

Rotarian



Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

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We wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year

Gordon's gossip



To say that it has been an eventful few weeks is to say that World War 2 was 'a bit of a spat'.

I attended a zone meeting hosted by Bredbury & Romiley club who, at 12 members, are having problems attracting new members despite their best efforts. Should this club require our support in the future, I suggest we do all we can. Margaret Hutchinson asked us all to provide an impromptu report of where our clubs were up to and, as always, mine was a glowing missive of achievement because of the great support of all the members.

I was asked by Dr Alladi (the acupuncture doctor who gave us such an entertaining talk a while back) to meet with some friends of his who are trying to start a health care clinic in a poor area of Hyderabad, India. We are so used to being able to visit our GP and automatically having our blood pressure tested that it comes as a surprise to know that many preventable deaths occur in India because this simple protocol is not followed. The doctor I spoke to wishes to set up a screening clinic by carrying out door-to-door testing followed by referral to her clinic if necessary. This pilot scheme could have far reaching implications for health care in the area. The meeting was very useful and details are now with Henry and the International committee.

The regional conference in Scarborough had high points (Alan Jagger and his excellent talk) and low points (Georg Freiherr who managed to talk for 40 minutes without conveying anything). Good bits (an excellent conference hall and superb entertainment) and bad bits (the Grand Hotel, the terrible parking and a one-way road system that made Stockport look like a shining beacon of excellence in road planning). Michael Barker held the whole thing together in his usual professional style and every person went away with something to think about. Certainly, Jenny confessed to having little idea that Rotary was such a global organisation. More of this later in the bulletin.

The GSE farewell dinner went well with a really nice group of Argentinians (we had already met at the District Conference) giving us all a humorous

breakdown of their time with us. These groups really seem to get a great deal out of these visits and the international understanding that is generated must build long-lasting bridges between our cultures.

The social evening at the college restaurant was superbly organised by David Rabone and a good time was had by all. I think I managed to thoroughly embarrass the students by asking them to line up for a round of appreciation but where's the fun in being president if you can't thoroughly embarrass people?

David's bicycle scheme continues apace with his usual excellent organisational skills proving invaluable. There is much work and discussion to take place yet as we are in uncharted territory but once this scheme is off the ground, we will have something to be proud of that will carry the name of our club around the world.

The meeting that Malcolm and I had with the new general manager of Barton Grange (sorry, Woodford Park) gave us much hope for a continued link between us. Malcolm stressed the advantages to them of community bonds and they were, I felt, very receptive. The next day, I read the local paper and realised that the second-hand food had hit the windmill with words like 'Santa given the boot' as a glaring headline. Ron managed to pour oil on troubled waters, however, and peace has broken out again. We are able to go tin-rattling this year which should bring a substantial amount for our chosen charity, Kidscan. The grotto in the precinct is well under way and the rota is already being organised. By the time you read this, we will be raking money in.

Chris Monkhouse gave an absorbing job talk peppered with jokes that I am trying desperately to forget. My therapy ends next week.

Whilst reading the Rotary magazine, I came across an article that encouraged people to leave books lying around in public places in an attempt to encourage literacy. Samples of stickers for the front and insides of the books were given that would advertise Rotary and ask people to get in touch. In a slightly modified way, I hope that members will adopt this in an attempt to advertise our presence in the community. I have made the stickers, now we just need a few books. The stickers advertise our web site that now has a new, shorter address so let's hope this leads to more visitors. John Meeus has agreed to take this one forward so please contact him and join in.

Jenny and I, together with Mary and John Meeus were guests of Poynton Rotary club at their president's night where we were entertained during the

meal by Poynton School's jazz band (who were excellent). Three members of the club were surprised to be made Paul Harris Fellows during the evening that included dancing from three of the belly dancers who entertained us at Charter Night.

My attempt to run a 'navel gazing' evening had mixed results and I am still disseminating the information gained. My thanks to all who gave their opinions and suggestions and I was left with the feeling 'why mess with a formula that works'. We are a good club with excellent membership.

Best wishes to Dennis for a speedy recovery and welcome back to Sam Kennedy.

Gordon

The Yorkshire Quiz

Newcomers to Yorkshire might like to test their understanding of the language spoken by some of the local people. See how many you get.

