

Rotarian

Rotary Club
of Bramhall and Woodford

BULLETIN

October 2004



'CELEBRATE ROTARY'

Presidential prattle

Well, we are 12 meetings into the year. There has also been 3 council meetings and one zone meeting. Amazingly for someone who has attended no District conferences since 1993 and never a national or international one, I will be going to Southport in October, Manchester in April and Chicago in June! I guess many of us will be involved in Manchester and I'd be delighted to have company in Chicago. Looking back at our club meetings I see that we got an average of 22 members (so on average 14 not there) with a maximum of 27. The maximum occurred twice – Africa Homes and Colonel Fawcett! Nobody has managed all 12, but five score 11 and two are yet to attend.

I really enjoyed Charter Night especially our guest speaker Eric Roth. The room looked great with 46 present (and 4 waitresses!) and all the banners out!

Another plea to put the date for President's night into your diary (11th March).

The first big fund raiser has happened and we are £1,200 towards our ambitious target. The next and biggest event is the Xmas Grotto.

Ways and Means are planning an extra special effort this year and are targeting £10,000. It will need all our support, and some from our friends, partners and other regular helpers. The main briefing for this occurs on 13th October so please try to get to the club that evening.

Our footpath is clear. The club now has a working TV and video player and will have a digital camera and printer fully written down after the Grotto.

Following the open forum we have some new ideas to try – particularly changes to the way we run committee nights. In addition we will “scatter” in bank holiday weeks and not meet in the week of President's Night.

As we enter the key the middle half of the year let's keep up the hunt for new members (remember we have lost Noel and Marc), keep our meetings well attended and lively, support our fundraisers, enjoy our social events and carry on having fun.

Let's have a bright club in the dark nights!

President Michael

Council capers

August

General: The resignation of Noel Smethurst was accepted with regret. Marc Wolverson is to transfer to another club following his job and location change. The plaque for the Millennium Bridge is still awaiting fixing. The President is going to Chicago at the time of the 2005 Rotary convention - others are welcome!

Money: General Account, £2949 (£882 after commitments); Charity Account, £2182 (£382 after commitments).

Ways and Means: Local traders had given many prizes for the concert on Sept. 10. The plans for the Christmas Grotto were discussed. Council approved the purchase for £350 of a digital camera and printer for on-the-spot pictures of all children attending.

Community Service: A cheque presentation to Rainbow family Trust

September

Money: General account, £2325. Charity account, £657.

Club Services: TV/video bought for club use. Buffet meals to be served on committee nights.

had been arranged. The Winsford Neuromuscular Centre would be benefiting from the proceeds of the Grotto. A Centennial Rotary rose would be given to all widows of former members. Club members would be invited to but some for their own use. Mentors for pupils at Bramhall HS are being sought.

Club Services: The EGM for election of Officers of the club would be on 1 December. An Open Forum would take place on 25 August. A list of trades people would be prepared. Fines for late/non-meal apologies would stay at £5.

Social: Charter Night and the Christmas meal were arranged. A St Andrews theme night was under consideration.

International: Involvement with water purifiers and disaster boxes were under investigation.

Social: Brass band concert at Dobcross this autumn. Velodrome visit under consideration. Manchester walking tour to be arranged.

International: 3 Disaster boxes to be provided. Water Aid ongoing.

Ways and Means: Major projects in the pipeline were outlined.

Community Service: Rotary roses to be bought for widows of

members. Consideration being given to a talk on Mentoring.

PRO: Good response from the 'Citizen' to our publicity needs.

Rotating around the District. September 2004.

Seems a long time since we had news of rotating around the district.

The Council meeting at Bramhall High School on 29th September, hosted by ourselves, and organised by Henry, went well. The welcoming committee of Herb, John M, and Dennis got the evening off to a fine start with words of good cheer (like "the toilets are down there, coffee is in here, do you want to vote?) It was a joy to see them in action. Our best success was to send the District Governor to the car park furthest away from the venue (well planned boys).

Four of us (President Michael, Herb, John S, and myself) had the dubious pleasure of attending the Council meeting, whilst the rest of the club went imbibing ale, and scoffing at some nearby place of distinction.

The Council meeting will go down in the annals of District 1050 as a real way to lose friends and badly influence people. After twenty minutes we could have all gone

home, or fallen asleep. It was like an old fashioned Sunday School Prize giving, everybody was thanked, and everybody was thanked again, and the Mr everybody thanked everybody else.

