

**Rotarian**

**Rotary Club  
of Bramhall and Woodford**



**BULLETIN**

June 2004



Presentation of cheques to NSPCC and Francis House from money raised at the Christmas Grotto. Alan Beswick (GMR Radio) and club members at Barton Grange on 27th March.

# Presidential pearls

Our Editor, Dennis, reliably informs me that this my last bulletin of the Presidential year! It hardly seems but a couple of months since I wrote the first Presidential Pearls (Not to us I here some say!!!) and at that time I wrote about Involvement and Communication being our club's theme as an extension to the International theme of Lending a Hand. That proposal has in many respects been followed through and has been demonstrated in the success, in various aspects, of the Club this past year

It is sometimes said that the President's job is an easy task. I could not agree more. Especially when the support team, consisting of the Officers of the Club, the various committees and the respective chairmen, is as good as the one that has represented the Club this past year. It is not my intention to go into detail here as this will be adequately set down in the written reports at the AGM. However I would like to touch on just a few; House & Membership, five new members this year and one possibly in the pipe line brought about by the 'extended policy' of a Club referring a prospective member through the network; Social, who could forget Bojolly and the celebration of the Scottish Bard; International, the continuing success of the Shoe Box and Disaster Box schemes; Ways & Means, always an uphill task for the chairman and his committee, but again an excellent administration and organisation at the Barton Grange Grotto; Community Service, from hedges to Scientific Seminars in London for School children but most importantly the Garden of Remembrance which was finally laid out this year. Thank you all in Rotary and to the Rotary Wives especially for their help at Christmas.

Now we can look forward to the future under the very experienced incoming Pres Michael and for the first time in the history of the Club Second Vice Pres John.

A happy and most successful year but also a sad one in the passing away of Paul. A tragic loss to Carmel and Lauren, his extended family and friends and not least of all his friends in Rotary in which he spent such a short but very effective time. He will be sorely missed.

**President John**

# Council capers

## March

**Dates to note:** AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May:  
Handover 30<sup>th</sup> June: end of year  
BBQ 4<sup>th</sup> July: Charter Night 22<sup>nd</sup>  
September: we host District 1050  
Autumn Council at Bramhall High  
School 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Money:** General Account £2363, but  
with expected outgoings this reduces  
to £731-88.

Charity Account £1396-96, but after  
known commitments this reduces to  
£12-46.

**Club Services:** Attendance OK,  
speakers list as circulated in the  
Bulletin. My Job talks at one per  
evening. Membership still a priority.

**International and Foundation:**  
Spread and Save has collected £136  
so far. David Dewhurst is well ahead  
for the prize! Water filter being

chased up, and Morecambe Bay walk  
to be arranged again. Farewell GSE  
Dinner on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Outgoing GSE  
team details coming soon.

**Ways and Means:** £3000 from  
Garden Centre still awaited.  
Presentation being organised. (see  
photo elsewhere). Dakotas concert  
on 22 May. Sponsored walk details  
available. 3-Club event to be  
organised by Henry.

**Community Service:** Plaques for  
the Commemoration Garden and  
Bridge being arranged. Excitement  
of Science – 50 children to be  
involved, all costs approved. Young  
Enterprise needs mentors – can  
District help?

**Centenary:** Ideas for new  
letterheads still wanted. Possibility  
of a project under investigation.

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## April

**Money:** Draft yearly accounts  
discussed. Subs for next year  
proposed.

**Club Services:** Attendances better.  
Graham Vine granted LOA.

**Ways & Means:** Grotto cheque for  
£3500 received. Sponsored walk set  
up.

**Other:** New sweatshirts and name  
badges for all being followed up.  
Provision of induction loop for  
Bramhall Surgery recommended.

# Meeting Reports

## **Silk Museum Visit 31 March 2004**

Chauffeur John arrived at the HERITAGE CENTRE to find a couple of forlorn Rotarians outside the locked door. After two laps of the Silky Way in a formula one Mondeo aided by 21<sup>st</sup> century technology the air-traffic controller, aka John Sykes, we landed at Park Street.

