

**Rotarian**

**Rotary Club  
of Bramhall and Woodford**

**BULLETIN**

April 2005



***'CELEBRATE ROTARY'***

# Presidential prattle

I think this is my penultimate prattle, and as I am writing it the morning after President's night I have a similar feeling to the one I had when writing on the morning after the wine tasting!

Because of Dennis's upcoming trip to Allport Towers this Bulletin is a bit earlier than it would "normally" have been so there have been rather less meetings. Nonetheless we have had two committee evenings (and a lot happened in each) and Malcolm has debriefed us on the Grotto. We have had two really good speakers in Lorna Green (travels with a lump hammer) and, probably the best speaker I have ever heard, Colin Sawyer, on the "coping with life" CDs.

I really enjoyed last night, from the beginning when I was proud to present a Paul Harris Fellowship to Kelvin, through the excellent meal (no drop in standards under the Hunting Lodge's new management) to the rapper and the DJ. Well done to David and his committee.

Looking forward we should soon be inducting three new members, and can start a new "batch" at the special new member evening on 20<sup>th</sup> April. By then we will have had the youth makes music, and stroke awareness day and will be just coming up to the Fun Run. The Fun Run on April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a big event, hopefully with hundreds of runners and a few bands, clowns, jugglers, fire eaters, unicyclists and whatever else Herb and his committee can dream up. Keep the date free (morning until about 1pm) and line up helpers please. We must establish this event as a great day in the Bramhall year, and as a safe one too.

The golf day has been postponed to 2006 – but will be another major event that the club should be proud of (and the first major event of Gordon's year!)

With the big RIBI conference in Manchester, the even bigger RI conference in Chicago and with Chester Races Ladies Day, Brass and Beatles and the Edinburgh Tattoo to look forward to it is clear that the year will not fizzle out! The final diary date for everyone is the end of year barbecue, at my place on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

President Michael

# Council capers

## January

**Money** The success of charity giving in lieu of Christmas cards, the Grotto and a cheque for Eyeline were noted.

**Club Services** Membership progress was noted (Dr Dev and D McKeith). Frank Judge had decided not to pursue membership at the moment. It is intended to meet with the Speakers Club about venue arrangements.

**Social** The Christmas Dinner produced a profit of £100. For future events see the Diary.

**Ways and Means** Organisation of the Fun Run was updated.

**Community Service** The Coping With Life evening was reviewed. Tickets for the Excitement of Science have been applied for. Sponsors were being sought for Stroke Awareness day. An entry cheque for Youth Makes Music will be sent to District. A plaque for the tree planting in Bramhall Park is being progressed.

**Other matters** Angela Beard will be thanked for allowing the tsunami collection in front of her shop. A possible banner at Barton Grange thanking the public for their help with the grotto will be investigated.

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## February

**Actions from January** The Speakers Club are likely to agree meeting days to suit our meetings. Henry is arranging a charity musical evening.

**Club Services** Membership applications for Dr Dev and D McKeith are being progressed. Arrangements for the new members' evening on April 20 are in hand.

**Social** See Diary for dates of events.

## International & Foundation

Emergency boxes are in manufacture.

**Ways & Means** Fun Run progress was reported.

**Community Service** The club would host school visitors to our Coping With Life evening. Tickets for Excitement of Science applied for. Sponsors for Stroke Awareness Day being sought. Marie Curie collection date in March to be confirmed.

# Meeting Reports

## **FOUNDATION (Derek De Belder, Past District Governor)**

Derek was warmly welcomed by the club, who reciprocated by bringing greetings from Neil Kellet - Gatley President. Derek proceeded to give us an insight into the mysteries of foundation, a subject that he was more than capable of handling, having been "District Foundation Chairman" for the past five years. Despite the potentially "dry" nature of the subject Derek gave an interesting and in my view an enlightening insight into this fundamental cornerstone of the function of Rotary.

