

Rotarian



**Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club**

# ***Bulletin***

February



A reminder of what it was like in  
March 2006 in Bramhall Park.

# Gordon's gossip



The halfway mark, a roller coaster ride (without brakes) on the Rotary bandwagon.

The shock of Herb's death has left us all reeling at the loss of such a dedicated Rotarian and friend. It seems so trite to say that he will be sadly missed but our club is most certainly poorer for his passing. I know that many of you have been offering help to Margaret at this difficult time and I recognise that you will continue with your superb level of support in the future.

The grotto figures are now in and although we did not raise as much as the past two years, we did raise our profile in Bramhall and this allowed us to give a generous donation to our chosen charity, KidsCan. We also must not forget the fantastic effort put in by Ron and Pam in setting up and dismantling the grotto each Saturday.

The annual walk around Tegg's Nose took place in blustery weather but the rain thankfully held off. We were treated to the usual excellent panorama that this walk displays. Dennis went striding off in his usual athletic fashion whilst the dog and I brought up the rear. There were quite a few friends/relatives on this trip which is always good to see. Thanks once again to Dennis for organising this.

The Christmas dinner at Davenport Golf Club went extremely well with a welcome return of the Crystal Singers. The food was good and the service efficient. Many thanks are due to John Meeus for organising this.

The President's evening that was to be held at the Bramhall County Hotel will now be at the Alma Lodge (again, thanks to John for his timely intervention) on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. I am in the process of trying to get our deposit back.

The visit by Eyeline representative Kay Kelly was a memorable night in that we had five visitors (including Kay). It was very nice to give a substantial

cheque to Eycline who are a local, community based service for many people in Stockport. Their subsequent letter of thanks spoke eloquently about how much good the money will do. The community service award given to Hezzy of Country Fayre in Bramhall village was warmly received and he has offered his services at reduced rates if anyone needs party catering in the future.

My attempts to gather new ~~vietims~~ members by writing an article in the hospital magazine have been rewarded by an astounding amount of indifference from the staff. A number of people have told me that they have read it but these have not been converted into members yet. However, it cost nothing and gets the name of Rotary in front of a few more people. So if you have a 'house' magazine, please consider writing an article for it.

Henry Barker, John Sykes and I went to the District Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting was going well until someone objected to a matter that was about to be voted on and from then on, the meeting lurched and stalled its way along. I would not lay the blame at the feet of the person who objected (he considered that he had a genuine reason) nor at District but rather at the amount of information now coming from District which is becoming difficult to analyse in any depth so that much of it gets lost. In an attempt to keep us up to date with where our money is going and to inform us of all the worthy incentives to encourage new members (or reward those existing people who work so hard for us) we are beginning to suffer from information overload. If you couple this with all the invitations I get from other clubs to attend their Charter nights, fund raising activities and President's evenings (and the invitations I send out), it can be difficult to keep track of all that is going on. I began to think that there may be a case for Rotary to look closely at why it needs such pedantic rules, regulations, by-laws etc and to concentrate more on what we are good at. As a relative newcomer, I may be talking rubbish and I would welcome your thoughts on this so please e-mail me.

Every week is different at B&W. It can truly be a roller coaster with poor attendance and a subdued atmosphere one week and a record turnout with lively banter the following. E-mails land in my inbox that are scathing, praising, critical and sometimes amusing. I never know what I will experience from one week to the next but this is the strength of our club. If we were a stuffily formal group, week after week, we would die of boredom. As it is, we enjoy a varied, humorous and (sometimes) surprising level of fellowship. The words of David Rabone that first got my interest in Rotary are very true – 'We put the FUN into FUNd raising'.

# 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 8-1-07

- The club does not support the £2 per head supplement on district fees for the summer camp extra places.
- The meeting on 7th March will be a scatter night. (Pres Eve on Saturday 10th)
- We will give £500 to each of Wellbeing and The Mill, and £1,000 to Eycline
- The club will fund the residual purchases for the emergency box..
- The club will not get involved with the prettying up of Bramhall Station.
- From the charity account we will pay the gross amount rounded up to nearest £50 from Woodford Park and the Grotto to Kidscan.