Fourteen including several ladies were introduced to our guide. Richard explained these museums were the first to cover all aspects of the silk industry and Macclesfield, mentioned in the Doomsday Book, gained Borough status in 1261.

We entered Paradise Mill (?misnomer) the site of the first throwing mill built by Charles Roe, a wealthy copper merchant from Alderley Edge, to the second floor. This unique handloom weaving room was crammed with silent machines previously water powered by the River Bollin. Richard backdated to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the raw material was imported from the Far East to prepare the yarn, then to Spitalfields for luxury goods and ceremonial items. In the late 1780s the hand looms needed the nimble fingers of women and children to produce strengthened yarn for conversion by men in the weavers' garrets. 18<sup>th</sup>

century technology failed to work despite "Rotarian advisors". We now had problems differentiating the warp from the weft!

I was fascinated with "the father of the punch-card system" the incredible jacquard process imported from Paris around 1820. At last our footloose guide demonstrated how the perforated cards, designed in the end room, facilitated the weaving of intricate patterns. Over the decades the industry went from boom to slump with an up-lift during the war and silk, a strong material, was used for parachutes.

A walk through the fake Director's office albeit with authentic equipment ended the tour. We returned to the art school and shop for wine and female retail therapy. The tribe minus three wandered across the elegant Park Green to the Raj restaurant aided by a local Geordie! We ordered our main dishes except our President who, believe it or not, was advised by his loyal cocoon Mary.

John regained control as home navigator. We enjoyed the evening but suggest the provision of ordnance survey maps in future.

David Rose

## Committees on 7<sup>th</sup> April

The meeting was a very lively affair considering it was "committee night". The President thanked the 21 members who attended but made the point, and I think quite rightly, that not all other members had good reason not to attend, and how did they think they could keep an interest in the club if they were not aware what other committees are planning – let alone their own.

Harry Hill made us all feel good by telling us that in his opinion we saved some lives on Stroke Awareness Day, whereas Bob Batty made us all feel bad by fining anything that moved in the room as S @ A.

I again contributed to the wine cellars of the rich and famous – in this case Stephen Day.

This year we made the point that we wanted to have Ways and Means events that didn't necessarily depend

on each member bringing the regulation friend or relative, so John Sykes organised the Dakotas for an evening. So far ticket sales tend to be at the embarrassment level, and although it is still some time off, we need to give the event some thought. John has put leaflets in many shops in the area, he has E-mailed other clubs and has even got a promise from Alan Beswick to mention it on his radio spot. No doubt all of this will bear fruit, but if you have any ideas, let John know. The theme could be a good regular fund-raiser if it is handled properly and does not require vast man-hours.

As I started by praising the President, I feel I must close by admonishing him. He interrupted me in full flow, which as most of you know is a very dangerous thing to do. I could get withdrawal symptoms and become very shy.

Herb Boyes

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A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

## Orchids in Nepal

Just 18 members and two visiting Rotarians gathered to see what Mr. Malabon and Mr. McLeod had organised on 14 April. Regrettably that was not all we found out. Before any business was transacted, President John called upon Lauren Ridgway to say a few words. The family, including Paul, had asked if she could do so. Somehow we all knew this was not good news. Fellow Rotarian Paul should be very proud of his daughter. The sad news she had to impart cannot have been easy for her. She displayed great courage and dignity in advising us that whilst Paul was still his normally cheerful self, his time with us is regrettably short. All present were mightily impressed at the moral fibre of one so young.

