

Rotarian



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Happy Bikes for Africa Christmas!

Geoff's Jottings

What a challenging and rewarding couple of months for us all. Rotary in Bramhall & Woodford continues to fulfill our aspirations: humanity in motion, community service, fellowship and fun.

The end of September saw the District 1050 Conference in Southport, already reported on by Ron Malabon. A very enjoyable weekend among Rotary friends old and new, great networking, inspirational speakers.....and blessed by lovely weather. I particularly recall the moving presentation by Penny Dean, a dwarf (Small in a Tall Person's World) which resulted in all the local Rotary clubs making a donation to sponsor the Dwarf Games to be held in Coventry next year. If you haven't yet attended a conference, I suggest that you support Tony and Sandra Burch at next year's event – again in Southport but with improved hotel and conference facilities.

Our main achievement, of course, has been our highly successful involvement in the Bikes for Africa Campaign, reported elsewhere in this Bulletin. Thanks to all of you who gave so much time and effort to this very worthwhile cause but special thanks to David Dewhurst, Tony Burchand especially John Sykes and Chris Monkhouse for their one-day round trip to Colchester to deliver bikes for shipment to a remote corner of Namibia. We must also gratefully acknowledge the splendid support of the public who delivered a total of 170 bikes to us on a very wet Sunday in late October. David's email to all who were involved in this project will be found here in the bulletin and it demonstrates just what we can achieve together.

Our Charter Night, now enjoyed as a celebration of the club's (21st) birthday, was a huge success. Almost 70 people attended the Caribbean Evening at Bramhall Park Golf Club with sunshine rhythm provided by Hazel Grove High School Steel Band. A very "colourful" evening with great food and music. Vida (the human dynamo) "encouraged" us all to join in the dancing and she even had the less creaky amongst us doing the limbo - as well as organising a beauty parade of men wearing their most garish shirts – a competition won deservedly by Bob Batty who looked as though he had just come in straight off the beach. This was our third "new style charter night" and they just seem to get better each year. Our thanks to John Meeus and Vida Chattington for all their hard work – not forgetting Mark Hunter who read the Foundation Charter as if it were the Magna Carta itself.

We continue to have a full programme of interesting speakers on a wide range of topics. Guests and visitors always let us know how much they enjoy our meetings. I also pay tribute to the wide variety of great food provided by our own Honorary Member/Chef Chris O'Dwyer.....hang the calorie intake!

Three special events are worthy of mention here where I have represented the club:

- Lunch with the President of RIBI – Alan Jagger, organised by Stockport Rotary Club and attended by all Zone 3 Presidents.
- The Ambassadorial Scholars Welcome Dinner, a district event organised by Manchester Breakfast Club (accompanied by Messrs. Rabone, Barker and Lacey).
- Poynton Rotary Club's President Night, accompanied by my wife Olive.

It has been a privilege to attend all three events on the club's behalf.

And now the usual busy period in the run-up to Christmas. Courtesy of several club members Santa will be visiting Bramhall Hall on the 16th and 23rd December. Is this a promotion do you think? We are also collecting for Rotary charities both in Bramhall Village and Woodford Park Garden Centre. The main local charity, chosen by our Community Service Committee, will be Beechwood Cancer Care which as you know we have already supported recently and which is the favoured charity of the Mayor of Stockport for local Rotary clubs. I know that we will all do our utmost to support these pre-Christmas activities as we have always done. The reward is an invitation to our Christmas Dinner at Davenport Golf Club on the 19th December. It promises to be outstanding. Organised by John Meeus we have begun to expect nothing less!

The more I see Rotary in action the more I begin to understand the impact we are making locally, nationally and internationally to so many of those less fortunate than ourselves.....exemplified by our own club members. So, come on, let's not hide our light under the proverbial bushel, let's encourage others to join us in getting involved in putting Service above Self. End of sermon!

Finally, Olive and I send our best wishes to everyone for a very happy and peaceful Christmas.....and onwards into 2008!

Geoff



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 12-11-07

- President's drinks will be on 27/1/2008
- We will NOT have a club meeting on 2.1.2008 and committees will be on 9.1.2008. Council on 14.1.2008

From Council Meeting 8-10-07

- Before adopting everyclick (www.everyclick.com) interested club members should register, adopt a charity of their choice (e.g. Beacon counselling) and give it a try. We will decide for ourselves in about 3 months.
- Council agreed to open a "special projects" current and reserve account with the same mandate signatories and rules as the existing charity accounts. First use will be for BFA.
- We will donate £20 (as per other clubs in our Zone) to support the Dwarf Games in Coventry. This results from an inspirational speech at the District Conference by dwarf Penny Dean
- Tony Burch will take over the financial side of BFA, and also organise the van and drivers to transport the bikes to Colchester.
- D McKeith granted leave of absence for 12 months (he is chairing Manchester Chamber of Commerce)
- We will send e-bulletin to other presidents as decided by Geoff.

