

Rotarian



Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

Bulletin

December 2008



*A very
Happy Christmas
to all our readers!*

Tony talking.



Good Things are Happening!

I have long held the view that our weekly meetings are the foundation of our club, from which all the other activities spring. I must say I am delighted with the content, vigour and variety in the meetings so far in this Rotary year. Sincere thanks and congratulations to David B and his committee. The speakers have been of a very high standard with two recent ones being our very own members. Bruce gave us a fluent gallop through an amazingly accomplished and exciting career with ICI and its derivatives. Rev. John on gave an informal, almost of the cuff, but highly illuminating talk on Elgar, demonstrating yet another hidden talent of this remarkable man. Speaking of able and accomplished speakers we also enjoyed the polished delivery of “How I got into Politics” from Helen Foster Grime, a Stockport councillor, hopeful MEP and (hushed tones) future possible member of this club! I am sorry I missed Sid’s “Kulture Evening” with I gather had a wide and varied content from our mob.

We are moving forward well on our membership recruitment programme with two new members inducted so far and other prospects in view. Geoff is heading a “Club Membership Task Force” and is combining this with a wider role in District as many clubs are finding it particularly difficult to recruit new members. I would like to give my thanks, entirely echoed by Geoff to Graham for standing in for Geoff and myself at a recent district meeting where B & W were asked to present membership recruitment. District is still resounding from the aplomb of the delivery and the quality and scope of content of Graham’s presentation. Past DG Geoff Shelmerdine, a hard taskmaster and a professional marketing man was impressed.

As you all know “Make Dreams Real” is the slogan this year for Rotary International and we are really starting to play our part in this ideal. A lot of the good we do has yet to be realised from our current and future fund raising activities, but we have already paid over £1,000 for two emergency

boxes for relief in the Pakistan earthquake, with donations to the nominated charities of the three lads on the Mongolian rally and a donation to "Japur Limbs." Two very worthy causes are to be supported by our fund raising, the first, "Stockport Young Carers" from the Christmas tin rattle at Woodford Park, which has got off to a marvellous start on the first weekend. The schedule at Woodford Park is filling nicely, but there are gaps to fill. Some members have not yet indicated their participation at all. Please remember all must do their bit in trying to fill 3 slots per member with of course the known and recognised exceptions. The second is "The Together Trust" which will benefit from the "Duck Race" and possibly the "Fun Run".

Our social programme got off to a lively start with our Charter Night, but with a disappointing number of members in attendance, compensated to a degree by guests and visitors from other clubs. Thanks to Michael for standing in for a temporarily "out of commission" John M and ensuring a very enjoyable evening. By contrast on the attendance level for our Christmas dinner the numbers at this time are very encouraging. I do not have a full knowledge of the content but I think we can look forward to a different and memorable evening.

Finally, as I remarked at the start of the Presidency I intended to have, and wished for all of you, a happy, exciting and successful Rotary year. For my part this is proving to be the case and I hope it is also happening for the whole club. In the role of President it is easy to become a little detached from the body of the club as one can become a little isolated by always being on the top table with speakers, guests and visitors to accommodate and tasks to be done. Please, therefore give me feedback if there are issues or areas where you feel I am plainly getting it wrong or where improvements can be made. At the outset I asked you to forgive me the inevitable "Boris" moments and inevitably there have been those moments for which I have used your indulgence. My aim is to help to continue the spirit that exists in this great club of ours and increase our effectiveness in the good we can do, enrich our own lives and have some fun doing it all.

Tony Burch

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 10-11-08

- If no "mass selling" opportunity is found by the end of November then we should hold the street quiz off until January.
- We will not be supporting Stockport Rotary's Sri Lanka project.
- We will pay for 2 emergency boxes (instead of one plus an aqua plus a shelter) ASAP in light of urgent requests re Pakistan earthquake.

From Council Meeting 7-10-08

- Stockport Young Carers will be the beneficiary charity for the Xmas tin rattle getting 80%
- The Together Trust (formerly Boys and Girls welfare society) will be the beneficiary charity for other events (e.g. duck race) getting 80%

Rotary facts and figures (most as at 31.10.08)

Rotary International is the world's largest service organisation for business and professional people, with some 1,219,314 members operating in 168 countries (average 7,200 per country), with some 33,242 clubs (average membership 38)

There are some 58,000 Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland in 29 districts and 1,845 clubs (so a district typically has 63 clubs with an average membership of 31 members)

District 1050 is one of the most active Rotary Districts in Britain, stretching across the Cheshire Plain north to the Manchester metropolis, east to the Peak District National Park and south to the Staffordshire Moorlands. It has 44 clubs with a total membership of 1,209 Rotarians. (an average of 27 members)

So we are a big club in our small district, but about average in the RIBI and the world.

