were letting ourselves in for and you could sense an air of anticipation as we assembled in the entrance hall with our wives.

What we got was an evening of three parts. First John Sculley, Head of Culture at Stockport MBC, gave a fascinating talk on the building that is Stockport War Memorial and Art Gallery to give it its full name. It was conceived as a dual-purpose building – to be a memorial and an exhibition gallery. The foundation stone was laid in September 1923 and the building was completed in October 1925 at a cost of £24000 which was raised by the people of Stockport. The Hall of Memory contains panels with the names of 2200 who died in the First World War including two nurses who died of Spanish Flu. They are grouped by their regiments, predominantly the Cheshire regiment, with extra panels added to cover the Second World War and later conflicts. There is a large sculpture group in the hall carved from white Carrera marble by Gilbert Ledward. John then proceeded to draw out of us the symbolism that we probably knew but needed prompting to discuss. The 11ft tall figure of Britannia draped in a Union Jack

represents the nation state. The downward pointing sword – freedom and honour, the laurel wreath – victory, the kneeling naked man and broken sword – sacrifice, the serpent squashed beneath a shield – the vanquished enemy.

After a refreshing tea/coffee break we then started the second part of the evening. Split into teams of three we were asked to explore the art gallery and choose a painting that we liked and one we disliked giving three reasons for each. When we came to the review stage it was interesting that the paintings we liked were all different whereas the disliked had a common theme of what I will describe a modern art symbolism. The distorted faces and figures meant more when John explained that they were by someone who had survived the Holocaust. No doubt we will all look at paintings in a different way in future and try to understand the meanings and emotions the artist is hoping to convey.

The third and final part was a Chinese banquet at the Rainbow in Cheadle Hulme. Some managed quite well with chopsticks but others insisted on knives and forks.

If you have never been to the War Memorial and Art Gallery then try to find the time to go. A great evening – thanks to Tony for his organisation.

Ron M

Committee Night - November 5th

Despite the attractions elsewhere of a warm dry Bonfire Night, 21 members and 3 guests enjoyed a well prepared and delightfully served meal. The highlight of the evening was the induction of David Rose. David is a rarity amongst our members in that he approached the club rather than having his arm twisted to join. Congratulations David and may you enjoy many happy years with us.

Secretary David reminded us that nominations for officers for 2004/5 (particularly a Vice-President) are needed by 10th December.

Treasurer Ron reported the balances in our accounts. Our Charity receipts which are likely to be down this year because we will not have a tin collection at Barton Grange.

Ways and Means Chairman John reported on an enjoyable but unfortunately poorly attended band night at Cheadle Golf Club. Receipts were well down at £350. His committee were considering another night with a well known band that has a its own following, possibly in the large room at the Ladybridge Club.

Club Services Chairman Tony was thanked for organising a very interesting visit to the Art Gallery.

President John remarked that attendance at this had been disappointing, less than 40% of members being present. Tony reminded members of the new arrangements for organising meetings starting in the New Year. He hoped members would plan at least two months ahead so that the programme can be properly coordinated.

Community Service Chairman Kelvin read out the suggested wording for the plaque on the footbridge in Bramhall Park. He also reminded us of commitment to collect at Morrisons on Dec. 3rd -still vacancies on the rota !!.

International Chairman Tim reminded us that we will be filling shoe boxes again before Christmas and those who borrow money may like to use the Rotary credit card from which Foundation receive a donation.

Christmas Dinner with our Ladies and other guests is on Dec. 17th and a "post-grotto" party on December 21st. A Safari Supper is planned for January 24th. Do please support these events.

Malcolm collected fines from those who couldn't think of a joke, but because of the lateness of the hour didn't give Bob Stevenson the option. Tony won his own bottle of wine in the raffle.

Committee Night mark 2

It is not often that the editor gets two contributions about the same evening! Not to look a gift horse in the mouth as they say.....

Members, guests and visitors battled through to our meeting room through what sounded like a war zone (note the date).