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!

Just a thought on fortnightly meetings. If Bill and Joe have attendance of 70% each then they see each other once every other meeting. At 60% this becomes every three meetings. So with fortnightly meetings a pair of 60%ers will see each other every 6 weeks or so! Last quarter we had 9 members with less than 60% and 6 more with less than 70%.

Michael 20.11.07

**District conference at Southport 28th
- 30th September 2007**

For those of you who have been to a conference before you will know the standard format of the event, i.e meet up on Friday evening for a meal followed by an informal dance. Saturday morning and early afternoon is given over to a series of inspirational talks with a formal ball in the evening. Sunday morning has more inspirational talks.

Friday evening started with a meal at the hotel for over 150 people followed by a musical session at the Floral Hall just along the road from the hotel. Top of the bill were the original Searchers whose music persuaded many to venture onto the dance floor. Most of our group's sleep that night was disturbed by nearby disco music which played on into the small hours and shouting and screaming by some irate or drunken people.

On Saturday morning after a substantial breakfast we made our way to the Southport Theatre for the first plenary session. There were the usual introductions from the mayor. Dave Linett, a retired New Jersey lawyer, spoke on behalf of the RI President (Wilfrid Wilkinson) whose theme is "Rotary Shares". Having mislaid some of his notes the talk got off to a hesitant start but eventually they were found much to his relief. There are 1.3 million members in 207 countries (cf the UN with 197 countries). The Foundation

budget is 100 million US dollars. China is still a stumbling block as only ex-pats are allowed to join clubs.

There then followed a very positive and moving talk by Penny Dean, who is a dwarf, on being small in a tall persons world – her brothers and sisters are 6 feet tall. She spoke at a high speed but held everyone's attention through out her talk about the ups and downs of her life.

John Kenny (RI President in 2009-10) gave an address on behalf of the RIBI President Alan Jagger. There are concerns over membership as new members are often lost in the first three years and there is the ageing face of Rotary (Paul Harris was only 32 when he founded Rotary). Foundation needs as much support as possible and a final push is required for Polio Plus to clear the disease from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

The next presentation by Professor Gareth Morgan from the Institute of Cancer Research was rather technical for the audience and was probably more suited to a group of oncologists or molecular geneticists. Apparently 40% of the population will have some form of cancer. 30 years of research are now beginning to show signs of success as they gain a better understanding of the various cancers. In the next 10 years we should start to see some benefits.

In a change to the programme we then saw an excerpt from the Al Gore film

“Preserve Plant Earth” It certainly raises concerns for the future of mankind. 40% of the world currently relies on getting water from glaciers in the Himalayas which are shrinking every year.

In the final talk of the morning Ed Bennis from RC Manchester Breakfast spoke about their edible garden project with Manchester primary schools. Because of his late arrival his speech seemed to be shortened and the object of the exercise was never fully explained.

The afternoon sessions took place in the Floral hall to a much smaller audience. A slide show illustrated the work of Water Aid in Tanzania. District 1280 seems to be the prime mover in the Disabled Games which are normally held in Coventry. They would like to see more involvement from 1050 with the possibility of holding a NW games in Manchester. Sarah Edwards represented Stroke Awareness which needs £4 million each year to fund its research projects. In 2006 450 clubs took part in Stroke awareness day carrying out over 50000 tests. Finally there was a video showing the work of the Jubilee Sailing Trust.

In the evening there was the Conference Ball but the music was too loud for many peoples liking and requests for it to be turned down were ignored. The highlight was a humorous speaker John Clewlow, a vet and a member of RC Biddulph, who had

people laughing for over 30 minutes with his dry wit.

On Sunday morning we returned somewhat wearily to the Theatre for the third plenary session which started with another address by David Linett on the future of Rotary in a changing world. This was followed by Allison Waterhouse talking about Kids Out. Andrew Goodliffe from RC Manchester Breakfast spoke about the Young Chef competition. Started in 1999 with 7 schools of year 9 children there are now 16 schools taking part and more help is required if the scheme is to expand any further. There is also a Future Chef scheme run by the Catering trade for Year 10 and 11 children.

“Thought for the day” was given by Gabrielle Cox who used to be Chair of Manchester Police Authority and a thorn in the side of Jim Anderton the Chief Constable.

In the fourth and final session RC Northwich and Vale Royal described their fund raising cycle ride across Ireland (not a patch on the effort Michael put into his trip).

The annual awards went to Poynton (Rose Bowl), Manchester Breakfast (Attendance Shield) and Cheadle (Eddie Cramner award).

