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**Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club**

# ***Bulletin***

May 2006

Grotto proceeds on their way!



Official presentation of our cheque of £9400 to the David Lewis Centre on 22nd March 2006.

# Presidential prattle

Just when I think I'm beginning to get the hang of this President 'thingie', all of a sudden I find I'm writing my last Presidential Prattle for the Bulletin. Gordon is waiting in the wings, girding up his loins (don't hold that thought too long!) and the new Committees are formed and voted in and so it would be appropriate, at this stage, to write a few words on the Rotary year that was.

Basically, we have had another good year, although it was rather marred by the sad loss of Kelvin. However, we have done amazingly well with our fundraising so far, with more to come from the Fun Run, and this is reflected in our disbursement of charity funds. We also seem to have established a reputation as a 'fun' club throughout District and it was especially nice to hear Fumiko, the Japanese ambassadorial scholar, saying that, of all the clubs she visited, she enjoyed ours the most (I bet she says that to all the presidents!!).

All of this, of course, has only been possible through the hard work and great fellowship of the members and the support of their long suffering spouses and I know that when I hand over to Gordon in June you will give him the same wonderful support that you have given me for my year.

Thank you, everyone.

# Council capers



## March

Money: Charity Account: £4893, General Account: £1666. David Lewis Centre to receive £9410. £3000 committed to Sri Lanka tsunami appeal.

Club Services: Up to 4 possible new members

Ways and Means: Work towards Fun Run in hand.

Charter Night on 20th September. Style of meeting to be voted on by Club.

Result: informal evening preferred.

## April

Membership: Council approved application from David Burstow. 10 day letter to be issued.

Money: Charity Account total for year was £22029; all allocated except £5250, of which £3000 committed. Membership subscription for 2006/7 discussed.

International: June 22 International evening - entertainment being arranged by our club.

Community Service: Stroke Awareness Day on 22 April now arranged.

PRO: Budget of £150 agreed for proposed local shop window display about Rotary.

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I can't seem to find time to procrastinate ...

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish

Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

Life is so uncertain, eat dessert first

Correct spelling is esential

# Meeting Reports



## Committee Night 25 January 2006

It is some time since your reporter last reported...very little has changed...a confusion of energies and emotions (amongst the conscious membership...)

Chaired by our well loved and semi horizontal former commander in the British Army the committee night weaved a path from pillar to post, rather like a slow motion pin-ball game.

Charity donation arrangements announced re David Lewis...success...big fuss over devious doings suspected in the Andaman Sea / Indian Ocean area means that we hold on to our cash for the Tsunami for a while...Henry, international fixer, will get our man in Shri Lanka to parachute in and deal with the bad guys...

Big drama...good job few Scots about tonight...need a dragon for St Georges night...to take place on a date (28/4) which is not St George's Day...cultural slippage from last year's celebration of Burn's Night?

The whole debate taking place on the Baird's Birthday 2006 without any acknowledgement or celebration at all...who said the English are culturally insensitive...? It wasn't Mac...he pitched in, but discretely.

Club services in great shape...programme set until 2010...major focus Open Evening on 12/4...don't need prospective members...just people who might be interested....to listen to Lord Davies of Coity speaking on slush funds in the Caymans...is this our well loved Sid in disguise...? There'll be at least 1 other member originating from Wales who will be pleased to make his acquaintance...! Big debate on 'do we need to advertise this meeting?' Some suggestions about putting details in the Con Club...probably not the topic that the new leadership wants to be reminded about...!

Fresh from and inspired by challenge in the South Seas, Henry...looking just like Henry....alluded to a secret project...invade Poland...join the Territorials in Afghanistan...no...it was recruiting ethnically diverse performers for Geoff Shelmadine's launch as Rotary International's

Impresario....the Bridgewater Hall event for which rumours are flying in Manchester's financial markets that the DG has mortgaged his house. Outside of death and taxes, 2 certainties strike your reporter....Mrs S will not be a happy bunny...and volunteers for the 2006/7 District post will be in short supply. The Belgian Consul....pragmatic as ever was clear that with 4 months to go we need to 'get it firmed up'....'why us?'.... was the cry of apathy...until someone suggested that Dolly Parton might be a part of this...