Tony Burch welcomed David Rose, Harry Hill & John Holme (guest of Malcolm Hurst) to the meeting, noted that there were 2 non-apologies and that Paul Ridgeway was now at home and welcoming visitors and phone calls and was hoping to return to Rotary meetings in December. John Sykes reminded us to complete the Grotto rota.

After the committees met, David Rose was inducted by The President, having been introduced by Tony. All 3 vied for the longest speech, key points being:

David found us via our publicity – he was not coerced by a friend. David is a retired ENT specialist, specialising in children's hearing, and has been passed by the CRB.

Officer & committee reports followed.

Secretary

Election of Officials would take place on 10th December – VP required!

We would be hosting a District Meeting in September 2004

We are introducing a display panel to supplement the white book.

Treasurer (Ron Malabon)

Balances given

Barton Grange receipts will £2k be down as no tin rattling. FC should bring in £2.5k from Barton Grange. The charity will be chosen by BG this year – but this policy is under review for next year. Next summer BG is holding a staff BBQ for which we will provide manpower, in return for a donation.

Ways and Means (John 'Rota' Sykes)

The Retrobeats gig was poorly attended with only 13 Rotarians so only £350 was raised.

A series of events in the 200 capacity Ladybridge Park gym is proposed, aimed at The Public. LP will publicise and provide facilities free!

Believing that Round Table was struggling to maintain all nights of their Christmas Float; a proposal to take it over for a couple of nights, with Rotary

retaining the proceeds, was well supported.

Programme (Tony ‘Fast & Furious’ Burch)

A sheet outlining the programme for the rest of the year was distributed.

Tony requested 8 weeks notice from Member organised nights. Membership was up by one (see above), and the prospect pipeline looks healthy.

Sid commented on how enjoyable the visit to Stockport Art Gallery was.

Community Service, Vocation & Yoof

The cost of a plaque for the bridge in Bramhall Park is being investigated.

We are collecting on behalf of Macmillan Nurses at Morrisons’ Supermarket in Cheadle Heath. RIBI National President is visiting The Bridge on 12th November @ 3pm. All welcome.

International & Foundation (Tim ‘Marmalade’)

Shoeboxes would again be sent to deserving families in Eastern Europe.

The meeting agreed that Members could Gift Aid money to Sightsavers in lieu of sending Christmas Cards to each other.

Social (Sam “It’ll be alright on the night” Kennedy)

17/12 Christmas Dinner:
BPGC

21/12 After Grotto Party:
BG

24/1 Burns’ Night Safari Supper
HT&E

27/2 President’s Night:
Hunting Lodge,
Adlington Hall

S&A (Malcolm “The Highwayman” Hurst)

Malcolm extracted £1 from miscreants who were unable to tell a joke. Bob Stevenson was not given an option.

After the usual check on forthcoming duties and a completely unmemorable AOB, the meeting expired at 22:50.

G Yule

Family histories

Searching family histories is one of today's most popular hobbies – actually the second most popular Internet topic. The first is not Rotary! Family research usually leads to social history – how our forebears lived and died. Most of us can find out about our ancestors back to around 1830, given a bit of luck, diligence and plenty of time. John Fielding, a member of the Cheshire Family History Society, gave a very interesting talk on November 12th to a well attended meeting. There are plenty of records available to those interested – certificates of births, marriages and deaths, not to mention the 10-yearly census's, wills and much else besides. Parish records are a critical source pre-1837 as compulsory registration of births, marriages and deaths did not start until after this date.

It was less than two centuries ago that selling a wife was possible – a Macclesfield man didn't want his, sold her for six pence and promptly bought another for three pence. He thought he had had a profitable day, I suppose! Parishes had a legal responsibility to pay for orphans and illegitimate children, and devised plenty of ruses to minimise their costly obligations. Magistrates would, for example, sometimes not impose a sentence on a minor felon if

he could be coerced into marrying an unmarried pregnant female of the Parish.

John implored all of us to annotate our family photographs, so that our grandchildren would know who-was-who in years to come. It's too late once you've gone! Several questions followed the talk, before David R thanked John on our behalf.