USA is the biggest Rotary country (371,749 members – about 30% of all - in 7810 clubs - average 48 members). India and Japan are much bigger than RIBI. Antarctica has 2 clubs and 19 members but the smallest is Lao People's Democratic Republic with one club of 10 members

Michael 19.11.08

Meeting Reports



Family Breakdown – 13 August 2008

After another of Lorraine's delicious meals we settled down to hear a presentation by lawyers, Maura McKibbin and Liz Tate, on a relatively new way of dealing with families in breakdown situations. In introducing them Chris Monkhouse, being a 'petrolhead' speculated on the meaning of breakdown and suggested Maura and Liz were the Morecambe and Wise of divorce law!

The new approach is to have a collaborative discussion process after family breakdown where the two partners each have their own lawyer and meet together to work things out face-to-face, concentrating on the partners wishes. This is different from the traditional, confrontational approach frequently involving litigation where each partner appoints a lawyer who negotiates separately from the partner and may be influenced by his or her own experience and expectations of the eventual outcome.

In the collaborative process the clients wishes come first and they, rather than the lawyers, are encouraged to drive the process. Neutral financial and other advisers can also assist to make the process both properly advised and fair. The collaborative process is not always

the most suitable and an initial meeting will enable the clients to decide on the best way forward.

The collaborative process is growing in popularity and is currently being offered by up to thirty lawyers in the Manchester area.

Chris thanked Maura and Liz for their clear and effective explanation of a process that seemed to offer a more common sense approach to family breakdown.

Jean Fawcett of Stockport Signpost Young Carers was then presented with a cheque for £2,500 raised by the Rotary Fun Run and Duck Race. In her thank you speech, Jean outlined some of the facilities which the organisation offers to help local young carers who are often in very long-term, stressful situations not usually faced by young people.

There being no reports, Jim Thomas as Sergeant-at-Arms proceeded to fine everyone for many flimsy reasons. Finally, Bob Batty told a joke involving artichokes which was not to everyone's taste!

David Poizer

Bruce Bissell - Career Talk

A fair number attended the 15 October Meeting when it was good to see Lorraine returned to full health and serving up the usual delicious meal.

I have called this a career talk as Bruce's career included a fascinating variety of jobs carried out worldwide.

Bruce is a Glaswegian, gaining his degree at Strathclyde University. After graduation, already courting Aileen, he decided to join ICI Nobel Explosives Division at Ardeer as the salary was attractive (danger money?). It was a huge site with deliberately isolated buildings to reduce the knock-on effect when (not if!) one of them blew up! The dangerous detonator packing lines were 'manned by very tough women' and in his first two years there were two fatal explosions. His first boss wore a bowler hat and a kilt!

He then moved to Dumfries where the challenge was to expand the existing Polycell plant which was successfully achieved.

Bruce was then appointed Start-up Manager for a new high-tech plant licensed from the Japanese. In order to gain experience of this type of plant, he spent some time at a similar factory in Japan. He lived on a wonderful beach (which turned out to be the local gay centre) with a background of gunfights between the police and the drug dealers. He says he went 'native' and

dined on things like crystallised beetles and other healthy fish and vegetables. However, the cultural influence was not all one way as two of the Japanese staff learned to play the bagpipes. On one occasion the very volatile central reactor created a memorable fire which required a record turnout of 19 fire engines to control it.

After Japan, Bruce returned to the exotic dye works at Blackley as a Project Manager and then to the dyestuffs plant at Trafford Park (now the Trafford Retail Park) as Plant Manager. He then returned to Blackley but the demise of the dyestuffs industry led to his next move to ICI Pharmaceuticals. Bruce held various positions within ICI Pharmaceuticals at their Macclesfield Plant but then moved as President and General Manager of ICI Pharmaceuticals in Puerto Rico. Bruce considered that this was the best job he had as the plant was a key supplier to the USA and had a lot of autonomy.

Whilst in Puerto Rico, Bruce, Aileen and their two children had to survive a hurricane (Hugo). Their apartment was on the twelfth floor of a tower block and as the building began to be blown apart, they took refuge in the central stairwell which was the strongest part of the building.