Ken Boylett the incoming DG did a promotional pitch for next year's conference which will also be held in

Southport, hopefully in the new (and yet to be completed) complex. The dates are 26th to 28th September 2008. So if you are thinking of supporting Tony Burch next year book these dates in your diary now.

We then had a fascinating talk by Michael Lavin, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, on Saving Sight. This was definitely not for the squeamish.

Finally we had a humorous talk by David Kendall a retired Barclays bank manager from York. This lifted spirits for the journey home and was an excellent way to finish the conference.

Pam and I enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship with Henry Barker, Geoff and Olive Hunt, Michael and Pam Lacey, Bob and Oriane Stevenson and John and Wendy Sykes.

Ron Malabon

Bikes for Africa – Collection and First Part of their delivery

Sunday 28th October 11 am; location –car park adjacent to Bramhall Health Centre. A dozen Rotarians are ready and waiting to receive bikes; will we be successful and fill a 7.5 ton van?

This was the culmination of months a planning and costing by a small team led by David Dewhurst with the aim of sending 400 bikes to Namibia where they are badly needed. David had successfully obtained a matching grant from RI; we also get a grant from District, and there is money from a Canadian organisation. Michael Lacy had raised a significant amount with his cycle ride from Land End to John O’Groats

Publicity for the event was in the form of a banner in the village and handouts left in assorted shops around the village.

On Sunday morning, the van, hired from Salford Van Hire, arrived about 11.15, having made a detour to collect cardboard for use as packing. By this time there were a significant number of bikes lined up for preparation – remove pedals put into plastic bag (donated by Tesco) and tie onto the bike; turn handle bars to align with frame, then pass forward to the packers. Packing roughly followed the format suggested by the people at Re-Cycle to ensure maximum load into the van, but ensuring that we did not have a mass of tangled bikes at the other end.

Throughout the day there was a steady stream of bikes being donated. Some bikes were ridden to the car park some came on roof racks, one couple arrived with two bikes strapped to the top of a mini moke, a few bikes were collected using a borrowed trailer. In handing over her bike, one elderly lady said that she had received the bike as a present for passing her exams in 1939; yes it was ideal for the purpose as it was of sturdy construction. A family of four arrived

with four bikes and donated three of them; the teenage daughter had a very new bike that she was keeping.

By mid afternoon the van was full and we were strapping in the last few bikes to ensure that they stayed put for the journey down to Re-Cycle at Colchester. Total content 120 bikes.

All we had to do was get them safely to Colchester on Monday morning. Chris Monkhouse and John Sykes had volunteered for the job. So 6am Monday we departed from Chris's home in Poynton in the van, Chris taking the first stint of driving.



We elected to travel down the M6, good decision as the van had negligible acceleration, but once it was up to speed would trundle along quite nicely. Changeover of driver after two hours was at the Corley service centre on the M6 south of the M6Toll road; quick stop, no coffee. Then M6 onto the A14 which was reasonably light with traffic and we could maintain a steady speed. Second stop on the A14 shortly before

it becomes the M11; time to phone Derek at Re-Cycle to confirm arrival time, request additional help for unloading and have a bacon sandwich and coffee – we deserved it. Sat-nav took us straight to our destination, with none of the unsuitable roads that can sometimes occur. We arrived just after noon. Derek had two other helpers standing by. Van rear shutter door opened no problem, which meant that nothing had moved during the journey. The bikes were unloaded in about 40 minutes, no tangled mass, a credit to the loaders on Sunday. Derek was also very complimentary on the quality of bikes we had collected.

We then retired to a local pub for lunch and set off back home, no incidents to report, arriving Poynton at 8pm.

The greatest hassle was returning the van to Salford on Tuesday morning through the morning rush hour. Chris drove gently to ensure that I could keep up with him!



What next? Re-Cycle do a limited amount of fettling to the bikes, then pack them with others into a container; max capacity is just short of 400. Tools and spares are also packed into the container, which will then be sent out to Namibia. The container becomes a workshop; locals are trained in bike repairs and are set up in a small business. Some bikes are given to medics, others are sold for a small sum to enable local people who have had suitable training to earn a living.

The people of Bramhall supported the activity superbly and donated as many bikes as we could get into the van, most members of the Club were involved in some capacity during the collection day, and the bikes are now safely in Colchester awaiting their container. A very successful operation and one that the Club can be very proud of.

John Sykes & Chris Monkhouse

Meeting Reports



Inside Bramhall on 26th September

There were a number of apologies but the meeting seemed well attended as we had two guests of the Belgian Consul, Frank Golds, a neighbour, and Bruce Harrington a Rotarian from Brownhills Creek, Adelaide. They both responded fully to their welcome and, as is often the case in our Club when the speaker's host also gives a lengthy vote of thanks, the main speaker is almost redundant.