As it turned out, Ron and Mac had chosen their speaker well. We needed to be taken off somewhere else. We were. Shiela Morten, long time friend of Ron and President John, took us to Nepal, to be precise, accompanied by the most wonderful slide presentation of a 12 day walk up and down the Himalaya(s). Orchid specialist Shiela advised us that there is no "s" on the end of Himalaya, that Nepal was actually pronounced Nepple, (I think I heard her right), and Michael Howard has a favourite tree there. A "Pipple" Tree. (Those who understand Llanelli pronunciation will know what she means). Her photographs of

her amazing trek through the mountains were a delight. Her obvious commitment to her subject, and general physical fitness, shining out of the pictures themselves. Twelve days and eighty miles, despite a Maoist uprising and murder in the Nepalese Royal Family. Visiting Poynton Rotarian Mr. Berger then launched into his sales pitch for Poynton "Chicago Night" at the Plaza Cinema in Stockport. Tickets £8 each.

Then Bob Batty advised us of the "Mystery of the discarded T-shirt". A sudden hush fell over the room. Trepidation and fear was all around. We almost expected to be warned not to "cross the moor, and if we do- make sure we stick to the path!" Someone had apparently discarded their Rotary T-shirt with total "abandon" during the course of Stroke Awareness Day. Ahhh! (Interest perked up in some quarters). I enquired "if it had been found at the back of Centre Point?" (Interest grew yet higher). This was building up into a bigger story than Posh Becks and thingimibob.

Unfortunately nothing so exciting. Somebody had simply forgotten to take their t-shirt home with them. No one was claiming it. We are sure there is a perfectly reasonable explanation. (Mind you- I still think there might be more to this than meets the eye!) Remember-you read it in "The Bulletin" first!

Stephen Day

## **District Matters!**

We started off with good news and bad news on 21st April. The good news was that David Rabone had double booked himself, so standing in for him at the last minute was Mike Payne.

Vice President Michael was in the chair, and the bad news was a text message received from President John stating that Carmel Ridgeway had requested no more visitors to see Paul – our thoughts are certainly with all the family.

A warm welcome was given to Mike Payne, who came to talk about District matters – OR DOES IT !!!

There are 530 Districts worldwide, and all DG's meet for a week in Anaheim, but in 2006/07 the venue will change to San Diego. There are approx 1.2 million Rotarians in 36600 Clubs. Mike explained how DG's are elected in USA- something about self ----- farts (Fearless American Rotary Trustees). Of course, things are different in RIBI and all DG's are properly elected.

We have 47 Clubs in our District 1050, and we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest District in RIBI (1200 members) and probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest in RI – normally Districts have 2000+ members.

Legislation Council meet this year and there is a strong possibility that they will make some important decisions – the regularity of meetings is one topic to be debated. DG is the only person in District who is an officer of RI. The day to day matters are handled by Executive Committee.

Whilst Mike did not fully explain what District does, he certainly detailed how it is constructed and what we as Rotarians get for our District Subs. He took questions which were mainly slanted towards requesting less bureaucracy.

Dennis Allport gave a deserved vote of thanks to a speaker who is always good value and entertaining. Sergeant at Arms David Dewhurst did his usual sterling ?? job and we departed having enjoyed a meeting with fellowship and plenty of the usual banter.

Kelvin Death

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Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

### **Trials and tribulations of a tourist guide**

As we were joined by our ladies on 28<sup>th</sup> April, we had managed to pre-empt the Speakers Club for use of the main dining room – on the precondition that we quit the bar area early before we became too rowdy.

Our guest speaker was Barbara Frost, a blue badge guide, whose special responsibility was to “show off” Greater Manchester and the North West to visitors, especially those from abroad. The tours include art galleries, theatres and other places of special interest in the area. In particular, Barbara arranges tours around Manchester’s Midland Hotel (where Rolls originally met Royce – you know the rest of the story) and she has even written a book about the history of the place.

Formerly with the Housing Association and now semi-retired, Barbara gave us a very amusing and anecdotal talk. She was very much involved with the recent Commonwealth Games in Manchester and (almost) found herself on posters throughout the city holding, in one hand, a basket of tickets for the Games and, in the other hand, a basket of contraceptives for the athletes! Happily for her the

advertisement was cancelled! She obviously enjoys her work. As she says, every day is different. However, training to be a blue badge guide can be expensive and a foreign language would be useful ...Japanese by all accounts! Ron Malabon, who has personal experience of Barbara’s tours (doesn’t he get around – Nepal one week and Manchester the next – such a well travelled gent) gave an appropriate vote of thanks and was loudly applauded by the ladies present.