The highlight, however, was worth going for - the presentation by Denton Club of the action taken following the hurricane, which hit the islands of Barbados and Grenada. The disaster boxes were all issued, and the liaison with Virgin Airways remarkable and worthwhile. This was the real Rotary at its active best.

Membership of Clubs in the District still gives cause for concern, well mine at least. As we gain members so we lose them at a higher rate. We are now down to 1250 and getting worse year by year. However there a number of Clubs having a real go at getting members, and succeeding, so it gives us heart.

Keep rotating

David R

PS: on this very evening, Bramhall HS beat Manchester GS 40-6 at rugby! Not bad eh?

Meeting Reports

Committee night – August 4th

President Michael welcomed Ron Addison and John Brown, from RC Marple and Goyt Valley. Ron immediately jumped into the fray by offering Raffle Tickets at £1 each to fund their Charity Africa Appeal. The winner of the raffle would receive a day trip to Amsterdam on Saturday 27th November, courtesy of Britannia Airways

Dennis Allport reported that a full list of Speakers had now been agreed up to Christmas and Bob Stevenson advised that considerable efforts were being made in our search for new members.

Ways and Means Committee - Herb Boyes outlined the Committee's proposals for the forthcoming year with a target of £20,000. The first event would take place on Friday 10th September at the Ladybridge Club, during which it was hoped to raise sufficient funds to cover the installation of a Hearing Loop Induction Unit at Bramhall Health Centre. Herb asked all members to attend this event and asked those who did not wish to attend to purchase two

tickets. It was the intention to have approximately 100 prizes - each gift

having a minimum value of £5 from retailers, restaurants etc. in the Bramhall/Cheadle Hulme area.

The Charity for the Barton Grange Christmas Appeal had now been provisionally agreed as The Neuro Muscular Centre at Congleton.

International and Foundation - Henry Barker outlined various projects for the coming year and would keep members informed on the Africa Project, etc.

Social Committee - Tony Burch confirmed that the Charter Night would take place on Wednesday 22nd September - all members were requested to wear lounge suits and were encouraged to bring a guest.

The Club's Annual Christmas Party would take place at Bramhall Park Golf Club on Wednesday 15th December; again members were encouraged to bring guests.

John Thewlis confirmed that the new bench has now been installed in Bramhall Precinct.

Norman Hogben

If all else fails....read the manual

An interesting night on 28th July. Holidays have decimated membership, and the Club was left with the rump, mainly those too poor to go on holiday or with no mates to go with.

The Ladybridge lived up to its usual high standards - which other club gets air cooling and fluorescent green mushy peas?

Business was rushed through by Racy Lacey, our jovial head honcho, even when he's on Diet Coke.

Our speaker lectured us on Learning Direct, which seemed to involve loads of lovely Government dosh for teaching people how to switch on a computer, or should it be How to be Switched on By a Computer? Why doesn't anyone ever read the manual when they have a problem? My father in law's answer is to sit there whilst hitting the keyboard like a manic Chopin, on the Shakespeare/

Monkeys/Typewriter theory. It has never worked - to date.

The air conditioning units held a hypnotic attraction for Norman and Herb, although Harry kept well out of it, preferring to avoid anything technical. He appeared to be entering his autobiography into his palmtop (does that make him a palm reader?). There was a shame-faced silence as the 16 year old waitress neatly and quickly set it right.

Culture was provided by Richard discussing with me the relative production values of Toy Story, Shrek and Tele-Tubbies. Tele-Tubbies won, only because it was British.

And so the long summer evening drew to a close, broken only by the gentle droning of those who had supped well, if not wisely, disturbed only by Kelvin, who in his more lucid moments, managed to unfairly fine everybody.

David Dewhurst

A heartfelt oration from one of our senior members....

I feel it is incumbent upon me to state quite categorically that it is time we considered very carefully, and without rancour or prejudice, everything of import to us. At this moment in time and all things being equal we should, I firmly believe take every step open to us and tread very carefully. However, that is as may be, but have we thought of the consequences? Not many of us have the capacity nor the inclination for matters sub judice or, for that matter, the other options which are apparent. Perhaps we should take a straw poll.

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As an intro to an outstanding evening, here is a specially researched study. Read on....