Garth Aspinall, editor and proprietor of the new glossy Bramhall magazine spoke to us about the concept of the magazine and explained his plans to expand into other areas as well as Poynton (the original) and Bramhall. Advertising took about half the space whilst the rest was devoted to local

news, puzzles and editorial comment. It augurs well for our Club that he now knows us and hopefully he will publicize our events and so forth.

John Thewlis suggested he introduce a Page 3 which I understand (although I am not sure) involves pictures of women with no (or few), clothes on.

The committee reports consisted of an update by David Dewhurst who distributed very impressive leaflets on the Bikes for Africa; these are to be available in shops etc in Bramhall about three weeks before the collection date on October 28th.

John Sykes reported that a cheque had been given to Beechwood Cancer Care and Graham Yule, as is usual, sprang to

the front of the tables to give his usual meaningless spiel about badges, T-shirts and so forth.

Ron Malabon as Sargeant at Arms fined everyone in sight for obscure reasons.

Great joy was abroad when Harry Hill appeared, as rumours were rife that he had absconded with the takings of his garden party and left for Patagonia.

Sid Davies

Committee Night – 3rd October

This was a routine committee night highlighted by culinary excellence from honorary member Chris O'Dwyer. There was a run on the steak pie and the bouillabaisse was excellent.

President Geoff reported briefly on the District Conference in Southport the previous weekend. Ron Malabon had prepared a full report and all members should now have received a copy by email. Secretary Michael circulated the White Book complete with incriminating photos of the Conference attendees "socialising".

Treasurer Mike (a modern day Robin Hood) was away in London on business but had left the cheque books with John Sykes, but not the paying-in book, so the £587 raised by the Hill's Soiree is still floating about somewhere in the ether.

David R (Ways & Means) informed us that the Christmas collection at Woodford Park is being organised as is the provision of Santas for Bramhall Hall, and the Fun Run is now to be rescheduled for early 2008. He will be

liaising with the schools as to a suitable date and it will be held in Bramhall Park as before.

The club programme is complete for the rest of this year. Gordon will be having an "At Home" evening on Saturday November 17th in an attempt to interest potential new members and will require the club's support.

John S (Community Service) asked the club to donate £20 towards an event at the Dwarf Games – similarly supported by all the clubs in District 1050 following a wonderful presentation on dwarfism by Penny Dean entitled "Small in a Tall Person's World" at the conference. See Ron Malabon's email for further details.

David D (International) updated us on the Bikes for Africa project and in particular our own contribution to this project specifically for Namibia. We hope to collect at least 100 bikes on Sunday 28th October outside the Bramhall Health Centre and David is now putting together his team of doughty collectors for the big day.

Henry B (Foundation) reminded us to support Rotary Foundation to the tune

of \$100 yearly; say a fiver a month. The vast majority of club members are already doing this. Secretary Michael pointed out that this giving is entirely voluntary which, of course, it is.....so no obligations!

Vida (Social) informed us that the Charter Night Caribbean Party is now at the final planning stage. John M is, as usual, the main protagonist with Bramhall Park Golf Club. So far 66 people have pledged their support to turn up in their most garish outfits so it should be a fun evening on Friday 19th October. Vida also press-ganged

members to enter a team into Hazel Grove Rotary Club's Quiz on the 16th October.

Finally, John Thewlis fined everyone except Henry with great levity. Not to be left out Henry donated his own 50 pence with alacrity and the meeting finished promptly at 10.30pm allowing members to wearily weave their ways back home to bed.

(The only volunteer willing to accept the challenge of writing the above report.)

A Doctor remembers

On 17th October 24 ravenous Rotarians tucked into a delicious buffet of fishcakes, sweet and sour chicken and braised pork as though they had not eaten for a week -but would it not be courteous when we have a speaker to let the "top table" have first bite? However as Dr Hambleton said it was his third visit to the club we must be doing something right.

Dr. Hambleton took as his subject the progress and changes in the NHS over 50 years.

Like most of his audience born just before the war he had enjoyed free education and free medical care. He joined the NHS in 1960s specialising in paediatrics. In those days people expected all aspects of medical care to be entirely free - even their aspirins. But nowadays

with ever more complex and expensive drugs there has to be some budgetary control and difficult decisions from NICE on which drugs provide value for money

External factors have also affected the NHS. Following improvements in public health, housing and safety, Dr. Hambleton now rarely has to treat a child with burns for an accident at home. Premature babies of more than 6 weeks rarely survived in the '60s whereas 12 weeks is now normal. People are living longer and more hips need replacing to give them mobility - but how far should we go in maintaining life? This and euthanasia are big questions for the future. Dying is a part of living.

After some interesting questions David Dewhurst gave a vote of thanks.