Technology was the subject of a brief yet tense skirmish between Bob B and Michael...all Bob wanted was an e-

mail (new computer and no mates Bob?) and Michael was clear that he should gaze at the club web-site....as for old technology...well, the Bulletin was a work broadly based on fiction (would you believe that Dear Reader, after looking through this report...?), and being paper based was out of date....so nuhhh

Jim Thomas made his maiden speech as Sergeant at Arms settling old scores...what a long memory...what tragic sins....time to visit the confessional, Dear Readers, before Jim is revisited upon us all....

Malcolm Hurst

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### **Rams at Lyme Hall**

A full house (almost) on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the presence of Geoff Hayes (President RC Altrincham), who had come to see how we did things. For the last time we welcomed as honorary member, Chris Monkhouse, for he was inducted into full membership during the evening. We hope that he has a fulfilling time in our club!

Our guest speaker, Elaine Bates, spoke enthusiastically about Lyme Hall where she has been one of 450 volunteer helpers for many years. Elaine regaled us with a short history of the Hall and of the Leigh family who owned it for generations.

The land that comprises Lyme Park was bought with money given to Sir Thomas Danyers for capturing the opposing standard at the battle of Crecy in 1346. It was, however, some years after his death that his granddaughter Margaret actually purchased Lyme Handley. First there was a hunting lodge and it was only in the 1700's that work on the house proper began. Later work in the 1800's completed much of what we now know as Lyme Hall. The Leigh family who owned it became Lord and Lady Newton, and they made their money from coal fields at Newton le Willows. This substantial income dwindled and after WW2 the family could no longer support the

place; in 1947 Stockport Council took over its administration. In this guise weddings, receptions and parties were accommodated, but the home had lost much of its furniture and fittings. Only when the National Trust took over the administration in 1994 did Lyme Hall gradually acquire many of its former artefacts and restoration begin in a determined way.

The hall, gardens and estate are of course very popular visitor attractions, even more so after 'Pride and Prejudice' was filmed there! The gardens are 400 years old and house among other treasures two 150-year-old camellias that flower in April. Elaine took us on a quick verbal tour of the hall, pointing out some of the many notable items of furniture and art work that can be enjoyed by visitors.

Elaine recounted several anecdotes about the Leigh family, including the story of the family's children in the early 1900's who secretly flooded the long gallery in icy weather hoping to create an indoor skating rink. Their prank was discovered before too much damage was caused. The boys were flogged, and the girls sent to France for 6 weeks and allowed only to speak French for the duration!

Bob Stevenson thanked Elaine for a super talk. Alan Newsome, in gallant mood, won the raffle and presented the wine to Elaine. Who said chivalry is dead? Mac brought the proceedings to order with random and unjustified fines before bed beckoned for all.

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PS: The family crest of the Leighs is a rams head – hence the name of the pub in Disley.

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### **ChildLine NW on 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Something of a panic was in the air at 8.15pm on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Assistant District Governor Chris Welton was present to see if we were still on course programme-wise, and our speaker Helen Carroll of ChildLine North West had not arrived. Presidential cool was on display as we sat down speaker-less, half expecting to have an unexpected impromptu talk on District matters.

We were spared – Helen arrived hot and somewhat flustered in the middle of the meal!

The formal part of the evening started in splendid fashion as John Knowles was inducted as a member of our club. John was a Rotarian 12 years ago, so he brings a breadth of experience with him. We wish him many happy years with us.

By this time Helen was refreshed and ready. She works for ChildLine NW,

which of course is the NW regional part of the charity help line founded by Ester Rantzen. About 1000 phone calls are received daily from children who need someone to talk to about bullying, abuse and other problems. The charity is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. There are so many calls that only about 50-60% are answered due to lack of resources. In the North West there are 120 volunteers of whom about 100 are counselling volunteers. Counsellors talk to the youngsters on a strictly confidential basis. The biggest expense in ChildLine is their training budget as all counsellors go through 3 months training before taking calls. Some kids are really desperate – some are suicidal, and some carry on calling for many years. No social or geographic group is immune to problems apparently. The strict code of confidentiality is broken only if a child's life is in danger, or if an abuser has control over children – such as a teacher or scoutmaster. When a child agrees, reference is made to other

agencies for help, and in some cases the police get involved.