From Council Meeting 11-12-06

- We will seek a new hotel for Pres night as County may be in state of flux and will give us our deposit back
- The money from the Xmas cards will go to Rainbow trust in memory of Herb.
- GJ will set up, next year, a club eBay account for selling unwanted stuff, funds to charity account.
- We will give a community service award to Country Fayre.
- We will use buffet format for meetings on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (usually in bar area)
- We will back off Stockport Lamplighters Sri Lanka initiative unless we hear a convincing story from them

## 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!

For the last 3 meetings of 2006 attendances were 19 (Crime and Grime), 30 (EGM) and 28 (Xmas party). The 4 quarters of 2006 showed:

2006 %s	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No make ups	67.0	57.7	64.8	69.5
With make ups	73.1	62.1	67.7	74.1

Michael 12.1.07

# Meeting Reports



## **Congratulations!**

At the EGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December the following were elected as Officers of the club for the forthcoming Rotary year 2006/7:

<b>President</b>	<b>Geoff. Hunt</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Tony Burch</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Michael Lacey</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mike Palmer</b>

We even had a vote for the position of Treasurer! A first? Gentlemen, you have our full support for the next Rotary year.

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## **Committees and EGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December**

It was a sad and sombre time for the club, as it met for the first time after the sudden passing of Herb Boyes. Herb was remembered with great affection and tributes were given by Michael Lacey, David Dewhurst and by Malcolm Hurst. Despite the sadness, it was made clear that Margaret Boyes wanted us to remember Herb with gladness and to rejoice in his contributions to the club. The meeting proceeded in that spirit.

The club was reminded that it had been Herb's idea not to give each

other Christmas cards, since we see each other so often, but to donate a sum equal to the money we would have spent on cards to our Charity fund. This was now accepted practice and the club agreed with Geoff. Hunt, that on this occasion we give the sum collected to the Rainbow Family Trust, the charity nominated by Margaret Boyes for donations in memory of Herb.

Being a committee night we had a super buffet, courtesy Chris – in fact the idea has been floated that a buffet meal may be a good idea for all meetings. It speeds things up, there is a bigger selection, less hassle for the

staff and gluttons can have more than one helping! Council will cogitate on this matter, no doubt.

Committee reports were short. Ron garnered a few more collectors for the grotto and the tin collection at Woodford Park. David Dewhurst reported with some slides on his recent trip to Namibia, where he had researched the challenges associated with the distribution and use of second hand a new bikes for the disadvantaged population there. A great potential project for us and David is to be congratulated on this initiative. The main problem, perhaps surprisingly, is not getting hold of bikes, though they do have to rugged and without external gear change mechanisms if they are to last in the harsh conditions there. The main issue seem to be finding £10 per bike and a container to ship suitable machines out to Namibia. The containers stay in Namibia as storage depots. The club

was sure that these were not insurmountable matters, and hopefully we will soon be up and running with this project.

Our EGM produced a surprise as it required a vote to elect a new treasurer for 2006/7! Current treasurer Tony Burch was elected as VP causing this traumatic turn of events. Our new Officers are given above.

Final instructions were given for the Christmas party and first instructions were given for a Christmas walk on December 30<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Ron won the raffle with a very soggy ticket, Presidential wine being the culprit, and Alan fined almost everyone for being too much of something irrelevant!

And so ended our regular meetings until 2007!

Dennis



### **Bulletin Report for meeting on 3 January 2007**

We have had larger turnouts for the first meeting of the year especially as it was a committee meeting but Bramhall Rotary as ever overcame this minor problem with deputies for various committees reporting within the confines of their respective positions. (Ed this is 'new speak' for they did well under the circumstances) whatever they were.

However first and foremost congratulations to Chris for a most excellent Buffet. I had the Lasagne, which would have put many an Italian restaurant to shame, and I am sure the other dishes were of a similar nature.

Also many thanks and congratulations to John Sykes who provided the wine to celebrate the birth of another grand child

Following dinner the team broke up into their respective committees and reported roughly as follows.