David Rabone tried to circulate lists for volunteers to collect at Woodford Grange and be Father Christmas at Bramhall Hall. (Yes it is that time again). Unfortunately the list stuck under someone's plate. He'll try again in a fortnight but it is important that everybody responds to share the load.

Bob Batty raised a query about whether the blind run drivers would be willing to pick up Mrs Salt earlier at 6.45 so that she could have extra tuition. The Club agreed to this.

Gordon reminded us of the party for prospective members at his home on Nov. 17th.. Secy. Michael said we were winning the Hazel Grove quiz at half-time but faded later (like the English football team in Russia said a voice from the floor !).

Alan used his powers as SAA to extort 50ps from those who were nameless and we went home happy after another good evening.

Bob Batty

Committees on 7th November

Committee night and also the night we lost the Raffle winner. Around two thirds of the Club plus a guest from Winsford and Middlewich RC enjoyed another selection of Chris's buffet meals. Many went back for seconds and were duly penalised by the Sergeant at Arms later in the evening.

Committee chairmen indicated that all was well with their activities; David R sent Malcolm round to gather more names for the Woodford Park collection days; who can resist Malcolm's arm twisting? Tony reported that the BfA finances were in good state and that once the bank completed the setup of the new account the contribution from RI could be claimed, together with the contribution from Canada. Chris Monkhouse presented a series of photographs from the bike collection day and the trip to Colchester that he and I made on the Monday. See

elsewhere in the bulletin for a detailed account of the activity. President Geoff rightly summed up that the BfA event was a fine example of Rotary in action and of the camaraderie within the Club. I reported that suitable publicity material had been arranged from Beechwood Cancer Care for the Garden Centre collections. Vida advised that all preparations for the Christmas dinner are in hand.

Tony created enough justifications to extract a fine from everyone present at the meeting. The raffle – well, a number was drawn, many searched their pockets more than once, but nobody claimed to have the winning number; or had decided that the wine was not to their taste. By common consent the wine will reappear at the Christmas celebrations.

John Sykes

Disasters on 21st November

The Speaker was Professor Anthony Redmond, MB,ChB, MD, MRCP, FRCS (Eng), FRCP, FFAEM, FRCS(Edin), speaking on **'Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine'**.

Tony illustrated his talk with Powerpoint slides which really proved the old saying that a picture is worth a thousand words. These were exceptionally graphic, rightly so, to illustrate the gravity of the situations in which he had found himself. He holds a number of very senior posts in this field, including Emeritus Professor of Emergency Medicine, Keele University.

He started in this speciality some years ago, when based at Withington Hospital and Rotary was involved, sponsoring equipment to help the 'SMART' emergency response project. He then showed us a slide of a man who was complaining of chest pains – it showed a patient on a stretcher with a huge sliver of wood going right through his chest – no wonder he was uncomfortable !!

Tony was in Armenia following their earthquake in 1988, during which 25,000 died, and 15,000 were injured. On his way home from this disaster, his team was diverted to Lockerbie, where the Pan Am plane has crashed, with the loss of all 259 people on board, and 11 people on the ground. Harrowing slides were shown, including one of a passenger, still strapped into her seat, hanging through the roof of a house.

The tone was lightened when Tony then went on to tell of the Team's attempt to get home from Scotland. The military would not fly them 'we are not a taxi service' – the police referred them to Social Services, who wanted to know if there would be anyone at home to receive them, before eventually providing them with the train fare home. They managed to buy cheaper 'Saver Tickets' saving a pound, enabling them to 'have a drink on Social Services' !!

The talk went on to include first hand reports of what it was like to practice emergency medicine in a war zone – this time in the Balkans. He was in Sarajevo, where 12,000 were killed, 50,000 wounded – 85% of these were civilian. We saw slides showing the terrible effects of high velocity gunshot wounds to the human body – fist size exit wounds usually requiring amputation. Reconstructive surgery followed.

Tony arrived in Kosovo during 1999-2000 to find dogs eating human remains, gunfights in Casualty Department, bodies liquefying in the Mortuary and even a patient holding a hand grenade in case anyone tried to kill her (again). The Team's efforts resulted in a reduction in infant mortality of 20% and ICU mortality down by 50%.

Sierra Leone and characterised by amputations and the need for artificial limbs and comment was made on the almost total lack of psychiatric aftercare

for people whose lives had been devastated.

The talk continued at a cracking pace, for there have been so many calls on their services and this will continue. There are no 'natural disasters' we were told, only man made ones, often because of poverty, people have to live in unsafe areas. Most people are rescued post disaster, by survivors of that disaster. Next are the national aid teams, with relatively few being rescued by international teams. Contrary to what the media would have us believe, the unburied dead pose no health risk, it is the mass movement of people into temporary shelter that poses the greatest threat to health.