There is always a need for volunteers and for 'ambassadors', who give occasional talks about the work of ChildLine its need for charitable funding. Anyone able and willing to help? Gordon Jackson expressed our thanks for a thought-provoking and well-presented talk.

ADG Chris had gleaned much information during the meal from our President and appeared fully satisfied with the club's activities. He was rewarded by winning the raffle, and (after a wink and a nudge) charitably passed the wine on to our speaker Helen!

Henry drew the meeting to a close with his comprehensive eye for imagined misdemeanours and consequent fines as Sergeant at Arms.

Dennis Allport

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### **Macmillan Nurses on March 22**

This well attended evening was strongly medical in flavour. Members were genuinely pleased to see Jonathan Sheard back to normal. In contrast, the news that rotund Rev. Marc Wolverson has been banned from eating communion wafers and drinking wine. Without my preaching,

a few Rotarians could consider this action.

**A first, a separate table** for a cosy couple, Geoff and Secretary David was mysteriously placed in front of the glamorous speakers Rebecca Bishop and Helen Yates. After Grace, the duo stood up and performed a sort of war dance to impress the girls! It became obvious these two gents were

enjoying their company! After the Royal Toast, Bob Stevenson popped up with one for the English Cricket team, which really upset my neighbour Dev.

Rebecca began with the history in 1911 of Douglas Macmillan setting up a "Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer" after he watched his father suffer and die of the disease. His aim was to inform, provide cheap accommodation and voluntary nursing to these patients as hospitals were mainly treating TB cases.

The disturbing statistic that 1 in 3 people will develop cancer was reassured with a cure rate of 70%. The various aspects of their work to provide continuous support to newly diagnosed people, their families, carers and friends were explained. They depend on 70,000 dedicated volunteers, tin collections and now legacies produce one third of their income. Training of healthcare nurses is pump-primed for the initial three years after that the NHS takes over the funding. Recent developments

include comfortable Care Units, a Benefit's help-line that managed to achieve exemption of the London congestion charge for people attending clinics.

Finally, Rebecca thanked the club for their ongoing support. Questions and observations from the floor confirmed our admiration for this organisation reiterated by John Meuss in his warm vote of thanks.

The evening ended on a lighter note provided by Two Smart Accountants namely Ernest --David McKeith as S/A and Young --Malcolm Hurst as debt collector.

Obvious targets were Mike Palmer - revenge, Dev in disguise - revelation, Ron eating but not drinking - a rebel and of course the predicted standard fine for all Rotarians with ties to boost this week's National Budget. Rotary toast was accompanied yet again by Sir Bob's "to the English Cricketers".

David Rose

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### **Committee Night 5 April**

A goodly number [28] met behind the curtains in our alternative dining area. We were very sorry to hear from Secretary David that ex-DG Bob Sutch had died suddenly just prior to leading our latest GSE team to New Zealand. I can personally vouch for David's statement that Bob was a

great Rotarian with the necessary sense of humour, common sense and dedication which are essential [ and sometimes absent ] qualities in the higher reaches of Rotary.

Michael Lacey then read out an e-mail from Sid Davies suggesting that next week's speaker, Lord Davies of Coity, was an imposter! Sid informed

us that his own proper, although little-used, title was “ Lord Davies of Coitus Interruptus”. It’s a pleasure to know that we have such famous [and modest] members !

It was good to see John Mould breaking his leave of absence and debonair David Dewhurst turning up eventually in his co-respondent white trainers.

As it was Committee Night, after a great deal of earnest discussion, the following reports were presented :

**Secretary** David Rabone said that details of Bob Sutch’s funeral would be advised as soon as available.

**Treasurer** Due to incompetence at the Treasury the AGM will now be held on 3 May.

**Ways and Means** Malcolm made a typically prolix speech [ for our less-literate members “bullshit”] from which I gathered that the organization of the Fun Run was proceeding. Also that Bob Stevenson was in Borneo although I can’t recall why we needed to know this.

**Club Services** Geoff Hunt exhorted the membership to bring potential Rotarians along to next week’s Open Evening for which an excellent speaker had been arranged.