Secretary: Only offered the life stories of the members of the District Council which was declined for a further reading and reporting at future date.

Treasurer: Stated that the Charity account was approximately £9000.00 and the Club Acct approx £1800.00. I would add that the figures quoted were in fact accurate to the last penny

as is only to be expected from an 'Iron fighter' Treasurer. It is the reporter who did not get them down in detail.

Ways & Means: Reported that although the Village Santa Clause was not a financial success, about £600.00 net, the Tin Shake at Woodford was with a collection of some £3000.00. This is of course disappointing compared with previous years but we are all aware of the reasons why. None the less a well deserved round of applause was given to Ron, in his absence, and his team for putting in a lot of hard work to this cause. Further planning is in progress for other locations next year. Also Woodford is being looked at as a possible site for the Fun Run.

Community Service: When the final figures are available from the Christmas fund raising decisions will be made on allocation to the various charities in mind with Kidscan as the foremost. Bramhall High is still filling shoeboxes. They also advised that the school newsletter could be used for advertising the Bicycles for Africa scheme. Bob batty raised the issue of the outstanding items for the last Emergency Box and proposed that £100.00 be allocated to finance the completion.

Social; The Presidents Night was promoted with a circular list and there were indications of a possible 70

attending at this early stage. This is an event to which guests are invited which would be ideal in that we have booked a large room at Alma Lodge. Proposals are being put forward for a Valentine event in February. About the 14 would you believe? Also visit Royal Northern College of Music in April for the annual Musical by ECOWAS

International: A £1000.00 has been donated to Bramhall High for their girls hostel project in Tanzania. The £1000.00 for Sri Lanka has been set aside and a project in Hyderabad is being examined, with other Rotary Clubs, for heart equipment. Twinning with a Club in Prague is proceeding. The Bicycles for Africa scheme is proceeding and an application for a matching grant is to be put to District. Stroke Awareness is to be set up again this year.

PRO Requested that dates for presentations are to be notified as soon as they are known to be able to set up the right publicity. The Book programme is under way. A survey

will be carried out regarding the various locations for depositing the books and magazines. This will be allocated on alphabetical order to members participating. Printing of the leaflets to insert in the books is under way together with the stick on front cover labels. "George" Vine assisted the reporter at this stage as to where he had already distributed books and magazines. Instead of applauding him for this initiative he was obviously amused by it in that he was suddenly afflicted with a burst of convulsive giggling that prevented him from reporting further for which most members were thankful. He later blamed it on the Treasurers expressions at getting Graham's name incorrect!!!!

The conclusion was the raffle won by P.P. John, again, (some members concerned at this as he issues the tickets!!!) and the Sgt @arms extracting a reasonable sum of money for various misdemeanours.

John Meeus

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### **Kay Kelly: Eyeline**

On the day of my granddaughter's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday (10<sup>th</sup> January), 32 people (5 of whom were guests) gathered for this routine looking speaker evening. It was obviously not routine because we

had Sam, Dev, Graham Y, David McK and Malcolm all present together!

After a moment's silence for Tony Jones, a recently deceased, long serving member of Stockport Rotary, John K gave an appropriate grace.

Doesn't he do them well? Michael stunned everyone by describing the White Book as "interesting and worth a look".

Our speaker was Kay Kelly, who had been with Eyeline for only 3 months. She reminded us that it was her first public appearance and in front of one of the trustees (Henry) too! Eyeline or Eyeline SIB is the "trading name" used by the Stockport institute for the blind, dumb and deaf. It concentrates these days on the visually impaired, but rents out the upstairs of Walthew House at a peppercorn rent for deaf purposes. There are estimated to be some 5,000 visually impaired in Stockport with about 1,500 registered blind. Eyeline provides services to about 1,500 (not the same as the registered!) As well as producing a very popular newsletter they run at Walthew House classes in craft, Braille, dancing and hand bell ringing amongst others. They also organise social events, luncheons and day trips. They have a help desk (often manned by Henry) at Stepping Hill and run a befriending service with trained volunteers who visit, help with things like paying the bills or going for a walk, thereby providing company.