He charted the wilderness of South America....

"Do you know anything about Bolivia?" asked the President of the Royal Geographical Society to Colonel Percy Harrison Fawcett early in 1906. The Colonel replied that he didn't and the President went on to explain the tremendous economic potential of South America. "Look at this area!" he said, pushing a chart in front of Fawcett, "It's full of blank spaces because so little is known of it." The President went on to explain that the lack of well-defined borders in South America was leading to tension in that region. Only a neutral third party could be trusted with the job and the Royal Geographical Society had been asked to act as a referee.

Now the President of the Society wanted to know if Fawcett was interested in the position. It would be a dangerous job. Disease was rampant there. Some of the native tribes had a reputation for savagery. Without hesitation, though, the Colonel took the job.

The Colonel arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, in June of 1906 ready to start his expedition. After a disagreement with the government over expenses, Fawcett started into the heart of the

continent to begin the boundary survey. He quickly found that just getting to the area where he was to be working would be an ordeal in itself. The trail led up a precipitous path to a pass in the mountains at 17,000 feet. It took him and his companions two hours to go four miles and climb 6,000 feet. The pack mules would struggle up the path 30 feet at a time, then stop, gasping for breath in the thin air. The party was afraid that if they overworked the animals, they would die.

Hostile People

Colonel Fawcett was appalled by treatment of the native South American Indians. Although slavery was illegal, rubber plantation owners would often organise trips into the jungle for the purpose of capturing slaves to be used as rubber collectors. Some of the tribes, in return, became quite hostile toward those of European descent. Fawcett believed that if you treated the Indians with kindness and understanding, you would receive kindness in return. During a trip up the Heath River to find its source in 1910, Fawcett had a unique opportunity to test his theory.

He and his group had been warned off travelling up the Heath because the tribes along it had a reputation for unrestrained savagery. "To venture up into the midst of them is sheer madness," exclaimed an army major. Fawcett went anyway.

After a week paddling up the river, the party rounded a bend and ran straight into an Indian encampment perched on a sandbar. The natives were as surprised as the expedition. "Dogs barked, men shouted, women screamed and reached for their children" Fawcett recalled. The natives hid in the trees while the group grounded their canoes on the sandbar. Arrows whizzed by the men or fell around them. Fawcett tried some peace overtures using native words he had learned, but the message didn't seem to be getting through. Then he had an idea. One of the group was seated just beyond arrow range and was told to play his accordion. The man sang "A Bicycle Made for Two", "Suwannee River", "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other tunes. Finally Fawcett noticed the lyrics had changed to "They've-all-stopped-shooting-at-us." Sure enough, the singer was right. Fawcett approached the natives and greeted them. Gifts were exchanged as a sign of friendship.

Dangerous Animals

People were only one of the dangers of the jungle. The animal kingdom was another. One night while camped near the Yalu River, the Colonel was climbing into his sleeping bag when he felt something "hairy and revolting" scuttle up his arm and over his neck. It was a gigantic apazauca spider. It clung to his hand fiercely while Fawcett tried to shake it off. The spider finally dropped to the

ground and walked away without attacking. The animal's bite is poisonous and sometimes fatal. Vampire bats were also a nuisance in some remote areas. Near Potrero, wild bulls became a problem for one of Fawcett's expeditions. Snakes were also a constant threat too.

Fawcett often found it necessary to swim rivers in order to get a rope across for hauling equipment over. The Colonel had to be very careful there were no cuts or open sores on his body that might attract piranha fish. One of Fawcett's companions lost two fingers to them while washing his blood stained hands in the river.

Indifferent Nature

Colonel Fawcett probably came closest to death during his trips not from human or animal agents but from the geography of the land itself. While travelling down the uncharted Madidi River by raft, his expedition encountered a series of dangerous rapids. With each the speed of the rafts increased until they were rushing down the river uncontrolled. Finally, the river widened and the velocity slowed.

The crews had just given a sigh of relief when they rounded a steep bluff and the roar of a waterfall filled their ears. One of the rafts was able to make it to shore, but Fawcett's was caught in the current. With the water too deep to use a pole to snag the bottom and turn

away, the raft shot over the drop. The group survived, but lost much of their equipment.