**International** Henry reported that sufficient acts had now been found to make the District concert at the Bridgewater Hall a viable evening. The presentation of the Club’s donation to the Rotary Tsunami project in Shri Lanka could now go ahead.

Details are being sought of this year’s Sight Savers Morecambe Bay walk. The RIBI Assembly has been presented with an expensive plan [using consultants] to promote Rotary more widely. A discussion followed on the merits of this plan and its potential effectiveness.

Mac reported that the public park near his premises is having an official opening on 13 May. Could Rotary be represented ?

**Community Services** David Rose appealed for volunteers to man the Stroke Awareness Day on 22 April. Henry quickly staked a claim for a sedentary role for himself and Geoff as possessors of “dodgy knees”. The need for large signs both inside and out of Centrepoint was emphasized and there will be fliers to hand out.

**Social** Harry reported that the St. Georges Day dinner will be held on the evening of 28 April in the suitably be-decked large hall of the Ladybridge Club. There will be a sumptuous banquet with entertainment, costing £ 22.50. Dress should have a red/ white theme with fancy costumes preferred. Guests will be welcome.

Poynton Rotary Club's Brass and Beatles concert on 24 June was announced and after a long discussion on the participation of our Club further details were awaited.

Graham Vine suggested that the forthcoming "Shakespeare in the Park" in Bramhall Park was worthy of consideration. He further proposed a weekend in the Lake District based around his timeshare in Langdale on 8/9 July. He volunteered to present a plan to the Club.

**Sales** Graham Yule reported a fresh delivery of badges and the availability of lots of new equipment with new logos implying an extensive and expensive makeover for Club members. This news was received with customary hostility and an appeal was made for more upmarket accessories complete with flashing lights etc.

**PRO** John Meeus was pleased to advise that the first article on the Club's current activities had been recently included in the Stockport Express. It was, however, completely inaccurate and the correct version would be published in the Citizen next week.

**AOB** Gordon and Geoff had been to a Rotary session in Birmingham for future Presidents and had enjoyed the day. Gordon had been given a revolting tie which he duly presented to Geoff.

**Sergeant at Arms** Jonathon was on good form and extracted a variety of fines with his usual wit.

**Raffle** Won by Lord Davies of Coitus Interruptus.

David Poizer

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### **Messing About With Boats on 19<sup>th</sup> April**

The speaker Stuart Helm, who teaches Art and Design at Stockport Grammar School, gave us a fascinating account on how he rescued a 'clapped out' boat and restored it to its former glory.

He commenced by showing us detailed models of a 12metre, 1910 racing yacht of the type used in the

early America's Cup Race, a Victorian Racing Yacht and a 1930's fixed keel coastal sailing boat with three sails. He began this 5 year project by purchasing a boat shell, similar to an Edwardian Thames launch, from Chesterfield boat market. He showed a picture of the boat on his trailer, it did not look as if it would ever be sea worthy.

A further series of slides showed how the boat was effectively extended to create an extra stern in order to house

the four stroke diesel engine. The sole, or bottom of the boat, had timbers fixed in place with fibreglass and epoxy resin to form the initial shape of the hull making a former for a level base. Wooden frames were fixed to support the deck. Seats and lockers were constructed using exterior grade plywood. In order to shape the ¾" mahogany top plank or sheer stroke, an ingenious steam box was created using the steam from a paint stripper. The now flexible strips were clamped into place onto a resin base. The deck was built up on an epoxy base using 5mm. Mahogany strips, the gaps filled with black epoxy to simulate the caulking used in early ships. The rudder plate was bolted to a stock and connected to the wheel. Finally a canopy was fixed in place above four brass rods to provide a sheltered area.

The ugly duckling had indeed become a swan! The launch on Lake Windermere must have been a very satisfying outcome for the five years of endeavour.

Jim Thomas gave the vote of thanks for a most interesting and informative talk. John Thewliss called on committee representatives to outline forthcoming events. Stroke awareness day is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Brass and Beatles has about 20 people so far and should prove a successful event. Michael congratulated John Meeus for the article in the Citizen about the presentation of the cheque to charity.