A considerable proportion of the address related to the essential, but not quite so interesting subject of "funding". The operation of "matching grants", the "permanent fund", the "simplified grant" (there's a misnomer!) together with the 50% rebate delayed by 3 years were all covered in sleep inducing detail!. Obviously we are all aware of the importance of proper funding of this fundamental element of our existence, but it was the application of the funds that really caught the imagination of our members. Various activities were covered including a trip for a group of

children to The House of Commons organised by Altrincham, a narrow boat for the disabled actioned by Macclesfield. Derek also announced the award of a matching grant for fishing boats and nets for victims of the Tsunami disaster. This theme was extended into questions and discussions relating to the adoption and rebuilding of villages in India and Sri Lanka and other very worthy actions. Derek was at pains to emphasise the support from district that is available for good applications.

Naturally an insight into "Ambassadorial Scholars" and "Group Study Exchange" was given and induced searching questions and lively discussion. Derek announced that the next GSE is New Zealand bound and a leader was needed. To the amusement of many, the notion of "David D tossing Ron" for the role was aired!

The meeting closed in its customary climate of good humour and fellowship.

Tont Burch

## **The Grotto revisited on 16th February**

John Thewliss, in practice for his upcoming presidency, was seen to be banging his bell with enthusiasm on a night which included another form of grace from Bob Stevenson and three guests (Dev, Dave and Neil) who, we hope, were not put off too much by John's fervour.

It was also noted that the top table had consumed their meals with gusto and had, in fact, finished before anyone else. Even grabbing any seconds that happened to be around. On the other hand, Chris had done a great job with the food so we will forgive them this once.

Malcolm gave a highly professional presentation on our involvement with Barton Grange at the Christmas Grotto (once again – 'didn't we do well?'). We turned round an event that had been viewed as fading into something

that vastly improved our standing with Barton Grange and succeeded in breaking all records for our fund raising.

There was some spirited discussion as to how to improve on any weaknesses (not that there were many) next year with Herb pointing out that we were possibly only involving twenty percent of the Grange customers (those with children) and asking how we could offer similar value to the remaining eighty. All thoughts on this matter to Herb or Malcolm who must surely deserve our praise for their magnificent efforts.

Bob Batty was Sergeant at Arms and had started his speech only to find that the raffle draw (won by John Sykes) took place during his opening dialogue. Some things we still can't organise.

Gordon Jackson

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## **Committees 2 February**

The meeting commenced with a Grace beautifully executed by Graham Vine. All very impressed, we sat down to eat, only to discover that our President had come up with a list of interesting prayers, suitable for use prior to consuming Christine's wonderful fayre. Mr. President is

obviously working hard on his relationship with the Almighty!

Earlier, I had gone into the bar for my customary pre-dinner snifter, all prepared to act as Speaker Host, only to find that it was Committee Night. Great I thought. I can relax. No sooner had this wonderful thought crossed my mind than I found myself in the path of a President on a

mission. "You are reporting for the Bulletin tonight Stephen?" "Of course Mr. President" retorts I. Having got cock-up number one out of the way (suitably early on in the proceedings) I settled down to an immediate search for my pen, eventually locating it in the inner recesses of my jacket lining. Offending, previously undiscovered hole now being somewhat larger than before! Various events were dutifully reported upon, I myself sitting in on House matters. Stroke Awareness Day in Bramhall will be on Saturday 9th April and a Brass & Beatles Night is to be held at Chandlers Farm at Nether Alderley on the 25th June. Gordon Jackson entertained us with a few jokes about "old pop bands". Waiting patiently for a list of funnies about the Inkspots and Andrews Sisters we were all pleased to hear that the Club was updating its image. We were propelled forward by Gordon into the 1960's. A step forward there then! Things got no better when the Honorary Consul for Belgium proceeded to joke about carrots & women! What on earth could he have meant? Am I missing something? (I put it down to language difficulties). When Dr Hill rose to

speaking I thought perhaps the tone of the evening was about to improve. What followed just goes to show how wrong you can be. We were advised that the new 'generic' name for Viagra was "Mycoxafloppin". (I quietly prayed nobody was making a note of this for their next visit to the pharmacy). Harry went on to confidently predict that this treatment would soon be available in liquid form to enable us to pour ourselves "a stiff one". Oh dear. "Now, about my bad back doctor". S&A David Dewhurst performed with his usual flair, managing to avoid the pitfalls of innuendo with great skill. It was a pleasure to hand him 50p. Which all goes to show, with a successful year behind us, the Club retains that wonderful spirit of being able to meet charity objectives without taking ourselves too seriously. Perhaps in future the Editor of our Bulletin would consider fixing certificate ratings to published reports. I cannot help but reflect that it might have been particularly appropriate on Wednesday 2nd February 2005.