Eyeline is carrying out a major review of what it does and will have new objectives following this. These will include the need to balance the budget and the need to spread the word (e.g. via the Daily Living Skills class).

Kay described the resource centre which contains all sorts of things to make life easier with poor or no vision - such as talking lids for tins of beans (or was it soup?) and a talking microwave.

Kay concluded with telling us how we can help - two ways: finance and volunteers (especially an accountant and a lawyer).

In summary Eyeline is local, proactive, needed, helpful and makes a real difference.

David Rabone gave the vote of thanks.

President Gordon then did a double presentation - a certificate to "Hezzer" of Country Fayre for the help given (mince pies included) to our grotto staff and a cheque for £1,000 to Eyeline.

Following brief reports in which David Poizer announced we were giving money to all and sundry (actually Wellspring and The Mill), S at A Chris dispensed with fines and instead "invited" charitable donations!

President Gordon ended the meeting at exactly 10.30pm - A great evening.

Michael

### **Christmas Post Mortem 17 January**

A fair number of us, plus Maggie Hill, assembled in our alternative dining room for one of Chris' substantial repasts. Ron Malabon presented the 'post mortem' on our Christmas fundraising activities:

### **Woodford Garden Centre Tin Collection: Statistics**

Total Sum raised: £3015, average daily taking: £274, average hourly taking: £23.

28 Rotarians involved over 11 days:  
65 collector sessions over 11 days: 11 Rotarians not involved in collections

### **Comments**

1. The Club's grateful thanks were given by President Gordon for the fantastic time and effort put in by Ron and Pam over the pre-Christmas period  
2. Although the choice of charity (Kidscan) was important to the success of our collection, it was emphasized that the involvement of Rotarians (highlighted by the use of tabards) was a key factor.

### **Bramhall Precinct Santa's Grotto:**

**Statistics:** Total raised (not including Gift Aid) £1213 of which £368 was collected in tins. Takings represented £4/man hour with tin collection included (£2.06/man hour with tin collection excluded).

Expenditure totaled £462.

Total number of child visitors 169 averaging 42 children per day.

1. The number of potential 'Santa customers' was very small compared to the large stores such as the Garden Centre. Although the grotto attracted the majority of the eligible children who appeared in the Precinct, there were long periods when there were few people around.

The gross total raised of over £4200 would be given to Kidscan and that this represented a very successful result bearing in mind the necessity to replace at relatively short notice loss of the considerable goodwill and fundraising potential built up over the years by Rotary at Woodford Garden Centre.

A discussion then took place on various aspects of the Club's Christmas fundraising:

1. Our Santas, presents and photographs were excellent and were well received.
2. Potential actual Grotto customer numbers very low.
3. Signs could help the Grotto. Problems of cost/permission to display?
4. Thanks to Chris Monkhouse, 5000 leaflets were available to be handed out, mainly via local shops and the High School. Include local primary schools in future?
5. What will our future involvement with Woodford Garden Centre be? Ron is to meet with them soon to discuss possibilities:

- a) Rotary returns to run their Grotto.
- b) Rotary continues tin collection
- c) Rotary Fun Run takes place on their site.

6. £750 was available from the Bramhall Regeneration Scheme for use on events such as the Grotto. Ron in to check if all of the sum will be claimed by the Precinct landlord's for their Grotto expenses.

7. Co-operation with Round Table was discussed. They had agreed not to involve themselves with the precinct whilst the Grotto was in place. The possibility of Rotary taking over of all or part of the running of the Round Table Float was discussed. This could involve 8 volunteers for 10 nights in all weathers.

It was agreed that the Grotto was an excellent effort but that it needed to be sited where there were sufficient potential customers. Chris Monkhouse reported that he had raised the matter recently with a Waitrose representative, who was keen to demonstrate community involvement and would think about it.

**Fun Run:** Sunday 13 May.

#### **Treasurer**

On behalf of Tony, Michael exhorted the 6 members who had not yet paid their donation in lieu of Christmas cards to do so.