Sergeant at Arms, Tony Burch, fined Alan for not standing during the Queen's toast, Jim Thomas for nearly getting all the slides in sequence, Chris Monkhouse for spinning off the track and being photographed, Tim for being the fastest knife and fork in the west, Alan for his lumberjack impression. I am not *proud* of the fact that I referred the engine being placed in the 'back' of the boat, for which I received a *stern* rebuke and a fine.

Sid rounded off the evening with a tale about an ex Bramhall Doctor, who was a customer of his at Roscoes, and had been ordering some materials to construct a path at the front of his house.

Sid had an appointment with this doctor in order to obtain a personal prescription. At the end of the consultation the doctor asked Sid could he could have some more materials delivered to him. The Doctor wrote the order ; One bag of cement, Two bags of sand and One of aggregate , on a prescription form. Sid, in his inimitable manner, duly presented this prescription at David Day's chemist. The assistant took it to the pharmacist, he appeared after a few minutes looking very puzzled. "Is there a problem," asked Sid "I have my lorry parked outside!"

Neil Loveland

### **Annual General Meeting: 3 May**

In many ways this was a curious event! Firstly, only 19 members turned up, which was a pity considering the nature of the evening. Secondly, five officers and/or committee chairmen were away for a variety of good reasons I'm sure - and it was these very people who were supposed to be reviewing their areas of responsibility over the last year. Two had thankfully made arrangements for the club to receive reports, which was something I suppose.

Our financial reporting system has been commented on for years by successive Treasurers as bonkers! Our financial year is out of kilter with our Rotary year by 3 whole months, which means the AGM financial reports frequently miss out known receipts and known expenditure which occurred in the period end March to end June. Crazy or what? This troubled me last night (I know, I should have better things to think about), and then it struck me! Change the reporting period to align with the Rotary year. It seems so obvious, doesn't it? My proposals:

1. At the AGM, elect Council members and other functionaries, as now.
2. Discuss and agree a budget for the ensuing year and agree a subscription, again as now.

3. Draw up complete accounts for our General and Charity Accounts after end June to reflect our Rotary year, and have these discussed and agreed at a later date, say between August and November. Now this is not as revolutionary as it seems, as it is what RIBI tells us to do anyway! So what's stopping us? Over to you Club Councillors.

The new slate of Committee Chairmen looked very familiar in many respects, which was a good sign for continuity. Committee members had been assigned, with the provision for Deputy Chairmen to fill in when needed. The new committees are listed in the centre section of this Bulletin.

The subscription for 2006/7 will be £90, an increase of £5 accounted for entirely by increases in capitation fees of £6.50. £73 of the £90 goes in capitation fees - the club was indignant about this top heavy imposition, but can't find a way to influence it. One day perhaps there will be revolution over this! It was pointed out that our subs would be even higher if we did not charge £10 for a meal which costs less than this - all the excess after a room charge etc. going back into the General Account.

And so ended the AGM for 2006.

Dennis Allport

## Club Inventory

March 2006

The club's belongings are spread around many people. This list summarises the position in March 2006. Please advise Dennis Allport of any changes, corrections or additions.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Holder(s)</b>
A-frame	A Newsome
Archive files	R Batty
Banner – long	G Jackson
Banners (other clubs)	G Hunt
Banners (RC Bramhall)	G Yule
Beards and wigs for Santa	G Jackson
Bell, lectern, flags	Ladybridge Club
Bunting	A Newsome
Cameras (3)	G Jackson (2), J Meeus (1)
Club Charter	?
Collecting tins/buckets	R Batty, A Newsome, H Boyes
Customer counter	G Jackson
Dining shelter/gazebo	A Newsome
Display panels	T Sheppard
Father Christmas outfit	D Rabone
Fun Run items	H Boyes
Historic social files	D Dewhurst
Name board	R Batty
Printer	G Jackson
Rotary display roundel(s)	S Davies
Slide projector	Ladybridge Club
Spin the wheel	A Newsome
Tabards	H Boyes
Tables (hexagonal)	T Sheppard
TV, video	Ladybridge Club

# Letters to the editor



24<sup>th</sup> February 2006

The Editor  
Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club  
Bulletin

Dear Sir

Members may recall the visit of the famous Doktor Sleizenfinger and his Dutch assistant to our Club when they performed a ground-breaking operation on a young lady.