After Puerto Rico Bruce returned to Alderley Park as Head of International Manufacturing, during which time ICI Pharmaceuticals became Zeneca. His

predecessor had thoughtfully selected remote areas with gourmet facilities in which to build their plants, much appreciated by Bruce. A further move followed to Zeneca Agrochemicals in West Sussex as Supply Chain Director. During this time a large factory was built in China to British safety standards resulting in a very safe operation, such that the Chinese adopted these standards for other plants. As part of his work Bruce was subjected to formal Chinese banquets including delicacies like snakes' blood (which he refused to drink). During this period Astra Zeneca was formed.

In 2000, Astra Zeneca and Novartis were combined to form Syngenta, the Swiss-run, largest agrochemical business in the world. Bruce joined the company as a member of the executive board with responsibility for Supply and Human Resources. This involved commuting weekly to Basel from Bramhall.

The new set-up included forty-eight factories and 9000 employees and led to conflict between the Swiss and UK management styles. The Swiss believed that they did all the work while the British did all the talking, whilst the British noted that the Swiss only implemented decisions based on consensus and unfortunately rarely reached agreement! It was a very difficult working environment, particularly as a number of factories had to be closed with the attendant labour problems.

Bruce was involved in creating behavioural change in the workforce – a fascinating exercise. The Syngenta employees undertook workshops to change radically their culture to be largely paperless/slide-less with much more verbal communication. The exercise greatly improved company performance. Retirement followed in 2007.

David Poizer

22nd October, 2008 - An evening with Elgar courtesy of John Knowles.

David Rabone gave us a cultural grace suitable for the Rev. Knowles' talk on Elgar. We partook of our usual high quality meal with some of us being so greedy as to have a first course of fish before attacking the tasty chicken dish (apologies to those who did not eat fast enough to obtain this choice). Bob and Gordon reported on the Table

Top Sale where we made £172. Bob thanked everyone who had contributed but said we could have done with more help especially in setting up and tidying up afterwards. John Knowles revealed hidden depths of culture and knowing all the right people when displayed his tremendous knowledge of Elgar and his music. We learnt that he had met Sir Adrian Boult in November 1992, then aged 93, at his apartment in London. Further that John had been

the treasurer of the Elgar Society which had its first meeting in Westminster Abbey. We were further impressed that John had been responsible for producing records of early recordings of Elgar's music; he has written two books concerning all the works Elgar produced in two Discographies. He played some extracts from an 1909 recording made by La Scala Symphony Orchestra. He showed us a photograph of musicians making an early recording by the use of tube, the sound going down this in order to make a wax disc. When the copyright ran out after fifty years they were able to make an L.P. in the Abbey Studios of EMI. John planned the front cover for the record and chose Elgar's house in Hereford and the record was distributed worldwide. This was 001 to be followed later by 002 made by Nimbus;

this record was of Sir Adrian Boult conducting just voices of Elgar's short songs and talks by Adrian Boult and Elgar's daughter. Since then there have been six CDs. of Elgar's music produced by the Elgar Society.

Such was the interest created by this short talk by John many questions were asked of him. A truly inspirational talk, John - I only hope that I have reported it fairly adequately!

Tim Sheppard gave the Vote of Thanks. No-body wanted to report anything but Tony passed round some newspaper cuttings of interesting articles concerning our present Credit Crunch. Michael was Sergeant of Arms and fined everyone and Neil won the raffle.

Vida.

Committees, 5th November 2008 in the lounge....Malcolm Hurst

of bodies...or 'first dibs at the grub and no waiting...'

Guy Fawkes Night at the club...and no Guy...but plenty of fireworks in the form of impromptu jokes to spark up the 'committees' meeting into a spontaneous combustion of inflamed emotions and energy (or am I letting the metaphors get in the way of the truth of things as they really happened...?)

Pres Tony was reported to be with the Queen...and so Past Pres Geoff acted as ringmaster.....

Committee Nite proceeded with plenty of action going on...or at least being reported on....including:

Meanwhile your faithful scribe infiltrated the Top Table to gain first hand knowledge of how the elite amongst us live and the real benefits of attaining high office in this most august

>Christmas Rota...no birds of a feather please;

>Christmas Bulletin appeal...come on, buck up!...here is my offering Dennis!