Professor Redmond then told us he held a record. This was for how many ambulances a single patient could arrive in – in his case, three !!

It is difficult to summarise a talk, which was totally fascinating from beginning to end, and resulted in a standing ovation from the members. The general consensus was that it had been one of the best, perhaps the best, talks that we have ever had.

The excellent vote of thanks, like the introduction, was made by David Rose, who reminisced about his early days, and being at Stockport Infirmary at the time of the Stockport air crash.

Secretaries Report

Michael mentioned the SGM to vote in new Club Officers, which will be held on the 5th December. Tony will be next years President, with the office of Vice President still open. Graham Yule will relinquish Sales Officer, to take the role of Treasurer, leaving that post vacant.

John Thewlis asked if we could in some way assist with Tony Redmond's work – yes was the response, by sponsoring exchanges. Michael commented Rotary Foundation and that we were often unable to find people for exchange programmes and so there are possibilities to explore.

Ways & Means

Ron told us that collections to date were £444 – up on last year. We benefitted from an extra tin, which a lady doing free 'face painting' had asked for, and returned with monies that she had collected. If collections progress at this rate, then we may raise over £3,000.

Community Service

John Sykes mentioned contact with Beechwood Cancer Care, and a letter of thanks from the Dwarf Athletic Association.

Any Other Business

Gordon told us that his evening went well, £90 was made, and the profile of Rotary has been raised in his road and a very good time was had by all.

Chris Monkhouse



SOME CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AND BRAIN EXERCISE!

There was a young lady from Kent,
Just over the age of consent;
When men asked her to dine,
Bought her cocktails and wine,
She knew what it meant, but she went.

I sat next to the Duchess at tea;
It was just as I feared it would be.
Her rumblings abdominal
Were simply phenomenal -
And everyone thought it was me.

It's all relative

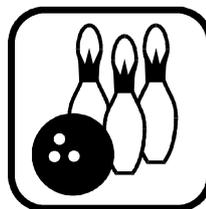
KATHERINE EDGE went to the Christmas party accompanied by HER TEENAGE KID.

Meanwhile, TRISTAN HAGUE decided to take _____ .

Complete the blanks in the sentence above.

Workarounds

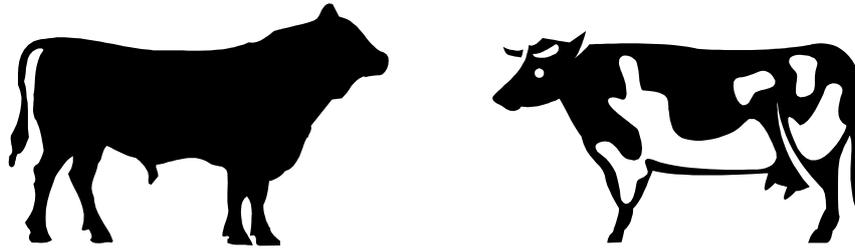
What is the lateral connection behind the creation of 10-pin bowling, mime artistry and ice-cream sundaes?



Points of view

Sally and Peter are standing in a cattle field at the same time. Sally can see the same number of bulls and cows in the field. However, Peter does not agree. He can see twice as many cows as bulls.

Explain. How many cows and how many bulls are actually in the field?



Grandchildren don't make me feel old. It's the knowledge that I'm married to a grandmother.

My grandson was proud of his new reading skills and when I took him shopping he was reading every sign in sight. 'Look' he said, 'Men Swear - they do don't they?'

Growing old is like being increasingly penalised for a crime you haven't committed.

Growing old is something you do if you're lucky.

I exercise every morning without fail. Up, down! Up, down! And then the other eyelid.

My doctor recently told me that jogging could add years to my life. I think he was right. I feel 10 years older already.

The doctor said, 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is: you're not a hypochondriac.'

The doctor said to me, 'You're going to live till you're 60.' I said, 'I am 60'. He said, 'What did I tell you?'

Out of sequence

Which word on this page could replace the question marks in order to continue the logic?

RE
RED
RODE
?????
ADORER
EARDROP
PREDATOR
PORTRAYED

STORE DETOUR
RATIO ROTOR ROOD
DARES AIDER

Was/is your company like this?

"As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday, and employees will receive their cards in two weeks." (Fred Dales, Microsoft Corp., in Redmond WA.)

"What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter." (Lykes Lines Shipping.)

"E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business." (Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company.)

"This project is so important we can't let things that are more important interfere with it." (Advertising/Marketing manager, United Parcel Service.)

"Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule." (Plant Manager, Delco Corporation.)

French Art Caper

A thief in Paris who almost got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre.

After planning the crime, getting in and out past security, he was captured only two blocks away when his Econoline ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied: "Monsieur, I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

(ED:And you thought I lacked De Gaulle to tell a story like that).