Intitot?	Giusit?	Summatsupeer
	Garriteten	
Supwidee?	Smarrarweeim?	Iamgorrit Azzegeniter?
Eez Gooinoom	Asta gorrit withy?	Asta gorrit reight?
Purremineer	Ayempt eared nowt	Thalafter gerra newum!
Eesezitintis burraberritis		Lerrus derrus andzwosht
Weevgorragerrus imbux		Owzeeno?
Corforus arpastate intmornin?		Astagorratanner?

Secretary's soapbox

Booklets

I have copies of the RIBI and RI directories (lists of clubs with details of where they meet, who is the President etc).

I also have the RIBI and club constitutions and the "Insurance and the Rotary Club" booklets.

Recent Council Meeting decisions

From Council Meeting 6-11-06

- We will give £1000 to the girl's hostel in Katibo School

From Council Meeting 9-10-06

- Christmas Dinner will be Tue 12 Dec @ Davenport G.C.
- Foundation donation forms to be returned to HB

.From Council Meeting 11-9-06

- GJ to buy ream of club "blank" stationery for club at Scarborough
- Club will support Bramhall High School musician scheme (likely cost £25, help from Henry and John Knowles?)
- GH to email club on Mondays reminding about the week's programme (e.g. speaker)
- GH to resume traditional role of blind run co-ordinator



Attendance

Just a reminder that the club policy is to be totally relaxed when members cannot attend, but to ask that members do attend when they can!

Attendance of our members at our meetings for the last 9 weeks of this Rotary year:

	21.9.06	27.9.06	4.10.06	11.10.06	18.10.06	25.10.06	1.11.06	8.11.06	15.11.06
				<i>sid davies ww2 memory</i>	<i>c monkho use job talk</i>	<i>meal at l'ecole student restaura nt</i>	<i>ctees</i>	<i>Ambass adorial Scholar - Sakutot o Mishiro</i>	<i>Open Forum - led by president</i>
total									
attending	24	19	20	26	24	23	23	25	24
LOAs etc	3	5	5	4	5	5	3	4	5
members	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
net	36	34	34	35	34	34	36	35	34
	67%	56%	59%	74%	71%	68%	64%	71%	71%

Michael 16.11.06

Meeting Reports



4th October – Visit by District Governor and Committee Night

Parking was at a premium, there being a ‘Sportsman’s Dinner’ on as well and this resulted in a number of members parking down the road.

We dined in the presence of District Governor Michael Barker who later addressed us, and it has to be said, impressed us with some Rotary background of which many of us were unaware. More about that shortly.

Geoff gave the members an update on Dennis Allport’s situation; President Gordon gave notice of a Group Study Farewell Dinner at the Cresta Court on the 23rd October; David Rose asked for volunteers for a collection outside Tesco Handforth Dean on the Thurs and Friday, 13th and 14th. October; Graham Yule announced that £4,382 had been raised by Sue in sponsorship for her run.

President Gordon awarded some additional ‘Long Service Awards’ to members not able to receive them on Charter Night – Sid Davies and Jonathan Sheard, reminding them of their age!

Address by the ‘DG’

Michael brought greetings from the great and the good, and told us that it was expected that a DG should officially visit every club in the District and explain the ‘Party Line’ for the year, although by now, with the various Assemblies having taken place, this should now be pretty well known by now.

Michael told us that as the appointment of District Governors was made by Evanston and as part of the procedure he had to attend the RI Assembly in San Diego when the sight of 170 flags, each a ‘Rotary Nation’, each with its cultural, administrative, religious difference, but all working together within Rotary in perfect harmony, being taken across the stage, was a sight he would not forget.

Michael then asked “well what have we changed?” and proceeded to give many of us – most of us it seemed, an insight into aspects of Rotary that are less well known than perhaps they should be. In 1942, when Paul Harris was still alive and at the peak of the London Blitz, London Rotary District called a meeting of ‘Peace and Reconciliation’ attended by some 20 countries. The direct outcome of the

meeting was the founding of UNESCO. Rotary was also heavily involved in facilitating the founding of the United Nations, supplying 48 Rotarians to organise it. Rotary, Michael told us, have a permanent seat on the UN.