During a trip to map the Rio Verde River and discover its source upriver the water, which had been clean, turned bitter and no fish could be found. Then game also seemed to disappear. Soon the supplies they carried were exhausted. For ten more days the group pressed on, despite only having consumed some bad honey and a few bird eggs. Finally, the found the source of the river and charted it..

After twenty days without food, the group was at its limit. Fawcett prayed audibly for relief. Then fifteen minutes later a deer appeared 300 yards away. Fawcett unslung his gun. The target was too far away and his hands were shaking, but, in a miracle the Colonel could only attribute to a higher power, the bullet found its mark, killing the deer instantly. The group consumed every part of the deer: skin, fur and all. The expedition's fortune had turned and within six days they were back in a town with the Verde trip only a bad memory.

For the first three years Fawcett had worked for the Boundary Commission charting the region. When that job came to an end, Fawcett retired from the military and continued exploring on his own, financing the trips with help from

newspapers and other businesses. After returning to England to serve in World War I, the Colonel was again drawn back to the South American jungle. As time went on, he became more and more interested in the archaeology of the region. In total he made seven expeditions into wilderness between 1906 and 1924.

The Final Expedition

Finding reliable companions for his trips had always been a problem, but by 1925 his oldest son, Jack, had reached an age where he could join his father in the field. Fawcett, by examining records and sifting through old stories, had become convinced that there was a large, ancient city concealed in the wilds of Brazil. Fawcett, concerned with others, left word that should they not return, a rescue expedition was not to be mounted. He felt that it would be too dangerous.

On May 29th, 1925, a message was sent from Fawcett to his wife, indicating that they were ready to enter unexplored territory. Fawcett told his wife "You need have no fear of failure..." It was the last anyone ever heard of the expedition. They disappeared into the jungle never to be seen again.....

....until 18th August 2004, that is!

A factual and true account.....

An excellent turnout for the Club, about twenty-seven, and a visitor in one Ian Bell from Hazel Grove RC.

One time Pres at the same time as one time founder Pres of B&W. However I digress. We should have had a guest, our speaker for the evening but at that time very conspicuous by his absence. Following a hearty Ladybrook dinner Pres Michael insisted that we return by 9.35 or 25 to 10 or 20.35 hrs. It was obvious by this that something was afoot. Reassembling at the instructed hour, we all sat down in waiting to see the alternative entertainment for the evening. It was evident that Stephen and Sid were less impressed by the change in programme and had left early.

All sitting in anticipation we were suddenly aroused from our reverie by loud military music and who should march in but none other than Col Percy Harrison Fawcett and his trusty assistant Abu bin Siddi Davits, that well known nautical Arab who sailed single handed across the Sahara desert, with one stuffed dog or some such similar quadruped.

The Col. regaled us with his incredible expeditions in the Amazonian rain forest and with the absence of a epidiascope the evening was highlighted by sound effects by his able bodied assistant who gave forth on saucepans, hooters, whistles, trumpets and another sound effect which we can only assume was

probably made without artificial accompaniment!!!

It would appear that following a confrontation with an Indian tribe who were made quiescent by the singing of a number of tunes, reminiscent of the nineteenth century, accompanied by the Ali Babarrolli orchestra, who happened to be on tour at the time, along with a number of Rotarians including AWOL Simon Smith and his amazing dancing bear, he talked his way through to peace and further adventures up the Amazon. He also let us into certain confidences regarding his beloved wife, Lady Cecilia, in that, knowing she was to be left for several months, if not years, at home for such a long time, entrusted her well being to his closest friend Sir Roger Fitzram. She presented him with three sons on his return, with which he was delighted.

Room does permit me to give a full report but rest assured this was an excellent evening of entertainment and recounting of daring dos. With such command of an audience and eloquence it would not have surprised me if the Colonel had not turned to politics!!!! And his assistant a bard at the Eisteddfod!!!

A great evening had by all and a side of Rotary, which B & W do very well. Long may it continue.

Consul on the Catwalk

Navel examination night (25th August)

Considering the topic for discussion, there was a very good turnout, which included the lady President of Cheadle and some members from Hazel Grove. Prelude to a merger perhaps?

The meeting was the annual heart searching by the club on how to do better. Tritely perhaps, the emphasis was on hygiene factors. catering was at the centre, eg better food, fresh veg., fewer courses etc. It was also noted that social events which are not

on Wednesdays tend to be poorly attended. Weekly routine meetings should be cancelled if there is another club event in the same week. All very domestic.