>Christmas walk...Patrol Leader Dennis in charge again...well done

Dennis, keeping us “forever young” (as Bob Dylan would sing);
 >District membership...we are actually doing OK, 5th or 6th out of 45 clubs in District...yet even more to come from Geoff and the Think Tank with the draft 5 year membership plan for the club...all will be revealed....
 >Community Service Gordon is to put ‘Surviving Hospital’ books in Doctor Harry’s surgery (?!)...lots going on with ‘youth’ ...and encyclopaedia prizes for primary school children;
 >International John T is raising \$1000 for Polio Plus, and some emergency boxes, and Gordon’s idea of ‘trade boxes’....and DD has sent his final report on Bikes4Africa to HQ...and no response so far...well Chicago has been a little distracted with the US elections....
 >Social Alan N in the absence of Bionic John M reports that 80% of the club have committed to the Christmas dinner (19/12); the London Parliament Trip is in hand...close liaison with our MP; and a straw poll was conducted of what members wanted from a future Charter event (fix date in advance;

informal rather than formal; no fancy dress; think about dynamic with guests; prefer Golf Club to Social Club...both well ahead of restaurant or hotel)

Philosophy shared between Sid and John T on wasting food by supermarkets (don’t they listen to Gordon Brown?)...

EBAY Gordon doing a blinder raising funds for cast off kit from Rotarians...the latest £241 for Harry’s old camera...well done Harry and Gordon!

Lower down Maslow’s hierarchy of needs from philosophising, John T suggested a ‘social curry’ evening (is that one that keeps your tum in check?) in addition to club nights e.g. 7 Spices at Hazel grove (bachelors and their grub eh...!)

Sgt at Arms...trouble at ‘t mill...Prof Jim had slipped away in the night to India...so Captain Sid stepped in and we all paid up dutifully.....

**An evening of Kulture
 12 November 2008**

assembled men (no Vida) who turned up.

David Burstow chaired the meeting in Tony's absence. Michael Lacey immediately had a good command of the bell on behalf of David. David Dewhurst stood up at the start of the evening re manning for the Christmas collections and was pleased with the

Graham Yule apologised for being late as he had not left early enough! He requested the balance of the £30 cheques. He advised that £6 could be re-claimed as tax relief, but accepted the help of an accountant would more than remove that £6.

Lorraine, Val and Nicki served an admirable meal - there were 31 members and guests. The meal consisted of cottage pie, chicken rojan josh, scampi etc followed by the normal desserts. There was a lot of banter between the courses, one incident was that Harry Hill was heard to say "and we said yes." I am not sure what he was talking about, particularly when he said, "what are we supposed to do when we have exhausted every possibility." About patients I believe.

Apologies were given by John Knowles. Mike Lacey commented on the emergency boxes etc. John Tewlis commented on money spent. John Tewlis was seen wandering about between various tables, giving various ditties, particularly to Graham Yule. (Always one hand in a pocket, either right or left). White book was passed around and the point which was made earlier in the evening about the Rotary Club of Manchester Beijing Olympics meal at Bramhall Golf Club on 20 November 2008 was highlighted.

Neil Loveland introduced Sid Davies who advised that six people would give monologues followed by any other Rotarians who fancied showing their hand, together with limericks. An attempt was badly made about us all being an orchestra and then the six speakers followed.

1. David Rabone - he advised he had been born in Wolverhampton and commented on the Express Star

Newspaper an immediate handclap was given, 3 ditties given plus Albert the Lion.

2. John Tewlis - he completed the monologue on Sam's medal i.e. a simple soldier and now a soldier no more.

3. Michael Lacey - his monologue had the little finger introduction - he commented on someone's boarding house "spare rib was too much for me."

4. Geoff Hunt - he commented on Sam's medal that he nearly got.

5. Gordon Jackson - he commented from the timber trade - Noah's Ark (Marriott Edge wrote these monologues).

6. Chris Monkhouse - Yarn of the Nancy Bell - Chris nearly got to the end of this very, very long monologue.

Extras - Dennis read a few limericks - Richard Spragg, Bob Stevenson (without the Postman's uniform) and others contributed.

There was little business to conduct, so we moved on to Geoff Hunt who was Sergeant at Arms - he praised the accents used in the monologues, particularly Gordon's Lancashire accent, for which fortuitously he won the raffle prize!

Overall, a most enjoyable evening with a lot of banter. Most people were involved in what was going on, and the evening finished at 10.20.