Did you know?

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people used to drink from pint and quart sized containers. A barmaid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts," hence the term "minding your Ps and Qs."

Answers to puzzles

1. It's all relative

His great aunt (anagram of 'Tristan Hague, in the same way that 'Katherine Edge' is an anagram of 'her teenage kid').

2. Workarounds

They were all created as work-arounds to legal bans. 10-pin bowling was created when 9-pin bowling was banned; mime artistry was created in France when the emperor prohibited plays; and when ice-cream sodas were prevented from being sold on Sunday, the vendors served them without soda - the 'Sunday soda', now known as the ice-cream sundae, was born.

3. Points of view

Sally is a cow and Peter is a bull. There are 4 cows and 3 bulls in the field.

4. Out of sequence

Each time, a letter is added and a new anagram is formed. The only word on the page that can fit the sequence is ORDER, which appears in the question ('...marks in order to...').

Letters to the editor



Bikes for Africa

[Ed: not new, but well worth reprinting]

Rotary can be mighty proud of itself tonight. (Ed: Sent on 29th October 2007). You have improved the lives of 400 people that you don't even know, and not many people can boast of that.

We collected over 150 bikes today, 110 of which, being ideal for Namibia, have been loaded in the 7.5 tonner for Chris and John S to drive down to Colchester tomorrow. The bikes came in a steady stream all day, and the humour and friendship between the workers was great. Even the weather was tolerable, eventually.

Jim Thomas has filled his mother's garage with drop-handle bikes, most in great condition. If you know anyone who wants a road bike, male or female, give Jim a call on 440 8429. All proceeds go to BfA.

I have about 9 superb mountain bikes in my garage. They are all recent models with masses of gears, single/double suspension, etc. We are selling them for £30 each, and I guess that most would have cost about £130+. Call me soon if you want one, and come and take your pick. However, I am away from Thursday, and I shall be advertising them when I come back in December.

We were given several small bikes, too small to send to Namibia, which we intend to offer FOC to Social Services.

Once again, thanks to all who contributed so much, to Tony for his van and enthusiasm, Michael for his Marathon ride, Gordon for his inventiveness, Vida for selling her library, John S and Chris for delivering to Colchester and to all of you and your friends for your contributions, both financially and personally. You've just made a big big difference.

Kind regards.
David (Dewhurst)

It give me great disjoy to send this message to you via this newfangled electrolysis method. Nevertheless as a founder member I have rights which, although I am not clear what they are, I still treasure them. And who wouldn't, I ask you?

I believe it was Nelson who said that nothing is impossible but I doubt if he ever tried to strike a match on a bar of soap.

I was asked by David Dewhurst to mention Bikes for Africa. Well, having mentioned them I privately wonder

(wild horses wouldn't make me say this publicly) whether he ever did Geography at school. He is somewhere in India, I believe. Did he not know that India is nowhere near Africa? To get to India you must go south and turn left at Gibraltar, right at Port Said, go through the Sewage Canal left at Aden and then carry on till you hit India near Bombay, or Mumbai as it's called now. Africa, on the other hand is quite a big place and is opposite Gibraltar. One of the countries in Africa is Zimbabwe whose president is called MUGABE. He hails from Burnley originally hence his made-up name which originates from his Lancashire background – read backwards it is E-BA- GUM

I don't suppose many members have been to Gibraltar. Well I have – so there!

It's a big rock with Barbaric Apes living in caves.

Of course, being well traveled I am pleased to pass this knowledge on to my fellow Rotarians. I cannot claim to have been everywhere though; I have never been to ACADEMIA – somewhere in the Balkans next to MACEDONIA I believe. Neither have I been to that prosperous country, JEOPARDY where all the British jobs have gone according to the press.

I must go now as the front door knocker is ringing.

[Ed: no name was attached to this garbled concoction, but I'll give you one guess who 'composed' it. It will be soon be Christmas and charity begins at home, so they say. Should we order the men in white coats right away, or wait until after the festive season?]

Information, information

* Over the past few years we have assembled a useful list of recommended tradespeople. Recommendations are still coming in, and are always welcome. I try and print the list about twice a year in the Bulletin, but if anyone wants information meantime, just let me know and I will email you the full list to keep on your pc.

* Here is another way to dispose of unwanted mobile phones. Send them (not chargers) in a padded envelope to

Recycle National Trust
 FREEPOST RRKR-LUSY-JJAT
 Office green
 3 Long Yard
 LONDON
 WC1N 3LS when the National Trust will receive upwards from £1 per handset.

Dennis

Blind Run

Mr and Mrs Salt, (possibly also their blind daughter) 40 Glossop Rd, Marple Bridge
 Tel: 449 8679 **Pick up at 6.45 so that they are there just after 7.00.**

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

Ring the 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 Bob Batty know if you get stuck. Please swap with someone if you can't do your appointed run.