Stephen Day

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## Committees March 2

Unusually for a committee night there was a low attendance. Judging by the bargaining and fisticuffs at the buffet table and the rush for seconds; only

the fit and the hungry had made the effort.

Reports included:

Presidents night: all arrangements in place and going on for 100 participants confirmed.

Fun run.sponsorship has been covered and the street entertainment side well in hand. The participation of the children needed is still to be organised. Help from club members on the day will be needed.

Good news was heard about Kelvin, even that he had been seen shopping

in M+S. The lad must be well on the way to recovery if he can stand that sort of punishment.

The very late J.Sheard won the raffle to heartfelt applause.

Heartless Harry did sergeant with clinical efficiency. Thanks to great time keeping by prezza, we all got home in time for the footie.

Alan Newsome

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### **Mother in Law!**

A man, his wife and mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for £5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for £150."

The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend £5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only £150?"

The man replied, "A man died 2000 years ago, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."



## Securapark (M/cr.) Ltd

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For April, May and June all Rotarians from Bramhall and Woodford are offered special rate parking at £27.50 per week.

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### **Watch my lips!**

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him - "very quick."  
The lawyer said that the speed for getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:  
LAWYER: "Have you any grounds?"  
POLE: "JA, JA, acre and half and nice little home."  
LAWYER: "Does either of you have a real grudge?"  
POLE: "No, we have carport, and not need one."  
LAWYER: "I mean, What are your relations like?"  
POLE: "All my relations still in Poland."  
LAWYER: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"  
POLE: "Ja, we have hi- fidelity stereo set and good DVD player."  
LAWYER: Does your wife beat you up?"  
POLE: "No, I always up before her."  
LAWYER: "WHY do you want this divorce?"  
POLE: "She going to kill me."  
LAWYER: "What makes you think that?"  
POLE: "I got proof."  
LAWYER: "What kind of proof?"  
POLE: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read, and it say, 'Polish Remover'."



Presentation of laptop and printer to Yvonne Barrett of Ladybridge Park 'Self Help' Computer Group on Wednesday 2nd March. The computer and printer were kindly donated by Lerryn (Tim Sheppard).

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**Rotary Wives**

**Morag and Kay invite you to**

**A Games Evening**

**at 2 Brampton Road, on Monday 14 March at 8 pm**

**Light refreshments will be served**

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**Reminder:** please let John Mould have your lists of 'Other Rotary Events' attended, so that he can compile the quarterly attendance statistics.

## **INDIA IMMUNIZATION DAY (Not your typical day)**

One hundred thousand (100000) Indian Rotarians, Rotractors, Intractors & Innerwheel members are committed to eradicate Polio from India by 2005 itself as per the goal set by Rotary International.

The next Polio Immunisation days will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April '05 (Sunday) & on 15<sup>th</sup> May'05 (Sunday). India has got sufficient vaccine.

Do you know what is involved in the Polio immunisation campaign in India? Here are some facts...

- 1) 640,000 vaccination booths.
- 2) 2.3 million vaccinators.
- 3) 1.1 million vaccination teams.
- 4) 137,000 supervisors, with 137,000 vehicles (cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, boats, elephants, camels or whatever it takes).
- 5) 200 million doses of Polio Vaccine, carried around the country in 2 million vaccine carrier bags.
- 6) 6.3 million Ice packs to keep all those doses of Polio Vaccine in the 2 million vaccine carrier bags cold.
- 7) 191 million homes visited.
- 8) 170 million children immunised in just one day!