Bob Stevenson

How to get political?

A large group of 28 came on November 19th to hear Helen Foster-Grime tell how she got into politics. But before this, the club was very pleased to welcome new member Richard Spragg, and Vida provided the wherewithal (wine to celebrate her forthcoming 'big birthday') to toast both Richard and herself.

Helen F-G has had a remarkable career. She has three young sons, has had several senior industrial jobs, has travelled extensively and she speaks several European languages. In the course of her jobs she has been involved in senior negotiations involving our Government and EU officials, and this led to a growing interest in the political aspects of modern life. She sees politics as a service activity, and is able to use these convictions as a Lib Dem councillor in Stockport. However, she has her eyes on a bigger role as a MEP,

and she has high hopes of becoming one in the next elections in 2009. Quite a remarkable lady, who (rumour has it) might just be interested in joining Rotary!

Amongst snippets of business were encouragement to attend the RI convention in Birmingham (UK) in 2009, our forthcoming Christmas party (excellent turnout promised), and disclosure that we collected £670 in our first weekend at Woodford Park.

Vida (Sales) persuaded Rotarian Spragg to buy Rotary apparel, John Thewlis won his own wine back in the raffle, so he returned it for future use, and Michael clinically fined some (mercifully not all) for misdemeanours. It was good to see John Meeus for part of the meeting following his hip operation and Richard Taylor for all of it! All-in-all a good evening.

Dennis

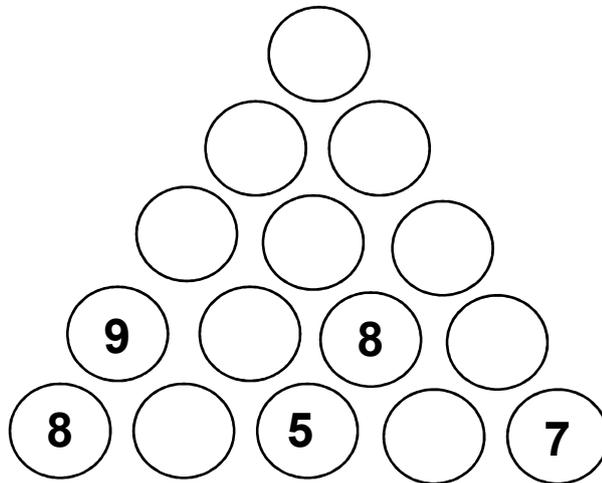


Richard Spragg receives his Rotary badge from President Tony Burch.

CHRISTMAS PUZZLE TIME

Add this up!

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number?



8 Which number is the sum of two others? 11

14 30 26

32 4 5 20

Rearrange each of these sets of letter blocks into a word?

1. AFE NG NI DE
2. UD YM ON PSE
3. RL AI ST IFT
4. GU RO LY ISH
5. SS AP CHE NE

Vowels and more vowels!

What is the only word in regular use that has five consecutive vowels?

Courtesy of Spike Milligan.....

‘Anyone can be 52., but only a bus can be 52B.’

‘Some people are always late., like the late King George.’

The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Thought for the day: Men are like fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it's up to the women to stomp the rubbish out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

Missing Links

For each row of the grid, find a word that links the two either side of it, just as FLOWER and SPREAD could be linked by BED (flower-bed, bedspread). The shaded letters will spell something connected with games.

- 1 **READY** **FLOW**
- 2 **GRID** **JAW**
- 3 **TAIL** **BAG**
- 4 **PARADISE** **PROPERTY**
- 5 **PORK** **SUEY**
- 6 **HORSE** **PEN**
- 7 **BREAK** **STEVENS**

Word Builder

Using the nine letters provided, can you answer these clues? Every answer must include the highlighted letter S Which turning point uses all nine letters?

R	A	T
E	S	D
H	E	W

5 Letters

Curse
Drainage channel
Lamp cover
Rub out
Drinking tube

6 Letters

Arid zone
Tranquillise

Poser

Astute

Ring for a tap

7 Letters

Most beloved
Crowd attendant
Jumper

In contrast

Sticks

8 Letters

Car comfort accessory

Entwines

Withstands, survives (a storm)

Missing Links: 1. Cash, 2. Lock, 3. Wind
4. Loss, 5. Chop, 6. Play, 7. Even

Wordbuilder: swear, sewer, shade, erase, straw
desert, sedate, teaser, shrewd, washer
dearest, steward, sweater, whereas, adheres
headrest, wreathes, weathers
watershed

4 x 4 Can you solve this mini-crossword?