Social Sam reminded us of the Beaujolais evening on 21st November, where for a paltry sum, food, entertainment and intoxication could be obtained.

Good news from Ron the money; he had collected all the subs! John the ways and the means was almost replete with grotto helpers and red cloaked impostors, whilst our President still basked in praise from the DG and the RIBI President who had recently visited out Millennium Bridge. Graham the sales touted his wares (good to see him in action), before President John scooped the raffle with his ticket only just added to the others. Lucky or what? David Dewhurst sent us home without 50p's, with a reminder ringing in our ears from the Pres. not to forget the Christmas Dinner on 17th December. Bring your friends, they will enjoy it.

Dennis A

The good wife's guide

*being an abstract from 'Housekeeping Monthly,
13 May 1955*

Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready, on time for his return.

Prepare yourself for when he arrives. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people.

Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.

Be happy to see him. Don't greet him with complaints and problems.



Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.

Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or have him lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.

Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner without you. Try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real need to be at home and relax.

It's obvious when you know! Answers somewhere in the Bulletin

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A moral story

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, an elegant carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."
"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said: What goes round comes round.

"The Cow's Lament".

(a WW2 tale of country matters)

I've just given birth to a calf sir,
With motherly love I am full,
But please do not laugh sir and please do not chaff sir
When I tell you I've not had a bull.

Oh the meadow's the dreariest place sir,
No longer the pasture is gay
And the one bit of fun in the year's endless run
Has by science been taken away.



No bull has made passionate love to me;
I've not had the least of a binge.
Instead of being loved I've been mercilessly shoved
By a dirty great brown brass syringe.

Now you may say that's all very well sir,
But I'm envious and full of dismay.
For those Land Army tarts who invaded my parts
Still get it the old fashioned way.

If you're over 30 (and who isn't?)

A computer was something on TV,
From a science show of note.
A window was something you hate
to clean,
A ram was a kind of goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend,
Gig was a job for the nights.
Now they all mean different things,
And that really mega bytes!

An application was for employ-
ment,
A programme was a
TV show.
A cursor used profan-
ities,
A keyboard was a
piano.

Memory was some-
thing you lost with
age,
A CD was a bank
account
And if you had a 3 inch floppy
You hoped no-one found out!

Compress was something you did to
garbage,
Not something you did to a file.

And if you unzipped in public
You'd be in jail for quite a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire,
Hard drive was a long trip on the
road.

A mouse pad was where a mouse
lived
And a back up happened to your
commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife,
Paste you did with glue.

A web was a spi-
der's home,
And a virus was
the flu.

I guess I'll stick
to my pad and
paper,
And the memory
in my head.

I hear nobody's
dead from a com-

puter crash –
But when that happens...

They wish they were dead!



Diary

December 3	Dr Robert Garson - USA post-September 11
December 10	Committee night and EGM (election of Officers)
December 17	Christmas Dinner: Bramhall Park Golf Club
December 21	Post-grotto party
December 24	no meeting
December 31	no meeting

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January 24	Burns Night safari supper
January 28	Swiss Consul: our ladies are invited to this meeting
February 18	Amy Wilson: MacMillan - new cancer resource
February 27	President's Night: Hunting Lodge, Adlington Hall

For all other meetings, see the rota below. If you cannot arrange a meeting, please find a replacement. Please advise Tony Burch as soon as possible of the details of the meetings that have been arranged.