Rotary has also been responsible, with the World Health Organisation, through 'Polio Plus', for the near eradication of polio throughout the world, an objective that may be achieved within the next twelve months. In 1985 there were 335,000 cases, in 2005 this had been brought down to 1,000. That will not be the end however, as the 'Plus' refers to the aim to do the same with other killer diseases including Measles, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria. No other agency has such an effective 'end to end' vaccination delivery system with \$600m. backing and huge manpower. In one day alone in 2000, 152m. children were vaccinated in a single day in India. Michael then recounted an event that took place in church one Sunday, when the man next to him, not a wealthy man, far from it in fact, asked him what a 'DG' does and so he outlined Rotary and mentioned 'Polio Plus'. The following Sunday that man passed him an envelope containing a cheque for £100 – "for Polio Plus" he said!

Michael asked that we too, talk about Rotary, tell people what Rotary does. The President of RI has, as main objectives –

- To ensure that every person has food, water and is literate.
- Rotary membership increases – more people are needed for the job ahead. The DG commented that we have to be sensitive about the costs of Rotary membership and incorporate families when possible.
- Foundation – the 'Heartbeat' of Rotary. Without Foundation, Polio Plus would not have happened. Foundation, with its matching grants, can enable larger projects, possibly shared with other clubs, to be undertaken.

The DG was thanked for particularly interesting talk.

Reports

Treasurer. Tony reported that the General Account stood at £2000 and the Charity Account £7000 with all but two members having paid their subs who would be chased with vigour!

Ways and Means. Ron reported that the Christmas Grotto details were being discussed with the Bramhall Centre Management and focussing on it being a 'Bramhall Community' event.

Club Services. Geoff told us that he had two or three potential new members lined up; Sid is to address us next week and Chris the week after.

Community Service. David Rose thanked those who took part in last weeks path clearing event.

Social. David Rabone spoke about having a Quiz Night on the next '5th Wednesday' and the Christmas Party on the 12th December (no meeting on the 13th)

AOB. Vida invited members to the Bridgewater Hall to hear her sing in aid of St Annes Hospice, on the 8th December. John Meeus was concerned about the possibility of more than one Santa on the streets of Bramhall.

Finally, Malcolm Hurst, discharged his 'Sergeant at Arms' duties in a unique 'ecclesiastical' manner, he sung it in a 'catechistic chant' !! He was in 'fine' voice which resulted in everybody else 'coughing up'.

Can't sign off without a dip into my 'goodie bag'.

- Get your facts straight first, then you can distort them as much as you please ! *Mark Twain*
- Eloquence – the ability to describe Kim Basinger without using your hands *Michael Harkness*
- Go to Heaven for the climate – Hell for the company *Mark Twain*
- And my favourite –

- If you ever become a mother – can I have one of the puppies *Charles Pierce*

***Finally – weird or what !
'Coincidence'***

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their

three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford.'

Kennedy was shot in a car called Lincoln made by 'Ford.'

Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his

assassin ran hid in a theatre.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland. A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

Chris Monkhouse

A Welsh sea-dog reminisces

What a way to start a meeting. A Kosher grace lead by David Rose. A B&W first. A double whammy, Richard and Jonathan at the same meeting. How spooky is that!

In Sid Davies we have a national treasure. A talk that moved from HMS Conway (the best wine is always aged in oak barrels) through the stress of convoys in the Med and North Atlantic to the humour of the Italian Navy sunk at Taranto (the only admiral to inspect his fleet in a glass-bottomed boat).

The medal received that day for his exploits 65 years ago confirmed the quiet bravery of the man.

John Knowles as always gave a polished tribute by way of thanks.

Malcolm's apology was received, followed by Bob's dry comment.

As you can't keep a good man down, he was soon back on his feet reporting on the meeting accompanied by Gordon, with the Manager of the Woodford Park Garden Centre who paid tribute to Malcolm's awesome negotiating powers. More to come soon as the Centre is aiming to attract 500 kids, compared to the 2000 in 2005.

The ubiquitous Ron reported on the District Conference, where the presentation ranged from the South Pole to Shelterboxes via the Calendar Girls.

A great night, Rotary at its best.

David D

Small shopkeepers?