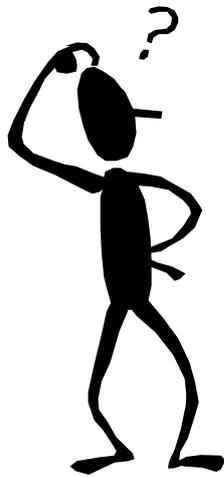
ACROSS

- 1 Spur, prod
- 2 Eastern prince
- 3 Ebb and flow
- 4 Hotpot

DOWN

- 1 Procures
- 2 Miss out
- 3 Political assistant
- 4 Sketched

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			



Set Square

Place one of the digits 1 - 9 in each grid to make the sums work. Each step is a separate sum.

8	+		x		= 22
÷		+		x	
	+	9	-		= 8
x		÷		-	
	+		-		= 12
=		=		=	
14		2		9	

4 x 4
Across answers are: goad, emir, tide, stew

Set square: line 1 is 8, 3, 2; line 3 is 4, 9, 5
Line 5 is 7, 6, 1

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE MEANING, WORD, OR PHRASE THAT EACH ONE DESCRIBES? REMEMBER, THEY CAN BE TRICKY!

JUST144ITICE	MYPOINTLIFE	JACK	SFLIPEA	SHUN SHUN SHUN SHUN SHUN GOOD SHUN SHUN SHUN SHUN SHUN
	BAN ANA	ENDSSDNE	EGGS EZ	TURN THE LIGHT
RETTAB	EZ iiiiii	EVER EVER EVER EVER	LMOTHERAW	LITE
ALL MYSELF	S D A E H	CAN CAN	LAKE TARIO	___IT
XQQQME	2222222 DAY	LOVE SIGHT SIGHT SIGHT SIGHT	BOOK GOING	FLUBADENCE
CAJUSTSE	BELT HITTING	I RIGHT I	POD POD POD	13579 VS. U

Cross injustice, high point in my life, jack in a box, flippancy, good intentions, thorough, banana split, making ends meet, eggs over easy, turn on the light, batter up, easy on the eyes, forever, mother-in-law, highfiving, all by myself, heads up, toucan, Lake Ontario, blanker, excuse me, Tuesday, love at first sight, going by the book, bad influence, just in case, hitting below the belt, right between the eyes, tripod, odds are against you

Body Parts

An easy puzzle for kids and harassed grandparents!

Which part of the body does each clue represent? Watch out for phonetic or spelling approximations!

1. Tug boats do it.
2. Miniature general.
3. Joins wood together.
4. Loser to the tortoise.
5. Two students.
6. Prepare for war.
7. Place of worship.
8. A large box.
9. Measures.
10. A number of negatives.
11. A part of a river.
12. To do with the sea.
13. Humorous calcium callus.
14. Trendy.
15. Top master.
16. An accusing pointer.
17. Edge of a bowl.
18. Something to cry on.
19. Porcupines have plenty.
20. Add 'P' to a great singer's name.
21. Character in Midsummer Night's Dream.
22. Pumping station.
23. A marionette pig.
24. Producer of veal.
25. Bearer of coconuts.

1. Toe 2. Thumb 3. Nails 4. Hair 5. Pupils 6. Arm 7. Temple 8. Chest 9. Feet 10. Nose 11. Mouth 12. Naval
13. Funny bone 14. Hip 15. Head 16. Finger 17. Lip 18. Shoulder 19. Spine 20. Pelvis 21. Bottom 22. Heart
23. Hamstring 24. Calf 25. Palm

Table-Top Sale, Sunday October 19th

Bob, Gordon and Vida met outside Hazel Grove High School at 7.30 am on a drizzly Sunday morning to set up our stall. David (P), who had tested the electrical items, and Alex Chattington helped carry the goods into the school hall. This proved to be a fairly big task as although we had booked two tables, the generosity of Club members overwhelmed us with items to such an extent that we were unable to display some items to their best



advantage. Other stall holders soon arrived to rummage through our boxes before the doors opened at 9.00. There were plenty of possible buyers and trade was brisk for an hour and a half. Oddly no one would buy the very good suitcases even at £2.00 to carry their purchases away.