There was not much business to report. Secretary, David, reminded club chairmen that written reports were required for the AGM with his usual ebullient charm – on pain of ex-communication. As Sergeant at Arms, Harry Hill was acerbic, amusing and original - not bad for a Yorkshireman. Few of us were spared. Sid Davies is thinking of setting up as a blue badge guide to do tours of Llandudno for the English.

Our wives have now made the acquaintance of the young nubile waitresses and now understand why we have seen a significant upward movement in the attendance chart.

Geoff Hunt

## **Serious stuff on 5<sup>th</sup> May**

The meeting started 10 minutes late. Initially 28 people – including three guests of John Mould (he said they were his friends - but we know better!) sat down to dinner. It was most encouraging to see Mike Palmer back with us for just one evening. Perhaps he was back in the northern sector to punish some poor northern businessman for trying to make too much money!

I did notice that Dennis Allport was served first – even before the President and our speaker. The meal which consisted of Soup, followed by either Pasta or Paella and rounded off with either cheesecake or fruit salad and squirry cream was excellent.

Guests and visitors was given Dennis Allport – standing in for Tony Burch - who no doubt is driving at great speed somewhere in the world in a Stanley Steamer Special. The guests also included Gordon Jackson who has decided he can put up with us yet again! The main reason for a good turnout was to hear our speaker, Bob Bischof. Bob, a most excellent speaker, has addressed us before – but more of him later

John Sykes interrupted our digestions by giving us the update on The Dakota's concert on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Basically speaking chaps, John wants to see you selling many more

tickets plus the colour of your money! John also reminded Rotarians of the Charity walk from Lands End to John O'Groats and asked for anyone interested to take part in the Knutsford part of the walk - approx. 6 miles.

Reporting on Bob's talks is always difficult unless one has access to either a tape recorder or a knowledge of Pitman's shorthand so if my remarks seem brief at times, I must apologise for not having either! Bob started by saying that as well as being a manufacturing advisor to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, he was also the latter's sexual advisor which he explained in more detail!

He then went on to discuss Government's policies and in particular the economic situation in the U.K. There has been over 1,000,000 job losses since this Government came into power. These have been mainly in the manufacturing sector. The main increase in jobs since 1997 has been overwhelmingly in the public sector, an unproductive one. There is a distinct possibility of interest rates going up, which would not create too much anxiety to the overall (ageing) population, nevertheless could damage the remaining manufacturing and exporting companies. Bob insisted that the U.K. needs much more manufacturing and needs to change the housing market.

He commented on Prime Minister Blair making his U turn regarding the referendum. Whilst it is fairly easy to horse trade with 10 European countries, and to play one country against another to achieve their individual requirements, that will not be possible with 25 countries. It is going to be difficult to steer a steady course. After several questions from the floor, Bob said that the problems with possible inflation was not as serious as the one of deflation. Basically speaking, Bob was against joining Europe at this time.

Regarding identity cards, he suggested that this country needs ID cards to protect the majority. He quoted his own country Germany, who relaxed the rules on foreign entry. After reunion with East Germany, a census found an extra 5,000,000 people they couldn't account for. Now Germany has closed its borders. They send people with no identification back. He forecasted more difficulties now with 25 nations in E.U. There is a possibility with good ID the "big brother" scenario that governments employ, could be reduced.

Alan Newsome then gave a wholesome vote of thanks for such an excellent talk.

Other business:

David Rabone reminded Rotarians that next Monday evening at the Deanwater was to meet the GSE teams and consequentially there would be no Rotary meeting next Wednesday. There would however be a joint meeting of the old and new committee chairmen instead.

John Thewlis's number came up yet again in the raffle, but having won the wine for the 21<sup>st</sup> time since he joined Rotary, he very kindly asked that it was re-raffled. It was then re-won by a guest.