The evening of 18/10 started with John Meus extolling the virtues of DIY, just beware of reckless but silent doors. Then followed a vote, yes, a VOTE, on whether Sergeants at Arms should be able to take easy options and pick low hanging fruit. However, to the relief of the silent majority, this motion wasn't carried so we can continue as before about ties, no ties, jackets, badges, shirts, hair-style, table manners etc. However, members were relieved to hear that the burden of office of President Jacko has been found, allegedly *on* rather than *in* a bin, in the North East, and should soon be returning back to its guardian.

After an excellent meal with jovial company, we were treated to a job-talk by Chris Monkhouse about shop keeping in Cheadle Hulme. In his quiet and modest, yet firm and convincing, style, Chris described how he was brought up in a shop on Mellor Road in Cheadle Hulme which was then supposedly to become the major local thoroughfare connecting the metropolis of Church Road with the cosmopolitan centre of Station Road. However, this was not to be, so the family business moved into new

premises in Cheadle Hulme precinct and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Monkhouse shops, or should I say retail outlets, now number 23, including some embedded in schools, and have clearly played a major role in providing sports kit and equipment locally and in the region. Of course, there is scarcely a member of the club who hasn't been a customer of Chris's over the years, for my own part hockey and lacrosse kit was a recurrent theme many years ago together with shirts, blazers etc., and so his talk was one we could all relate to since we have all played our own small part in his success. But from Chris's talk we began to appreciate the hard work and dedication, e.g. stringing tennis racquets after a hard day's work which had started before dawn, which has led to the success of the company engineered by Chris and his family over the years. Of course, the job had its lighter moments, young female staff not quite appreciating the function of the male sportsmans' box, and Chris related many classic anecdotes and tales, which almost matched those of our Welsh wizard.

Finally, we were all fined for wearing/not wearing ties, jackets, badges, and the general bad behaviour we've come

to expect from our colleagues, indeed not being badly behaved is a crime in itself. Reports were minimal with key interest still on developments re a certain Mr. Claus and his grotto or maybe grottos. The raffle was won by our injured standard bearer.

Jim Thomas

Eating out

23 club members together with 14 or so wives and friends had a night off from the Ladybridge and sampled the "passing out" skills of catering students at Stockport College's L'Ecole restaurant in Heaton Moor on 25th October.

Although the surroundings did not accord with a top class restaurant the food and wine most certainly did. I had excellent scampi as a starter - lightly battered and served with a freshly made tartare sauce (nothing squeezed from plastic sachets here). This was followed by a tasty duck with nicely cooked and presented vegetables (salad if preferred) all with a piquant orange sauce. The pudding, a vanilla soufflé, was to die for. After

the fresh coffee we received the bill - £15 per head including wine and service (adding on the £3 deposit still left unbelievable value for such quality). Other people had soup, fish, beef, and pork - illustrating a wide choice on the menu. As the wine drained (again extraordinary value white Burgundy and red Rioja) the noise levels rose and it was clear that everybody was really enjoying the occasion. President Gordon thanked the students and their supervisor for a job well done.

I bet quite a few of us will return to sample such fare again! Well done David Rabone for organising the evening.

Michael

Origami for all on 8th November.

Here beginneth my first bulletin for the club; I hope not to let the standards slip too far! In an effort to produce another lady for your delight I phoned Margaret Holmes who had expressed a slight interest in joining our motley crew, She came, she

saw, she said nothing!! The main event of the evening was the Ambassadorial Scholar, Sakurako Mishiro, speaking to us. She coped very well with the assembled company and told us about the area of Japan in which she was brought up. She spoke of the reason for coming to study at Manchester University,, namely English music of the sixteenth century. This

astonished the listeners as they thought Japanese people would not be interested in our ancient music as most of us are not so enthusiastic about it. We were further amazed when she said she was interested in studying British culture - she probably thought she had come to the wrong place to study this at a Bramhall Rotary Meeting. She is the only Japanese on her course and the only one in her Hall of Residence but she is enjoying meeting people from many countries. She finds the English very talkative even talking to strangers in the supermarkets and she was not disappointed by our members who asked her many questions. She politely said she enjoyed English food which comes as something of a surprise as she has had several meals at our house cooked by me!