What would appear to be more crucial had very little discussion, eg better interaction with the community and more 'hands-on' projects. What does this tell us about the Club? One senior member regularly tells us that the club is made of diners and doers as if the two were mutually exclusive. Very interesting!

Alan Newsome

What you think of our Club

Plenty of comments on August 25th, some contradictory! Here's a summary.

Meetings

- some 'snack/quick' meals – say, 1/month – eg Committee Nights
- would like less frequent meetings
- we don't visit other clubs enough
- costs for young members too high
- two course meals perhaps
- would prefer fresh veg at meals
- more pub outings please
- finish some meetings at 9.30 please
- would like coffee at the tables
- the President should ask a Rotary question each week (for our education)
- have some outside meetings jointly with other clubs
- try and work with the Speakers Club to have access to the function room when we really need it. All Committee Nights could be in the bar room.

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Community Service

let's have more 'hands on' projects, and less 'hands in pockets' projects
let's have one really **big** project each year to raise money
let's support one pre-selected big charity each year
let's find more visually impaired to help on the blind run

Other

we asked for variety, yet don't join in outside meetings!
some feel dragooned into supporting some events
let's try again to twin with an overseas club
why don't we support Foundation more?
have a welcome evening for potential new members
we take weeks to make a decision with committees, then Council

...and finally

we should have alternate meetings in Welsh!
half price everything for Senior Citizens!

Having noted all the above, we think that we do pretty well and should not talk ourselves down too much. We think we are very fortunate with our venue and should continue to patronise it as much as possible. Hazel Grove members present coveted our food, and one suggested amalgamating Hazel Grove, Cheadle and ourselves into one superclub. Now that's food for thought!

Committees again, on September 1st

The goings on at this committee night of B&WR were enough to give anyone an inferiority complex. First of all we were all delighted to hear that 'our' Nicky, who served El Presidente so impeccably with his soup, has hidden talents – GCSE's coming out of her ears, including five A stars. On top of that, we welcomed Ed Bennett, on a scatter night from

Manchester Breakfast. Such dedication, such discipline. Those of us sitting near him were shocked to find that their meetings are 7 for 7.30 AM! Breakfast finished by 8; the speaker has until 8.25 and is then shot if not finished, and meetings MUST end by 8.45.

As if that wasn't enough your correspondent had to eat his dinner in the company of a mad medical Sergeant at Arms and a rabid Welsh

Nationalist from the Mato Grosso, with the inevitable outcome – the remaining diners at the table have formed a new society, The Radical Movement for the Abolition of the Welsh Language. New members welcome. Subscription one Euro, or 2 million Turkish wotsits.

It was quite a relief when, with superb panache, and a peal of treble bob major on the Rotary Bell, President Michael called for committee reports. Treasurer Ron reported that four subscriptions were still outstanding, including... We moved rapidly on to Ways and Means where Herb repeated his promise that after the next event he would not ask any of us to buy (or sell) any more tickets. He then complimented the club on its hard working, hands-on attitude to fund raising, but castigated everyone (quite rightly?) for their inability to sell tickets for the forthcoming function. The prize donors – principally local shops have been marvelous, and the event will make a profit.

In the midst of this there was a lively discussion about a possible wine tasting evening, with Ways and Means and Social vying for the privilege of drawing the first cork. It was agreed that David Dewhurst would investigate the possibility of such an event on a Wednesday in November.

A somewhat bedraggled John Sykes still managed to speak eloquently on behalf of Community Service about footpath clearing and our Centennial project. The induction loop system for Bramhall Health Centre will cost between £2,000 and £3,000. Costings and feasibility studies are well advanced. On 17 November there will be a visit to the Neuromuscular Centre at Winsford, the recipients of our Christmas Grotto money. International and Foundation had nothing to declare – yet. Social enthused about our 18th Charter Night on 22 September (£15), a possible Sunday evening trip to hear a brass band, and the Christmas dinner at Bramhall Park Golf Club on 15 December.

Our erstwhile PRO roused himself from his torpor to mumble something incoherently, while Club Service (aka Dennis) made an emotional plea for more new members (has he forgotten what the present lot are like?) and came forward with a brilliant idea for a contingency plan quiz.