Henry was S.A.A. He fined everyone including your correspondent. He will be walking home next time!

The meeting disbanded in a haze of wonderment and beauty!!

Cassandra

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What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

## **KLM Night**

Nothing to do with the former Dutch Airline, but an evening organised by the Kennedy, Lacey Management team based on the theme “we are best when we entertain ourselves”.

The idea – speak for not more than three minutes on a subject defined by KLM. Sam and Michael had put a lot of hard work before the event to pick subject titles for every member of the club, which were applicable to each member, with some latitude in interpretation.

John Meeus ran out of items under the umbrella of “10 things you didn’t know about Belgium”. Tony managed to turn “Seem more bonnets than Jane Austen” into a short discussion of Austin Seven bonnets, these being one of the first cars he owned. Noel lost everyone with his total deviation from

the subject. Graham Vine turned “the art of consulting” into a discussion on malt whisky and paella cooking. You bulletin reporter got carried away with his TR7 and totally blew his three minutes allotted time. John Thewlis showed his military training by keeping exactly to time talking about “Sandhurst – not for plebs” and was awarded first prize for his efforts – a bottle of genuine Southern Comfort, but a miniature. Noel received the surprise prize; a bag of nuts. John T then went on to extract fines from just about everyone.

The only noteworthy item from the business session was to report that the Club had the highest number of new members in the District. Lets keep the accolade for many more years.

John Sykes

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A young fellow called Cholmondeley Colquhoun  
Once kept as a pet a babolquhoun  
His mother said, 'Cholmondeley,  
Do you think it's quite colmondeley  
To feed your babolquhoun with a spolquhoun?'



Just in case you'd forgotten who's in charge come July 1st!.

The new committees were decreed assuming that certain people were elected, and that no palms were greased meantime. Watch this space next issue to see what happens!

**Officers and Committees for 2004/5 (subject to ratification)**

Michael Lacey **President**  
David Rabone **Secretary**  
Ron Malabon **Treasurer**  
Stephen Day **PRO**  
Dennis Allport **chairman Club Services and Bulletin**  
Bob Batty **Club Services**  
Geoff Hunt **Club Services: blind run**  
John Mould **Club Services: deputy chairman**  
David Poizer **Club Services**  
Bob Stevenson **Club Services: membership**  
John Sykes **chairman Community Service, Vocational & Youth**  
Harry Hill **Community Service, Vocational & Youth**  
Marc Wolverton **Community Service, Vocational & Youth**  
Sid Davies **Community Service, Vocational & Youth**  
Simon Smith **Community Service, Vocational & Youth**  
Henry Barker **chairman International & Foundation**  
Tim Sheppard **International & Foundation**  
Graham Vine **International & Foundation**  
Jonathan Sheard **International & Foundation**  
John Holme **International & Foundation**  
David Rose **International & Foundation**  
David Dewhurst **chairman Social**  
Tony Burch **Social**  
Kelvin Death **Social - will attend council**  
Noel Smethurst **Social**  
Richard Taylor **Social**  
Alan Newsome **Social and spectacles**  
Mike Palmer **Social**  
Herb Boyes **chairman Ways & Means**  
John Thewlis **Ways & Means, Vice President**  
Malcom Hurst **Ways & Means and Auditor**  
Sam Kennedy **Ways & Means**  
Graham Yule **Ways & Means and Sales**  
John Meeus **Ways & Means. Imm. Past President**  
Norman Hogben **Ways & Means**  
Mac McLeod **Ways & Means**

## Ambassadorial Scholarships

The District Foundation Committee has now secured funding to allow them to offer an Academic year Ambassadorial Scholarship for the year commencing September 2005.

Applicants must have completed at least 2 years of University or college course work, or have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least 2 years, when the Scholarship begins. They must be citizens of a country where there is a Rotary Club and

initial applications must be made through a Rotary Club, located in the applicants legal or permanent residence, or place of full time study or employment in the District. Candidates must be able to converse in the language of the Country where they hope to Study.