**Community Service:** Centrepoint is booked for Stroke Awareness Day on 28 April.

#### **International and Foundation**

This year's International Evening would be on Wednesday 21 February at Stockport College.

#### **Bicycles for Africa**

Graham Yule is working on obtaining a container and transporting it to Colchester. Henry knows of a location in the area where the container can be kept whilst it is filled. Tony is investigating the cost of transporting the container to Namibia.

#### **Any Other Business**

1. Michael will put Chris Monkhouse in touch with New Mills Rotary Club re further clothes for Ugandan children.
2. Copies of Rotary Times are available for distribution by members.
3. A thank you letter has been received from Eyeline for the £1000 donation.

**Sergeant at Arms** Sam Kennedy extracted fines from all and sundry including your correspondent who was accused of nodding off whilst frantically noting all Ron's statistics – if only!

**Raffle** Alan Newsome won the bottle and, gallant as ever, presented it to Maggie Hill.

David Poizer



## View from the trenches

Gordon invited me to pen my thoughts ‘from the trenches’ on a subject I chose, from guinea pigs to Rotary. We used to have guinea pigs, but they died long ago. So it had better be Rotary.

I was in Round Table until I was 41 and thoroughly enjoyed it. Rotary was a natural follow-on for many. However, I was very busy at work, traveling all over the place, and making sure I did not fall off the promotion ladder. A weekly commitment was too much to contemplate for many years. Eventually, I decided that I could think again about Rotary and I went several times to RC Poynton, where I knew several people already. About this time, a new Rotary club was mooted in Bramhall, so this suited me even better and I became a founder member. I’ve never regretted this decision (well, not often!). In my view you can’t really be a Rotarian unless you get involved, and I determined to do my bit when I was able – 12 years on Council for starters – 9 of these as Secretary.

I find many aspects of Rotary very fulfilling – the friendships, a common approach to ‘putting something back into the community’ from which I have benefited so much, the satisfaction that working together brings and the widening of perspectives that speakers and members allow. Some great memories remain – our trip to Plonsk in Poland with hospital supplies and some of the early Bramfests, to name but two.

But I also find some aspects of Rotary unappealing – excessive paperwork and bureaucracy and the percentage of subs that has to go to fund this. I must confess that I’ve never been an enthusiastic District person. For me, Rotary is about the club. We couldn’t be a world organisation without District, National and the rest of course, but - oh – some of their antics leave me cold.

At times, Rotary can be inspirational and to belong to an organisation of like-minded folks that can really make a difference is something I am really proud about. We are fortunate in having a club low in pretentiousness, with a healthy streak of humour and banter – very much like the Round Table I used to know. Long may it continue and flourish!

Dennis

## **Bicycles for Africa**

We have a golden opportunity to really benefit many people and families in Africa by sending them unwanted bikes from the UK

A man`s bike can create employment as a load carrier or for water/fuel distribution, or by adaptation as a family transport. A woman`s bike would be given to a nurse, midwife or care worker (in sub-Sahara Africa 25% of the population, including babies and kids are HIV+) where children as young as 8 or 9 are bringing up their siblings. A smaller bike saves a child from having to walk up to 4 hours a day to attend school.

Some of the bikes can be adapted to tow stretcher trailers, acting as an ambulance. If we can raise £4000 (or £2000 if we can obtain match funding from District) a container can be sent to (say Namibia) with 400 bikes, the container becoming a workshop in the more remote districts. This is £10 per bike, which we need to raise from the bike donors themselves (not too difficult, I`ve had 70% success rate so far) kindhearted people, sponsorship or armed robbery. £10 isn`t very much to change someone`s life.

The Club has given a provisional commitment this month, but wouldn`t it be fantastic if we could make it self-funding!

David Dewhurst



**Club Inventory****January 2007**

The club's belongings are spread around many people. This list summarises the position in January 2007. Please advise Dennis Allport of any changes, corrections or additions.