Finally we set the members a challenge to try their hand at origami. We offered a sumptuous prize for the best bird produced - fortunately everyone failed completely. One member took one of Sakurako's models home with him; no doubt to show

off to his wife and say look what I made! Ron told us about the preparations for the Christmas Grotto in the Precinct and told us the good news that Woodford Park Garden Centre have invited us to rattle our tins for our chosen Charity on Saturdays and Sundays starting on 18th November. This means we need a good deal of volunteers to man or woman both the Garden Centre and the Grotto. Other Committee Chairmen had little to report. President Gordon has a secret plan to do with books but he will enlarge of this later. Geoff Hunt won the raffle and kindly gave the wine to Sakurako who like all well behaved Ambassadorial scholars gave it to her host i.e. me!

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking all of you who have been bringing me these exciting presents of plastic -I feel like it is my birthday every week! Seriously though, the St. John's ambulance are very grateful for it, so keep it coming.

Vida.

Navel Gazing on November 15th

In Chairman Mao's time, every community in China used to have regular self-criticism sessions, usually held under the scrutiny of the local district commissar. Although ways to improve the organisation were discussed they often became a vehicle

for denouncing, or slagging off, individual comrades, usually for personal reasons.

Alas, nothing so entertaining happened here. Even though Assistant District Commissar Comrade Margaret Hutchinson attended, and gave us an encouraging little Party

pep-talk, nobody was denounced as a “recidivist capitalist lackey” (despite there being several likely candidates in the room) and there were, apparently, no “running dogs of the imperialist West”. All-in-all, rather disappointing.

Anyway, what did emerge from our navel-gazing?

To be honest, not much, and most of that had been dug over before. As I sit here, hunched over my laptop for all the right reasons, I struggle to think of any bright and original idea that emerged from the discussions, although there were a few worthy old ideas, such as greater involvement in the local community and networking for new members – especially of the lady-type – which deserved to be resurrected and which, no doubt, the Council will take on-board. British Telecom used to have a slogan “It’s good to talk”, but sometimes I have my doubts.

Eventually, President Gordon and ADG Margaret got so bored they

walked out, leaving Vice-President Geoff to wind up proceedings, which he did with casual aplomb, after letting loose S@A Doctor Hill who went through us, extracting fines, like bird flu through a flock of geese. (I was going to use a military, rather than a vaguely medical metaphor until I realised that a copy of the Bulletin might fall into the hands of children.)

Events of note during the evening included the chance to review the presents to be given out at the Grotto this year. The general consensus was that any child would be thrilled to receive them – except for Vida’s teddies, which I’m told have a supply problem and we don’t want to pass that on to the kiddies, do we, Doctor Hill? It was also Carl’s last evening on the catering. David Rose (raw fish) and John Meeus (pork casserole with no pork) will, no doubt, join the applause for Chris’s return next week.

John Thewlis

Reminder!

In case you’d forgotten, with it a shower of the past few years we Christmas cards to each similar sum that the our charity fund.



Christmas is coming and Christmas cards. Over have agreed not to give other, but to give a cards would have cost to

A first timer at the District Annual Conference

8 of us met up at the Grand Hotel in Scarborough (perhaps not as grand as it used to be) for a weekend at the 76th Annual Rotary District Conference. All the emotions were there for a typical weekend away – exhaustion (from irritating traffic jams on the motorway and last minute office meetings causing delays), stress at not being able to park our cars anywhere near the hotel and upset and dismay at the disappearance of a precious bag full of the club's historic regalia....now happily recovered. Anyway, after a bit of upgrading of hotel rooms to something that wasn't quite so reminiscent of a prison cell we settled down and caught our breaths.

After a Grand Opening by the Mayor of Scarborough we were extremely well entertained by the comedian Don Reid who is also a member of the Northwich Rotary Club as well as being a writer of jokes for people like Jimmy Tarbuck and Ken Dodd.

Saturday morning was packed with some really interesting speakers and a couple of them have stayed in my mind as being most inspirational – one was by young man of 23, Andrew Cooney, who spoke of being the youngest person to walk 75 miles to the South Pole dragging 200lbs of

equipment. Diagnosed as dyslexic as a teenager, his problem had seemed to galvanise him into a very determined young man aiming to achieve something worthwhile in life. He gave a fascinating power point demonstration of the hardships and joys of his intrepid walk with 5 other people. What grit and determination he had and what obstacles he had to face but it all paid off in the end. He now plans to be the youngest person to walk to the North Pole!