Now I must disillusion the members who thought that the young lady was a real live being. I am told that every one of our members was utterly convinced of this, such was the realism and tension of the situation. She was actually a clever plastic model loaned by a Rotarian from Poynton Club, David Freedman who has an outfitters business in Stockport. I know this news will come as a great shock to members.

Upon arranging the return of the model to David, he said I could keep it. It is now stored in my garage.

If any member would like to have this model on loan, then please let me know. Those who live in upmarket houses may consider dressing it up as a security guard and place it at the entrance to their property so as to

deter burglars. Such models have been used in Robins Lane, Bramhall at the entrance to a posh housing development.

Before members rush to phone me, I must emphasise that this is a rigid model and not an inflatable doll as advertised in men's magazines.

Also available at a small hire charge is Colonel Fawcett's stuffed dog which is mounted on a small platform with castors. It would be ideal for overweight members (of which there are many) who might wish to walk it in Bramhall Park or even Lyme Park. It has the great advantage of not requiring to be fed, nor its mess cleared up with a "poop-scoop". It has the advantage also of making it plain that the person walking the dog is in the park purely for innocent reasons and not to "flash" at passers by of the opposite sex. (Those members who already have been prosecuted or cautioned for flashing might be wise not to hire the dog).

Yours truly

Sid Davies

PS I understand that Doktor Sleizenfinger and his assistant have fled to Argentina or Brazil as the Police wished to interview them.

WAZINNIT4ME

We are constantly besieged to consider others, put service before self. I find this altruism difficult to accept. What is wrong with good old ME..ME...ME? This is one of the strengths of Rotary.

During the last few weeks I've come to appreciate the help given to me by fellow Rotarians. My gratitude does not quite go to the extent of buying them a drink, but I think it is worth emphasising to prospective members the advantages to oneself of being in Rotary.

During that time I've had lifts to the airport (JM), scrounged the use of wicket-keepers gloves..no questions asked (CM), discovered a manic cannon builder and arch-bodger (DP),

and who else but an incorrigible hoarder such as John Meeus can come up with an army greatcoat at the drop of a regimental hat. Michael came to help me sort out my camcorder and several others offered monosyllabic advice.

Probably the guy who has benefited most from Rotary is Herb. When I first met him, he was the one who would never join any social club. In a few short years he has been President, organised major events and 'done District'.

The secondary purpose of this epistle to the converted is to ask you to keep up the support of me...because I'm worth it.

David (*Ed: but which David?*)



*'I agree, it's disgusting. I'm going to switch it off very shortly.'*

### Chickening out

A farmer went out one day and bought a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says, "OK old timer, time for you to retire." The old rooster replies, "Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these chickens. Look what it has done to me. Can't you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?" The young rooster says, "Beat it: You are washed up and I am taking over." The old rooster says, "I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets the exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop." The young rooster laughs. "You know you don't stand a chance, old man. So, just to be

fair, I will give you a head start."

The old rooster takes off running. About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap. He is only about 5 feet behind the old rooster and gaining fast. The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roosters running by. He grabs his shotgun and - BOOM- he blows the young rooster to bits. The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, "Darn.....third gay rooster I bought this month."

Moral of this story? ...Don't mess with the OLD TIMERS - age, skill, and treachery will always prevail.

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### Husband hunting

A lady finds a wonderful new type of shop. It sells new husbands! Just what she is looking for! She goes in and is told that there are six floors and that there are different grades of husbands on each floor – the higher the floor the better the quality of the husband. There were a few very strict rules, however. Once on a floor, there was no returning to a lower floor and once on the top floor a customer had to exit the shop altogether.

On the ground floor she sees that it provides 'husbands that have a job'. A good start, but she is convinced

that there must be much better deals higher up so she goes to floor 2. Here all the men have a job and a house. Pretty good, she thinks – but what about floor 3? Here all the men had a job, a house and were handsome. Even better! She climbs up to floor 4 where all the men were stated to have a job, a house and were exceptionally handsome. She could hardly believe it. But what did the other two floors hold in store? She decided to look at floor 5 where all the men had jobs, houses and were very handsome indeed as well as being excellent lovers! Perfect! (next page...)