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### **Rotary Wives meeting on 24th February** (arranged by Kathleen Batty and Pauleen Newsome)

The Rotary Wives meeting for February was held at the Govenor's House, Cheadle Hulme, a comfortable and accommodating hostelry near at hand.

We were a very select "Band of Pilgrims", numbering five in all, who braved the bitter snowy weather which the northerly winds were

throwing at us.

Marilyn Banks was unable to come at the last minute but we were pleased to welcome Frances Smethurst as a "one-off" visitor, who, with her lively chat, helped to keep the evening going until 10.30 pm.

All of us agreed it had been worthwhile making the effort to attend in spite of the weather and to get to know each other better. Hopefully more of you can join us for our future events.

**Recommended Tradespeople**

(17 February 2005)

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*, 1<sup>st</sup> 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]

*Mike Shanley*, (0780 1329 173 and 0161 449 9794) [Dennis Allport]

**Plumbing:**

*Ken Davies*, (07831 183 018) [Dennis Allport]

**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]

**Refrigerator and cooker repairs:**

*Mike Clegg*, (07773 090876 and 0161 449 7050) [Dennis Allport]

## Diary

March 11	President's Night at Adlington Hall
March 16	Poizer/Rabone
*March 23	Scatter night/week
March 30	No meeting (Easter Week & 5th Wednesday)
April 5	Youth Makes Music (John Sykes has details)
April 6	Committee night
April 9	STROKE AWARENESS DAY
April 13	Peter Levy, 'Jeffrey Archer ruined my life!'
April 14-17	National Conference in Manchester
*April 20	New members' evening
April 23	THE FUN RUN!
April 27	Annual General Meeting
May 4	Committees
May 5	Chester races
May 11	Sheppard/Stevenson
*May 18	Sykes/Taylor
May 25	Club Services
June 1	Committees
*June 8	Thewlis/Vine
*June 15	Yule/Barker
*June 22	Batty/Boyes
June 25	Brass and Beatles
*June 29	Club Assembly and Handover
July 3	End of year barbecue at Michael and Pam's home
*July 6	Committees
*July 13	Burch/Davies
*July 20	Day/Death
*July 27	Club Services
*August 3	Committees
*August 10	Dewhurst/Hill

**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 have the function room.**

## Job rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker host</b>	<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>S at A</b>
March 16	D Rabone	D Rose	D Poizer
March 23	J Sheard	T Sheppard	B Stevenson
March 30	No meeting - 5th Wednesday		
April 6	Committees	R Taylor	J Sykes
April 13	J Thewlis	G Vine	G Yule
April 20	H Boyes	D Allport	H Barker
April 27	AGM	T Burch	B Batty
May 4	Committees	S Davies	S Day
May 11	K Death	D Dewhurst	H Hill
May 18	N Hogben	J Holme	G Hunt
May 25	M Hurst	S Kennedy	G Jackson
June 1	Committees	R Malabon	M McLeod
June 8	J Meeus	J Mould	A Newsome
June 15	D Poizer	D Rabone	D Rose
June 22	J Sheard	T Sheppard	B Stevenson
June 29	Assembly	J Sykes	R Taylor
July 6	Committees	G Vine	G Yule
July 13	D Allport	H Barker	H Boyes
July 20	T Burch	B Batty	S Davies

**If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!**

## 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.

March 22	A Newsome	D Poizer
March 29	D Rabone	D Rose
April 5	J Sheard	T Sheppard
April 12	B Stevenson	J Sykes
April 19	G Vine	G Yule
April 26	D Allport	H Barker
May 3	B Batty	H Boyes
May 10	T Burch	S Davies
May 17	S Day	K Death
May 24	D Dewhurst	H Hill
May 31	N Hogben	G Hunt
June 7	M Hurst	G Jackson
June 14	M Lacey	R Malabon
June 21	J Meeus	J Mould
June 28	A Newsome	DPoizer
July 5	D Rabone	D Rose
July 12	J Sheard	T Sheppard
July 19	B Stevenson	J Sykes



## ***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](mailto: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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