Another talk that remains very much with me was by Rotarian Tom Henderson from Cornwall. What appeared to be a very much “off the cuff” speech showed us what one person in Rotary can achieve. He had originated the visionary idea of Rotary Shelterboxes - which are large plastic boxes filled with all the necessary things desperate homeless people need after natural world disasters. This initiative, with help from Rotary Clubs around the world has really taken off in a big way with over 250,000 of these boxes having already been sent all over the world. Plans are now underway to increase the distribution to 400,000 and to try to involve primary schools in the UK into helping to fund the filling of them. Each school would have their name printed on the outside of “their box” and would eventually be able to know where it had been sent and who it was helping. A fantastic idea, enthusiastically organised and

promoted, and already proving to be a huge worldwide Rotary success.

The Saturday evening "Grand Ball" was a blast! An evening of dressing up, letting your hair down and having a good prance around. Great entertainment too.

After all those initial emotions it turned out to be a very good weekend after all, well organised and good company. If you can, try and make it next year in Southport. We'll be there, and Geoff and I very much hope to see you then.

Olive Hunt



Try this on your grandchildren!

Think of a number between one and ten (whole numbers only). Now multiply by nine. Then add the two digits of that number together (or, if you only had a one digit number, stick with it). Now deduct four from that number.



Next we turn this number into a letter of the alphabet.

So, if you have the number one in mind it would be A; if it was two it would be B; three would be C and so on.

Now, think of an animal whose name begins with the letter of the alphabet you have in mind. Next, think of a colour you associate with that animal.

I predict that 9 in 10 people will think of the colour grey and that the animal was an elephant.

Some awkward people will be puzzling about which colour to ascribe to an eagle, eel or egret – but not many!

IRISH MEDICAL DICTIONARY (A to I - the rest some other time)

- Artery..... The study of paintings
- Bacteria..... Back door to cafeteria
- Barium..... What doctors do when patients die
- Benign..... What you be, after you be eight
- Caesarean Section..... A neighbourhood in Rome
- Catscan..... Searching for Kitty
- Cauterize..... Made eye contact with her
- Colic..... A sheep dog
- Coma..... A punctuation mark
- Dilate..... To live long
- Enema..... Not a friend
- Fester..... Quicker than someone else
- Fibula..... A small lie
- Impotent..... Distinguished, well known

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY

A mixture of brainteasers and stories to while away an idle moment.

A Polish immigrant in the USA went to to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters:

'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

"Can you read this?" the optician asked. "Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful . CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

1. Suggest a word that would correctly continue this sequence:

AID
GUESS
DEGREE
ESTATE
AVENUE
SENSE
?

2.. I once appeared on a game show and was asked to name in 90 seconds 100 words that do not contain the letter A. Can you do it?

3. With a seven-minute hourglass and an eleven-minute hourglass, what is the quickest way to time the boiling of an egg for fifteen minutes?

4. Find a four letter word that when placed on the end of any of the first three words and in front of any of the last three words makes new words.

HER	SIDE
TEA	LET
TAPE	WORM

A husband was berated by his wife into having a health check-up. She went with him to the doctor's and after the screening the doctor asked to see her on her own. 'Your husband,' he said, 'is suffering from an extreme stress disorder that could kill him. In order to prevent this you need to prepare him three nutritious meals every day, you must never disagree with him, never nag and make sure you make love to him on a regular basis. If you do all that for 12 months he might recover.' The woman thanked the doctor and went to join her husband. 'What did the doctor say?' he asked. The wife shook her head and replied, 'I'm afraid he said you're going to die.'

HOW MANY WIVES DID HENRY VIII HAVE?

We make it two. Or four if you're a Catholic.

Henry's fourth marriage, to Anne of Cleves, was annulled. This is very different from divorce. Legally, it means the marriage never took place.

There were two grounds for the annulment. Anne and Henry never consummated the marriage. Refusal or inability to consummate a marriage is still grounds for annulment today. In addition, Anne was already betrothed to Francis, Duke of Lorraine when she married Henry. At that time, the formal act of betrothal was a legal bar to marrying someone else.