January 7	Committee night
January 14	Club Services
January 21	Allport/Barker
February 4	Committee night
February 11	Batty/Boyes
February 25	Club Services
March 3	Committee night
March 10	Dewhurst/Hurst
March 17	Club Services
March 24	Lacey/Kennedy
March 31	5 th Wednesday
April 7	Committee night
April 14	Malabon/McLeod
April 21	Club Services
April 28	Mould/Newsome
May 5	Committee night
May 12	Poizer/Rabone
May 19	Club Services
May 26	Ridgway/Sheppard
June 2	Committee night

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
December 3	R Malabon	M Lacey	M Mcleod
December 10	J Mould	A Newsome	D Poizer
December 17 2004	Christmas Dinner		
January 7	D Rabone	D Allport	T Sheppard
January 14	S Smith	N Smethurst	B Stevenson
January 21	J Sykes	J Thewlis	R Taylor
January 28	M Wolverson	H Barker	G Yule
February 4	H Boyes	S Davies	T Burch
February 11	K Death	S Day	G Hunt
February 18	D Dewhurst	M Hurst	M Lacey
February 25	S Kennedy	R Malabon	M McLeod
March 3	J Mould	A Newsome	D Poizer
March 10	D Rabone	D Rose	S Smith
March 17	T Sheppard	B Stevenson	N Smethurst
March 24	R Taylor	J Sykes	J Thewlis
March 31	5th Wed	G Yule	5th Wed
April 7	H Barker	H Boyes	B Batty
April 14	T Burch	S Day	S Davies

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

Be careful!

If you go into a US department store and ask for vest, knickers, suspenders, jumper and pants you would get a waistcoat, a knee length trouser for golfers, braces, a pinafore dress and ? (no equivalent).

Go for it / repeat after me / money in the bank / out for lunch / Andes mountains / forecast / up
 tight / over worked and under paid / absentee / top secret / mother in law / foreign land / ice
 cube / made in China / tennis shoe / jumping up and down / won by a nose / elbow grease /
 gross injustice / good intentions / banana split / making ends meet / toucan / blanket / right be-
 tween the eyes / forever / Tuesday / excuse me / flippancy / high point in my life / hitting be-
 low the belt / the odds are against you / equal rights / turn over a new leaf / free for all / bad
 influence

BLIND RUN

Mrs Joan Kuroski, 13 Hulme Hall Cres., Cheadle Hulme
Tel: 485 6729 Pick up 7.00 pm
Mrs Phyllis Bell, Flat 19B, York Close, Cheadle Hulme
Tel: 428 8008 Pick up 7.15 pm
Bernard Sharp, 6 Woodbury Rd., Birdhall Lane, Cheadle Hulme
Tel: 428 6506 Pick up 7.20 pm

Mrs Dorothy Birch, 53 Mill Lane, Woodley
Tel: 355 3252 Pick up 7.00 pm
Mrs Joan Goodall, 3 Poise Brook Drive, Offerton
Tel: 456 2076 Pick up 7.15 pm
Mrs Edith Fidler, 18 Old Hall Drive, Offerton
Tel: 483 2286 Pick up 7.15 pm

Make sure that you know where to find them. Ring up Sunday or Monday to check that your passengers still need a lift. If you can't get through, go round anyway at the appointed time. Let Geoff Hunt know if you get stuck. Please swap with someone if you can't do your appointed run. During holiday periods, Walthew House may be closed. Cancellations will be announced at club meetings.

December 2	G Hunt	M Lacey
December 9	R Malabon	J Meeus
December 16	J Mould	A Newsome
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January 6	D Poizer	D Rabone
January 13	P Ridgway	T Sheppard
January 20	S Smith	N Smethurst
January 27	B Stevenson	J Sykes
February 3	M Wolverson	G Yule
February 10	H Barker	B Batty
February 17	D Allport	H Boyes
February 24	T Burch	S Davies
March 2	S Day	K Death
March 9	D Dewhurst	M Hurst
March 16	S Kennedy	M Lacey
March 23	R Malabon	J Meeus
March 30	J Mould	A Newsome
April 6	D Poizer	D Rabone



'LEND A HAND'

Involvement and communication

Meal Apologies

Don't forget that all meal apologies must be made either

by phoning 07005 964 624

or

emailing to

Apologies@bramhall-woodford-rotary.org.uk

before midday on Tuesday

**We meet at the the Ladybridge Park Resident's Club,
Edenbridge Road, Cheadle Hulme.**

Please send all copy for the bulletin to Dennis Allport, preferably
as a Word attachment to an e-mail

dennis-allport@supanet.com