Mrs Salt is also deaf and does not always hear the phone during the daytime when her husband is out. Because of parking difficulties the Salts use a back entrance from Cote Green Road. Follow A626 to Marple and fork left for Marple Bridge. Remain on A626 towards Glossop swinging right up the hill by the Windsor Arms at the Compstall Road junction. Cote Green Road is about 100 yards up on the left. About 50 yards up on the right there are two gates/doors built into a high wall. The second gate is marked 40 and Windy Haw and leads into their back garden with door facing you. To turn round carry on for another 100yards to junction.

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 27	D Dewhurst	M Hurst
December 4	G Jackson	J Knowles
December 11	M Lacey	N Loveland
December 18	R Malabon	D McKeith
2008		
January 8	J Meeus	C Monkhouse
January 15	A Newsome	M Palmer
January 22	D Poizer	D Rabone
January 29	DRose	T Sheppard
February 5	B Stevenson	J Sykes
February 12	J Thomas	G Yule
February 19	B Batty	D Burstow
February 26	D Allport	V Chattington
March 4	S Davies	D Dewhurst
March 11	G Hunt	M Hurst
March 18	G Jackson	J Knowles
March 25	M Lacey	N Loveland
April 1	R Malabon	J Meeus
April 8	C Monkhouse	A Newsome
April 15	D Poizer	M Palmer

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
November 28	J Thomas	B Stevenson	S Davies
December 5	Committees	D Dev	M Lacey
December 12	Party at M Lacey's		
December 19	Christmas Dinner: Davenport GC		
December 26	No meeting		
2008			
January 2	No meeting		
January 9	Committees	R Malabon	D Burstow
January 16	B Batty	J Thewlis	H Hill
January 23	M Palmer	D Allport	D Dewhurst
January 30	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
February 6	Committees	A Newsome	J Meeus
February 13	J Sykes	D Rose	R Taylor
February 20	D Poizer	C Monkhouse	J Knowles
February 27	T Sheppard	T Burch	G Yule
March 5	Committees	V Chattington	J Thomas
March 12	N Loveland	M Hurst	B Stevenson
March 19	D Dev	M Lacey	H Barker
March 26	G Jackson	R Malabon	S Davies
April 2	Committees	D Burstow	J Thewlis
April 9	H Hill	M Palmer	B Batty
April 16	D Dewhurst	J Meeus	A Newsome
April 23	D Rabone	J Sykes	D Rose
April 30	No meeting - 5th Wednesday		
May 7	Committees	D Allport	R Taylor
May 14	J Knowles	D Poizer	C Monkhouse
May 21	T Burch	T Sheppard	G Yule
May 28	V Chattington	J Thomas	N Loveland
June 4	Committees	B Stevenson	M Hurst

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

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

Diary

November 21	Prof. Anthony Redmond: Delivering medical aid in conflict & disaster
November 28*	Steve Peet: Hospital security
December 5	Committees
December 12	Party with wives at Michael Lacey's. £10 for charity
December 19	Christmas Dinner: Davenport Golf Club
December 26	No meeting
2008	
January 2	No meeting
January 9*	Committees
January 16	Thomas/Yule
January 23*	Anne Smith, Age Concern. Independence for older folk
January 27	Presidential drinks
January 30	No meeting. 5th Wednesday
February 6	Committees
February 13*	Visit to Hyde Brewery
February 20	Batty/Burch
February 27*	Ian Parker, RC Elland. Rotary Peace Fellows
March 5	Committees
March 12*	Bob Emerson, United Utilities. Keeping the lights on
March 19	Davies/Dev
March 26*	No meeting
March 28	President's Night: Adlington Hall
April 2	Committees
April 9*	Dewhurst/Hill
April 16	Hurst/Jackson
April 23*	Club Services
April 30	No meeting: 5th Wednesday
May 7	Committees
May 14*	Knowles/Lacey
May 21	Loveland/Malabon
May 28*	Club Services
June 4	Committees
June 11*	McLeod/Meeus
June 18	Monkhouse/Newsome
June 25*	Club Services
July 2	Committees

* indicates that we have the large function room



**Menu for our Christmas Party
Wednesday, 19th December 2007.**



**Asparagus Soup
Melon basket with prawns
Smoked Chicken Salad**

**Roast Turkey with trimmings
Lamb Steak with Red Currant Sauce
Sea Bass**

**Christmas Pudding
Fresh Fruit Salad
Cheese Board**

**All this with the addition of a good singer,
crackers, bangers, whizzers and much
more.....**

The price a mere £20.00 per person.

**So come to the Davenport Golf Club and have a
really entertaining evening with amazing
company!!!!**