All parties agreed that no legal marriage had taken place. So that leaves five.

The Pope declared Henry's second marriage, to Anne Boleyn, illegal, because the King was still married to his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.

Henry, as head of the new Church of England, declared in turn that his first marriage was invalid on the legal ground that a man could not sleep with his brother's widow. The King cited the Old Testament, which he claimed as "God's Law", whether the Pope liked it or not.

Depending on whether you believe the Pope or the King, this brings it down to either four or three marriages. Henry annulled his marriage to Anne Boleyn just before he had her executed for adultery. This was somewhat illogical if the marriage had never existed, Anne could hardly be accused of betraying it.

He did the same with his fifth wife, Catherine Howard. All the evidence suggests she was unfaithful to him before and during their marriage. This time, Henry passed a special act making it treasonable for a queen to commit adultery. Once again, he had the marriage annulled.

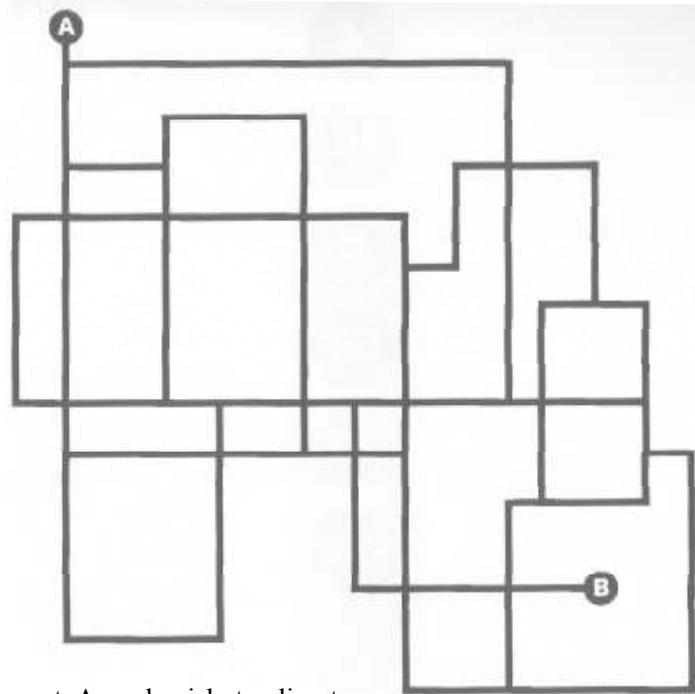
So that makes four annulments, and only two incontestably legal marriages. Apart from Henry's last wife, Catherine Parr (who outlived him), the lady who got off lightest was Anne of Cleves. After their annulment, the King showered her with gifts and the official title of "beloved sister". She visited court often, swapping cooks, recipes and household gadgets with the man who had never been her husband.

5. The Chief of Police was bemused when doing an analysis of crime statistics along a string of beaches his force patrolled. It seemed that one particular beach had a very poor score in terms of proportion of solved crimes. The problem was not due to an under performing officer as all police officers took turns to patrol the beaches. He then visited the beaches and saw at once what the reason was. What was it?

6. What is unusual about these multiplications?

21978 x 4
10989 x 9

7.



You are at A and wish to direct someone to B. What is the simplest set of instructions you could give?

THE YEAR'S BEST [actual] HEADLINES OF 2005-6

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers [now that's taking things a bit far!]

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over [what a guy!]

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile [you think?]

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures [who would have thought!]

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police suspect Homicide [they may be on to something!]

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges [you mean there's something stronger than duct tape?]



'Doing charades is a tradition in this family, young man, and 'Fat bloke being stupid' is not the kind of answer we're used to.'



BLIND RUN

Mrs Joan Goodall, 3 Poise Brook Drive, Offerton
Tel: 456 2076 Pick up 7.15 pm

Wyn and Harold Lawson, 170 Ben Davies Court, Romiley
Tel: 406 9213 Pick up at 7.00 pm

Mrs Dorothy Birch, 53 Mill Lane, Woodley
Tel: 355 3252 Pick up 7.10 pm

Bernard Sharp and Edith Fidler no longer wish to go to Walthew House on Tuesday evenings. Ring the four above 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 John Thewlist 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. To reach the Lawsons from Stockport go under the railway bridge by Romily railway station. The first on the left is Guywood Lane. Go up and take the second left. There is a passage leading to Ben Davies Court; they live in the downstairs flat.