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

## **Recommended Tradespeople**

(January 2007)

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

### **Decorators:**

*David S Houghton*, 27 Belford Rd., Stretford, M32 0DL. (0161 865 5865) [David Dewhurst]  
*J Ratcliffe & Sons*, 465 Buxton Rd, Heavily, Stockport (0161 483 3227) [Malcolm Hurst & Sam Kennedy]

### **Electricians:**

*C & H Electrics*, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 198 Wilmslow Rd., Heald Green, SK8 3BH (0161 437 5718)  
[Bob Batty]  
*Andrew Thompson*, (0161 485 2735) [Kelvin Death]  
*Dave McGuinness*, (07977 326 942) [Kelvin Death]  
*Mike Shanley*, (0780 1329 173 and 0161 449 9794) [Dennis Allport]

### **Plumbing:**

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

### **Building:**

*Mark Davenport*, 12 Ladythorn Crescent, Bramhall. (0161 439 4051)  
Also does **Joinery**. [Harry Hill]  
*Simon Robinson, Tie-Dry*, 60 Werneth Rd, Woodley, Stockport, SK6 1HR (0161 494 5285, 07940 010017) [David Dewhurst]  
*Kevin Wright*, 20 Demmings Rd, Cheadle, SK8 2LF (0161 491 1789) **Gutter cleaning, repairs** [Geoff Hunt]

### **Joinery:**

*Mark Smethurst*, 3 Garthland Rd., Hazel Grove, SK7 4PD (0161 483 9690) [Bob Batty]  
*Andy Dixon*, 07715 926741 [David Dewhurst]

### **Flooring:**

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

### **Tree Surgeon:**

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

### **Carpet Cleaner:**

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

### **Refrigerator and cooker repairs:**

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

### **Windows, conservatories, guttering:**

*Alpha Windows*, 30 Town Lane, Denton (0161 335 0129) [Gordon Jackson]

## **Favourite hotels and restaurants**

Our favourite hotel in the Lakes is the Borrowdale Gates, a 3 star hotel at Grange in Borrowdale a few miles from Keswick along Derwentwater. Excellent food and comfortable rooms and some great walks around the area. Handy for anywhere in the northern Lakes esp. Buttermere, Skiddaw, Bassenthwaite and Ashness Bridge. Highly recommended.  
Tel:017687 77204. All rooms en suite.  
Geoff. Hunt

### North Yorkshire Restaurants - The **Star** at Harome

The Star Inn, Harome, Near Helmsley, North Yorkshire. YO62 5JE.  
Telephone: 01439 770397. Fax: 01439 771833. Shop: 01439 770082. E-MAIL  
starinn@btopenworld. ... [www.thestaratharome.co.uk/](http://www.thestaratharome.co.uk/)  
Fantastic rooms, superb food with plenty to see in the area, Thirsk itself, Rievaulx Abbey, trust bar, reeks of quality  
David Dewhurst

I would recommend Kurts in Bramhall for dinner. A pukka restaurant serving the type of food you would pay £50 + for in London for half of that.  
Graham Vine

Treglos Hotel, Constantine Bay, near Padstow, Cornwall, PL28 8JH  
Tel: 01841 520 727 [stay@tregloshotel.com](mailto:stay@tregloshotel.com)  
A country hotel close to a good golf course and the sea. Excellent food and great hospitality. Has its own indoor pool. Run by a Rotarian family. Highly recommended.  
Dennis Allport

Overwater Hall Hotel, Ireby, Cumbria. Tel. 017687 76566  
Web site: [www.overwaterhall.co.uk](http://www.overwaterhall.co.uk)  
A wonderful welcome and food to die for.  
Gordon Jackson

In Manchester Mary and I like  
Livebait - fish restaurant on the corner of Albert Square  
Olive Press - about 100 yards down the side street from Livebait.  
Shimla Pink - excellent Indian restaurant just off Bridge Street.  
David McKeith

*Any more contributions to Dennis Allport please.*

## 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

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 Thewlis 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.