Applications from Rotaract Clubs are eligible and a disability will not bar an applicant. There are conditions which bar lineal descendants of a Rotarians.

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## Peace Scholarships

Do you know someone who is a good negotiator? Rotary International is offering Peace Scholarships to study Peace and Conflict Resolution in 2005/2007 year at one of the seven Study Centres worldwide. The Scholarships are offered on a World Competitive basis and each Rotary District may submit one Candidate. Worldwide 70 Scholarships are funded from Rotary International funds and applications are being received now with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004. The course is a 2 year masters-level Degree programme in conflict resolution.

Applicants will have an academic background, training and the work experience required for this programme. They must be proficient

in more than one language, have excellent leadership skills and have demonstrated a commitment to Peace and International understanding through their personal lives, community service and activity.

Applications must be made through a Rotary Club situated in the applicant's permanent residence area, place of full time study or of employment.

UK candidates would study at one of the 7 Rotary Centres abroad.

Application forms for Peace and Ambassadorial Scholarships are available from:-

*DavidArmstrong*  
*0161 485 1127*  
*david@armstrong1001.freemove.co.uk*

You know you are living in 2004 if:

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail your friend who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
6. When you go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "9" to get an outside line.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
10. You learn you've been laid off on the 11 o'clock news.
11. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
12. Contractors outnumber permanent staff and are more likely to get long-service awards.
13. You read this entire list, and kept nodding and smiling.
14. As you read this list, you think about forwarding it to your "friends".
15. You got this from a friend that never talks to you any more, except to send you jokes from the net.
16. You are too busy to notice there was no No. 9.
17. You actually looked back up to check that there wasn't a No. 9

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Principal - The Reverend Arthur Knight D.T. D.D.T.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2004  
The Secretary  
Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

Dear Sir

Perhaps you have heard of me and my nationwide campaign in the cause of temperance and clean living. Each year for the past fourteen I have made a tour of the major cities in the North of England, including Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Blackpool, where I have delivered a series of lectures on the evils of drink, fornication and so forth.

On these tours, I have been accompanied by a young friend and assistant, David Powell, who came from a good family and was privately educated. He was, however, a pathetic example of a life ruined by excessive indulgence in whisky and loose women. He would appear with me on the stage and sit staring vacantly at the audience through bloodshot eyes, picking his nose, breaking wind and making obscene gestures. I would point him out as an example of what drink and loose living would do.

Last summer, unfortunately, David died. A friend told me that your Club would be a fruitful field to find a replacement for David for this year's coming tour. I am told that most of your members would fit the bill.

Could I ask you to acquaint your members of this very worthy position?

Yours in temperance

Arthur Knight

(Ed: all replies via David Rabone as soon as possible please).

## Diary

May 19	Annual General Meeting
May 22	Dakota concert! Our Ways & Means venture
May 26	'My job' talk
June 2	John Leatherbarrow: Shopmobility Stockport
June 16	Committee night
June 30	Assembly & Handover
July 4	End of year barbecue
July 7	Committee night
August 4	Committee night
September 1	Committee night
September 22	Charter Night
September 29	District Council - we host!
October 6	Committee night
October 8 - 10	District Conference, Southport

**For all other meetings, see the rota below. If you cannot arrange a meeting, please find a replacement. Please advise Tony Burch (Dennis Allport after 1st July) as soon as possible of the details of the meetings that have been arranged. Note that the rota has changed since last issued.**

June 9	Smith/Smethurst
June 23	Stevenson/Sykes
July 14	Taylor/Thewlis
July 21	Vine/Wolverson
July 28	Club Services
August 11	Yule/Barker
August 18	Davies/Day
August 25	Club Services
September 8	Allport/Batty
September 15	Boyes/Burch
October 13	Davis/Day
October 20	Death/Dewhurst
October 27	Club Services

**Meal Apologies:** email [Apologies@bramhall-woodford-rotary.org.uk](mailto:Apologies@bramhall-woodford-rotary.org.uk)  
phone 07005 964 624  
before midday on Tuesday.

## Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
May 26	M McLeod	D Poizer	A Newsome
June 2	Committees	D Rabone	P Ridgway
June 9	D Rose	J Sheard	T Sheppard
June 16	S Smith	N Smethurst	B Stevenson
June 23	J Sykes	J Thewlis	R Taylor
June 30	5th Wed	G Vine	5th Wed
July 7	Committees	G Yule	M Wolverson
July 14	H Barker	B Batty	H Boyes
July 21	T Burch	D Allport	S Day
July 28	S Davies	D Dewhurst	K Death
August 4	H Hill	N Hogben	J Holme
August 11	G Hunt	M Hurst	S Kennedy
August 18	R Malabon	J Meeus	M McLeod
August 25	J Mould	A Newsome	D Poizer
September 1	Committees	D Rabone	D Rose
September 8	J Sheard	T Sheppard	S Smith
September 15	N Smethurst	B Stevenson	J Sykes
September 22	Charter Night	J Thewlis	
September 29	District Council		

**If you cannot attend, please find a replacement! Rota has changed since last issued - CARE!!**

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At one point during a game of soccer, the team manager called one of his 8-year old players aside and asked, 'Do you understand what co-operation is? What a team is?' The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

'Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?' The little boy nodded yes.

'So,' the coach continued, 'I'm sure you know, when an offside is flagged, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the linesman, or call him a pecker-head. Do you understand all that?' Again the little boy nodded.

He continued, 'And when I substitute you so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your Manager a dumb idiot, is it?' Again the little boy nodded.

'Good,' said the Manager. 'Now go over there and explain all that to your mother.'

## BLIND RUN

**Mrs Joan Kuroski**, 13 Hulme Hall Cres., Cheadle Hulme

Tel: 485 6729 Pick up 7.00 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.

Note that Phyllis Bell no longer goes to Walthew House on Tuesday evenings.

May 25	D Allport	H Boyes
June 1	T Burch	S Davies
June 8	S Day	K Death
June 15	D Dewhurst	N Hogben
June 22	G Hunt	M Hurst
June 29	S Kennedy	M Lacey
July 6	R Malabon	J Meeus
July 13	J Mould	A Newsome
July 20	D Poizer	D Rabone
July 27	D Rose	J Sheard
August	presume no run	
September 7	T Sheppard	S Smith
September 14	N Smethurst	B Stevenson
September 21	J Sykes	J Thewlis
September 28	M Wolverson	G Yule
October 5	D Allport	H Barker
October 12	B Batty	H Boyes
October 19	T Burch	S Davies



### **Paul Ridgway R.I.P.**

Paul was only a member of our club for just over two years, the last year of which was spent in enduring his illness, before his death aged 52. Nevertheless, during the time he was with us we experienced his quirky sense of humour, his organisational abilities and his skill as a raconteur.

It takes time to get to know people in our club, and more often than not it is at an event outside our normal meetings where individuals get to know each other. I got to know Paul better when a ten pin bowling evening went sadly wrong. For a start only five people turned up. Then the first available lane was timed at 9.30 pm (we met at 7.30). Paul suggested we scrapped the bowls and have an Indian instead, and it just so happened that there was one across the road that he could recommend. We wine and dined and chatted until late with Paul's fund of stories about people he knew sparking the conversation.

Those of us who attended his funeral heard further examples of his exploits, certainly during his younger days, and the whole event was a celebration of his life. The music was not mournful – it consisted mainly of popular music marking various high points in the life of the family – and a young Roman Catholic priest who sported a football shirt beneath his vestments conducted the service with great sincerity. It was an occasion for laughter, although tears and the sense of loss were never far away.

There is little doubt that Paul had the potential to be a great Rotarian, and our sense of loss must be that he did not have the time to realise that potential. We will also miss his humour, his friendship, his commitment.