November 28	G Yule	D Burstow
December 5	V Chattington	H Boyes
December 12	H Barker	B Batty
December 19	D Allport	D Dewhurst
January 2	T Burch	S Davies
January 9	D Dev	G Hunt
January 16	M Hurst	J Knowles
January 23	M Lacey	N Loveland
January 30	R Malabon	D McKeith
February 6	J Meeus	C Monkhouse
February 13	A Newsome	D Poizer
February 20	D Rabone	D Rose
February 27	J Sheard	T Sheppard
March 6	B Stevenson	J Sykes
March 13	J Thomas	G Vine
March 20	G Yule	D Allport
March 27	H Barker	B Batty
April 3	H Boyes	T Burch
April 10	D Burstow	V Chattington
April 17	S Davies	D Dev
April 24	D Dewhurst	G Hunt

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
November 22	M Palmer	D McKeith	B Batty
November 29	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
December 6	Committees	H Boyes	A Newsome
December 13	Christmas party		
December 20	No meeting		
December 27	No meeting		
2007			
January 3	Committees	J Meeus	J Sykes
January 10	D Rabone	D Rose	J Sheard
January 17	J Knowles	D Poizer	C Monkhouse
January 24	T Sheppard	T Burch	S Kennedy
January 31	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
February 7	Committees	G Yule	V Chattington
February 14	N Loveland	M Hurst	J Thomas
February 21	G Hunt	G Vine	B Stevenson
February 28	Tba - may be cancelled as Pres. Night Mar. 3		
March 7	Committees	D Dev	M Lacey
March 14	H Barker	D Allport	S Davies
March 21	J Mould	R Malabon	J Thewlis
March 28	D Burstow	M Palmer	D McKeith
April 4	Committees	B Batty	H Boyes
April 11	H Hill	D Dewhurst	A Newsome
April 18	J Meeus	D Rabone	J Sykes
April 25	D Rose	R Taylor	J Sheard
May 2	Committees	D Poizer	J Knowles
May 9	C Monkhouse	T Sheppard	T Burch
May 16	S Kennedy	V Chattington	G Yule
May 23	AGM	J Thomas	N Loveland
May 30	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

1. Any word that could be prefixed by 'Seventh', such as Heaven or day. The series goes First Aid, Second Guess, Third Degree, Fourth Estate, Fifth Avenue, and Sixth Sense.

2. One, two three, four, five, six, seven etc all the way to one hundred.

3. Start the 7- and 11-minute hourglasses when the egg is put into the boiling water. When the sand stops running in the 7-glass, turn it over. When the sand stops in the 11-glass, turn the 7-glass again. When the sand stops again in the 7-glass, 15 minutes will have elapsed.

4. RING

5. It was a nudist beach and it was difficult to describe a thief etc who is naked.

6. The answers are 87912 and 98901 respectively, i.e. the reverse of the first term of the multiplication.

7. Turn left at each crossroads.

Diary

December 6	Committees and SGM to elect club officers
December 11	Council Meeting
December 12	Christmas party at Davenport Rugby Club
December 20	No meeting
December 27	No meeting
2007	
January 3	Committees
January 10*	McKeith/McLeod
January 17	Newsome/Mould (if on LOA Club Services will help)
January 24*	David Poppitt, 'Together Trust'
January 31	No meeting - 5th Wednesday
February 7	Committees
February 14*	Palmer/Poizer
February 21	Rabone/Rose
February 28*	Club Services - may be cancelled as Pres. Night on 3/3
March 3	President's Night. County Hotel, Bramhall
March 7	Committees
March 14*	Sheard/Sheppard
March 21	Stevenson/Sykes
March 28*	Club Services
April 4	Committees
April 11*	Taylor/Thewlis
April 13/15	RIBI Conference, Bournemouth
April 18	Thomas/Vine
April 25*	Club Services
May 2	Committees
May 9*	Yule/Allport
May 16	Barker/Batty
May 23*	AGM
May 30	No meeting - 5th Wednesday

* indicates that we have the use of the Function Room