## Diary

May 3	Annual General Meeting
*May 10	Fun Run Briefing
May 17	Mike Berry - Longcase clocks
May 21	Fun Run
*May 24	Tony Matthews: Chelsea Flower Show
May 31	No meeting - 5th Wednesday
June 7	Committee night
*June 14	Vine/Yule
June 21	Fun Run debrief
June 24	Brass and Beatles
*June 28	Assembly and Handover
July 5	Committee night
July 9	End of year barbecue
*July 12	Burch/Davies
*July 19	Dev/Dewhurst
*July 26	Club Services (new committee)
*August 2	Committee night
*August 9	Hill/Hunt
*August 16	Kennedy/Lacey
*August 23	Club Services (new committee)
August 30	No meeting - 5th Wednesday

**Please note that the programme above is subject to change. Please keep Geoff Hunt informed of intended speakers or visits.**

**\* indicates that we will have the function room.**

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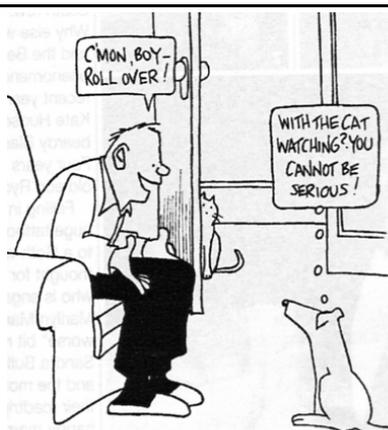
At this stage, however, curiosity got the better of her and she was determined to find the very best offer. So she climbed up to the top

floor only to see a notice stating that there were actually no men at all on this floor, she must now leave the building and that the floor had only been provided to show that you could never satisfy some women.

## Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
May 3	Committees	D Allport	M McLeod
May 10	No speaker	D Dev	M Lacey
May 17	H Barker	G Jackson	S Davies
May 24	J Mould	R Malabon	H Hill
May 31	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
June 7	Committees	M Palmer	D McKeith
June 14	B Batty	H Boyes	T Burch
June 21	D Dewhurst	D Rabone	A Newsome
June 28	Assembly	J Meeus	D Rabone
July 5	Committees	J Sykes	D Rose
July 12	D Poizer	J Knowles	C Monkhouse
July 19	T Sheppard	N Loveland	G Yule
July 26	J Thomas	G Hunt	M Hurst
August 2	Committees	G Vine	B Stevenson
August 9	D Dev	M Lacey	H Barker
August 16	S Davies	D Allport	R Malabon
August 23	J Thewlis	H Hill	M Palmer
August 30	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
September 6	Committees	D McKeith	B Batty
September 13	H Boyes	T Burch	D Dewhurst
September 20	A Newsome	D Rabone	J Meeus
September 27	J Sykes	D Rose	D Poizer
October 4	Committees	C Monkhouse	T Sheppard
October 11	J Knowles	G Yule	N Loveland
October 18	M Hurst	J Thomas	G Hunt
October 25	B Stevenson	M Lacey	D Dev

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



## 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 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. 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.

April 18	H Boyes	T Burch
April 25	D Dev	D Dewhurst
May 2	D Allport	M Hurst
May 9	B Batty	R Malabon
May 16	M Lacey	N Loveland
May 23	J Knowles	D McKeith
May 30	J Meeus	C Monkhouse
June 6	J Mould	A Newsome
June 13	D Poizer	D Rabone
June 20	D Rose	T Sheppard
June 27	B Stevenson	J Sykes
July 4	J Thomas	G Vine
July 11	G Yule	H Barker
July 18	B Batty	H Boyes
July 25	T Burch	D Dev
August: no Blind Run during August		
September 5	D Allport	S Davies
September 12	D Dewhurst	G Hunt
September 19	M Hurst	G Jackson
September 26	J Knowles	M Lacey
October 3	N Loveland	R Malabon
October 10	D McKeith	J Meeus
October 17	C Monkhouse	J Mould
October 24	A Newsome	D Poizer



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**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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