The evening came to a traditional close with the President asking for any other business, and getting the traditional duff joke in response – once again from our Welsh correspondent.

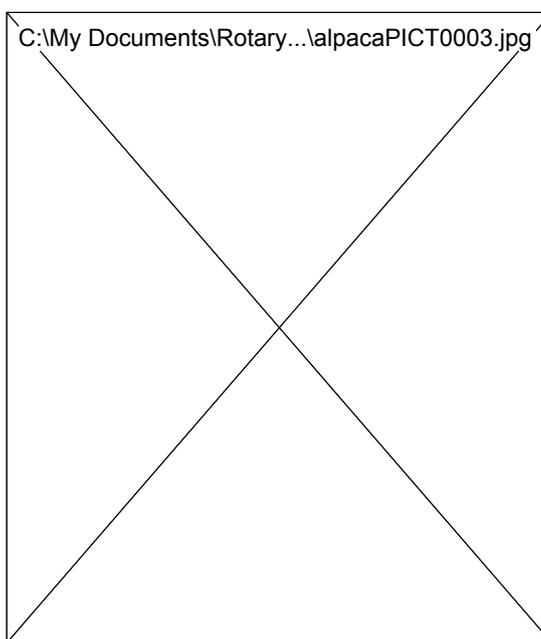
John Holme

Alpacas and all that

What a splendid evening September 8th turned out to be! Twenty-one members and wives visited Roquefort alpaca, donkey and llama centre near Congleton. The owners greeted us to a glass of champagne, or softer drink if requested, in the open air close by a barn in which were penned several recent alpaca mums and their offspring. The most recent was only born on 7th September and consented to be picked up and stroked whilst its mum looked on very nervously! Alpacas are quite mesmerising animals – docile, calming and fascinating to look at. The owner, Yvette Noad, gave an information Q & A session, after which we could inspect other alpacas in a nearby pasture. The alpacas produce very fine wool and are shorn every two years; in-between times they graze and produce more alpacas – not a bad life if you think about it! The ladies among us were all for taking one of these cuddly animals back home; their wool is not greasy like sheep wool, and they do not answer back like husbands. The men among us thought the alpacas might save on mowing the lawn, but other disadvantages (vet bills, the fact that alpacas don't do well in wet conditions, as their wool is not

waterproof etc) made them a distinct no-no at home.

An excellent pub meal was enjoyed in an ancient barn in the nearby Plough Inn, where Yvette and her husband were our guests. They most



thoughtfully had set out meal places with bound A4 brochures specially prepared for us all about their alpaca activities. Even the walls were decorated with alpaca posters!

All-in-all a memorable visit – congratulations to Graham Yule who masterminded and organised it.

Recommended Tradespeople

(25 August 2004)

This list is provided for the use of members of the Rotary Club of Bramhall and Woodford. Naturally, neither the Club nor any member can be responsible for any problems that may arise. Please send any further recommendations to Dennis Allport.

Decorators:

David S Houghton, 27 Belford Rd., Stretford, M32 0DL. (0161 865 5865)
[David Dewhurst]

J Ratcliffe & Sons, 465 Buxton Rd, Heavily, Stockport (0161 483 3227)
[Malcolm Hurst & Sam Kennedy]

Electricians:

C & H Electrics, 1st Floor, 198 Wilmslow Rd., Heald Green, SK8 3BH (0161 437 5718) [Bob Batty]

Andrew Thompson, (0161 485 2735) [Kelvin Death]

Dave McGuinness, (07977 326 942) [Kelvin Death]

Building:

Mark Davenport, 12 Ladythorn Crescent, Bramhall. (0161 439 4051)

Also does **Joinery**. [Harry Hill]

Joinery:

Mark Smethurst, 3 Garthland Rd., Hazel Grove, SK7 4PD (0161 483 9690)
[Bob Batty]

Flooring:

Stockport Flooring Co., Stanley Green Trading Estate, Cheadle Hulme
[Malcolm Hurst]

Tree Surgeon:

Rod Barnes, Tree Services Poynton, 141 London Rd., Poynton, SK12 1 LG
(01625 878 116) [Dennis Allport]

Carpet Cleaner:

Rainbow Carpets, Mark Egerton (01663 765445) [John Mould]

What a great way to spend a Sunday morning! The paths were cleared once again on September 5th, whilst we enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine, Molly had a good walk, and Herb (who took the pic.) thought he might come again.