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	M Hurst	T Burch
April 10	D Burstow	V Chattington
April 17	S Davies	D Dev
April 24	D Dewhurst	G Hunt
May 1	S Kennedy	J Knowles
May 8	M Lacey	N Loveland
May 15	R Malabon	D McKeith
May 22	J Meeus	C Monkhouse
May 29	A Newsome	D Poizer
June 5	D Rabone	D Rose
June 12	J Sheard	T Sheppard

## Job rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker host</b>	<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>S at A</b>
January 24	T Sheppard	T Burch	S Kennedy
January 31	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
February 7	Committees	G Yule	V Chattington
February 14	Valentine's Day Dinner		
February 21	G Hunt	G Vine	B Stevenson
February 28	N Loveland	M Hurst	J Thomas
March 7	Scatter Night		
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		
June 6	Committees	G Hunt	M Hurst
June 13	G Vine	B Stevenson	M McLeod
June 20	D Dev	M Lacey	H Barker
June 27	Handover		
July 4	Committees	D Burstow	J Thewlis
July 11	M Palmer	D McKeith	H Hill
July 18	B Batty	A Newsome	D Dewhurst
July 25	D Rabone	J Meeus	J Sykes
August 1	Committees	D Allport	D Rose
August 8	D Poizer	J Knowles	C Monkhouse

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

December 30th - start of the walk to Teggs Nose. It didn't rain and a pub lunch followed an excellent walk. Bob Stevenson took the picture.



## Diary

January 24	David Poppitt: 'Together Trust'
January 31	No meeting - 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
February 7	Committees: ADG Margaret Hutchinson attends Council
February 12	
February 14*	Valentine's Day Dinner at the Ladybridge Club
February 21	Jiles Halling: Champagne
February 28*	Mike Palmer tells all!
March 7	Scatter Night
March 10	President's Night: Alma Lodge
March 12	Council
March 14*	Robbie Phillips: Polio Plus update
March 21	Stevenson/Sykes
March 28*	Linda Findlay: Stockport Cerebral Palsy Society
April 4	Committees
April 11*	Sing along with T's (Taylor and Thewlis)
April 13/15	RIBI Conference, Bournemouth
April 18	Thomas/Vine
April 25*	Club Services
April 28	Stroke Awareness Day
May 2	Committees
May 9*	Dr Ron Butler: At the end of a microscope
May 12	District Assembly
May 13	Fun Run
May 16*	Barker/Batty
May 23*	Annual General Meeting
May 30	No meeting – 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
June 6*	Committees
June 13*	Burch/Burstow
June 20*	Chattington/Davies
June 27*	Handover and Club Assembly
July 4*	Committees
July 11*	Dev/Dewhurst
July 18*	Hill/Hurst
July 25*	Club Services
August 1*	Committees
August 8*	Jackson/Kennedy
August 15*	Knowles/Lacey
August 22*	Club Services

## ***Herb Boyes***

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1935 – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2006**

Herb was one of those characters who make a club special. "Bramhall and Woodford? That's where Herb is, isn't it?" Sadly, no more.

First and foremost he was a family man, who loved spending time in the company of his wife and family. In recent years he and Margaret were able to enjoy long holiday cruises, some with his daughter and three grandsons. Listening to him describe the pleasure of buying a grandson a camera whilst in Hong Kong gave some idea of just how much his family meant to him.

Herb was a committed Rotarian. He was our president in 2001/2 and really inspired the club. A few years later he led Ways and Means, introducing the Fun Run and transforming our fund raising at the grotto. His enthusiasm, sense of humour and sometimes outrageous, but well-meaning, Irish logic will all be missed at our Wednesday meetings.

He loved his golf and played regularly for the last few years in the "Monday, Wednesday and Friday" group at The Bramall Park Golf Club. Frequent on course singing of "diddly dum de dum de dum .... the day we went to Bangor" was mirrored at his funeral by the use of the tune as the one to leave the church by.

Herb enjoyed a friendly chat and there were a many people with whom he stayed in touch. Although very late into the world of PCs and the Internet, he was able to maintain frequent contact by email even whilst cruising around the world. He especially enjoyed sending pictures, taken on his new digital camera, to his sister in Ireland and to old friends in Canada, as well as his closer family here in England.

He was a big man, with big ideas, and he could turn them into practical successes.

The whole club will miss him.