(Contd from p.6)If not then perhaps a vote would be best. In this case no-one should complain if that is not so. We shall have done everything in our power and should have nothing with which to reproach ourselves.

I have been asked to mention District.

Having mentioned District perhaps we should get with it, as they say, and not be side-tracked by anything that may, or may not, occur in the meantime. Perhaps we are too timid; on the other hand, perhaps we are too scared. In either case it makes not an iota of difference to the final analysis which, I know, all members will be pleased to be a part of.

Forward I say. Do not let things detract from the purpose which we have wanted for so long and which, although seemingly within our grasp, has evaded us for so long. My thanks to those of you who have or haven't. That, after all, is what Rotary is all about.

Diary

October 6	Committee night
October 8 - 10	District Conference, Southport
October 11	Council, 8pm, Lerryn
October 13*	Barton Grange and the Grotto
October 20	Death/Dewhurst
October 27*	Annabel Edwards, David Lewis Centre
November 3	Committee night
November 8	Council, 8pm, Lerryn
November 10*	'My job' by <i>a member</i>
November 17	Visit to Neuromuscular Centre at Winsford
November 24*	Wine Tasting evening (M Lacey)
December 1	Committee night; election of Officers 2005/6
December 8*	Kennedy/Malabon
December 15	Christmas dinner at Bramhall Park Golf Club
December 22	No meeting
December 29	No meeting

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January 5	Committee night
January 12	McLeod/Meeus
January 19	Mould/Newsome
January 22	Burns Night Dinner at the Ladybridge Club
January 26	Club Services
February 2	Centennial Dinner/Party
March 9	No meeting
March 11	President's Night at Adlington Hall
April 14-17	National Conference in Manchester
July 3	End of year barbecue at Michael and Pam's home

Please note that the programme above is subject to change. Please keep Dennis Allport and David Poizer informed of intended speakers or visits.

*** indicates that we will be in the bar area, as the Speakers Club are meeting in the function room.**

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
September 22	Charter Night	J Thewlis	
September 29	District Council	G Yule	
October 6	Committees	D Allport	M Wolverson
October 13	H Barker	H Boyes	B Batty
October 20	T Burch	S Davies	S Day
October 27	K Death	D Dewhurst	G Jackson
November 3	Committees	H Hill	J Holme
November 10	M Hurst	G Hunt	S Kennedy
November 17	M McLeod	R Malabon	J Meeus
November 24	A Newsome	J Mould	D Poizer
December 1	Committees	D Rose	D Rabone
December 8	B Stevenson	J Sykes	J Sheard
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January 5	Committees	G Vine	R Taylor
January 12	J Thewlis	G Yule	H Barker
January 19	D Allport	B Batty	H Boyes
January 26	S Davies	T Burch	K Death
February 2	S Day	H Hill	D Dewhurst

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

Polio resurgent

The WHO warned of the threat of a polio epidemic as the virus returned to two countries where it had previously been eradicated. Guinea and Mali brought to 12 the total of formerly polio-free nations that have seen new cases of the disease since January 2003. The outbreak dealt a blow to the WHO's aim of eradicating polio worldwide by the end of 2004. (TIME magazine September 6, 2004)

Announcements!

- hot buffet meals will be served on future committee evenings to allow more time for discussions. On these evenings we will probably dispense with the normal formalities (Grace, toast) to maximise available time.
- we now have our own 21 inch combined TV/video unit, stored at the Ladybridge. Just switch on, slot in the cassette and press 'Play'. So easy, even I can do it!

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.

September 21	J Sykes	J Thewlis
September 28	M Wolverson	G Yule
October 5	B Batty	H Barker
October 12	D Allport	H Boyes
October 19	T Burch	S Davies
October 26	D Dewhurst	H Hill
November 2	J Holme	G Hunt
November 9	M Hurst	S Kennedy
November 16	G Jackson	M Lacey
November 23	R Malabon	J Meeus
November 30	J Mould	A Newsome
December 7	D Poizer	D Rabone
December 14	D Rose	J Sheard
December 21	B Stevenson	J Sykes

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January 4	R Taylor	D Allport
January 11	G Vine	G Yule



Celebrate in Rotary

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 an attachment to an e-mail **in Rich Text Format (not Word)** - more resistant to virus attack.

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