Kathleen arrived to support us with coffee and at about 11.30 we commenced clearing up. Some items that were not sold were kept for other occasions, whilst the majority went to the Methodist Church Thrift Shop to be sold for charity or passed on to other Charities. Nothing went to the tip !.

Net profit was about £170, a figure we could probably improve on with experience and more help on the day, should the Club decide to do it again.

Bob

Four Supposes

1. If our Rotary Club was reduced to only 20 members
Would you be selected?
2. If our membership was valid for only 12 months
Would you be voted back in?
3. If you had to explain your Rotary work
What would you say to Council?
4. THINK....if everyone did as much work as you...
Would our club be more active, or...disappear?



The path clearance for Autumn was completed in record time possibly owing to the summer group having done such an excellent job. There wasn't much to do although Harry's strimmer made light work of the hedges when we attached a lethal looking set of shears to the end.

Thanks to John, Bob, David and Harry who helped. Photos of all in sartorial splendour.

Gordon (who took the pics).



Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

Worth a think?

As a club we are constantly being encouraged to have membership drives, hoping to attract 40+ year old people to join us, many of us being 30 years their senior. Would you join a club which had an average age of 96?

Lets try thinking outside the box. What is it that a 30 to 45 year old person would want from a social club? A good bunch of guys of about their own age to have a drink with, perhaps once a fortnight (remember they`ll be busy with career and family), a chance to put something back into the community and to do things that they wouldn` t otherwise dream of doing. And as for a name, how about Round Table?

Perhaps we can achieve what we want by forging a strong link with the present Round table, and encourage other local Rotary clubs to do the same. We could help each other with projects and fund-raising and help them recruit new members with an implied lead into Rotary when they achieved 45 if they wanted more action than 41 Club provides.

Radical, ...but think it through, it might just work.

David Dewhurst

Seasonal reminders!

In recent years we have agreed not to send each other Christmas cards, with the waste of money and additions to the mountains of waste paper. Instead we have donated an equivalent sum to that we would have spent to our Charity fund, where it can be put to good use. This way, we even get Gift Aid added. Let`s do it again this year!

Get those walking boots out! A Christmas walk is being planned by Vida and Dennis. The date will probably be Monday December 29th (to be confirmed). The location is also to be confirmed! Watch out for emails on the subject!

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
November 26	H Barker	G Jackson	D Searson
December 3	Committees	R Malabon	S Davies
December 10	J Thewlis	D Burstow	M Palmer
December 17	No meeting - Christmas party on December 18		
December 24	No meeting!		
2009			
January 7	Committees	B Batty	A Newsome
January 14	H Hill	J Fallowfield	J Meeus
January 21	D Dewhurst	D Rabone	J Sykes
January 28	R Taylor	D Rose	B Bissell
February 4	Committees	D Poizer	J Knowles
February 11	T Sheppard	G Yule	V Chattington
February 18	J Thomas	N Loveland	M Hurst
February 25	G Hunt	D Dev	B Stevenson
March 4	Committees	D Allport	H Barker
March 11	M Lacey	D Searson	R Malabon
March 18	G Jackson	J Thewlis	D Burstow
March 25	S Davies	D McKeith	H Hill
April 1	Committees	D Dewhurst	J Fallowfield
April 8	J Sykes	B Bissell	D Rose
April 15	D Poizer	J Knowles	T Sheppard
April 22	V Chattington	J Thomas	G Yule
April 29	No meeting - 5th Wednesday		
May 6	Committees	M Lacey	G Jackson
May 13	N Loveland	M Hurst	G Hunt
May 20	D Allport	R Spragg	D Searson
May 27	R Malabon	S Davies	D Burstow
June 3	H Hill	M Palmer	J Thewlis
June 10	Committees	A Newsome	D Dewhurst
	B Batty	J Meeus	D Rabone

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

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 Geoff Hunt know if you get stuck. Please swap with someone if you can't do your appointed run.

The Salts use a back entrance from Cote Green Road. Follow A626 to 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 Howe and leads into their back garden with door facing you. To turn round carry on for another 100 yards 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.

Please be at Walthew House by 9.25 for return trips. If possible drivers should have their mobiles and other driver's number in case of any delays.

November 25	D Dewhurst	J Fallowfield
December 2	G Hunt	M Hurst
December 9	G Jackson	J Knowles
December 16	M Lacey	N Loveland
2009		
January 6	R Malabon	J Meeus
January 13	C Monkhouse	A Newsome
January 20	D Poizer	T Sheppard
January 27	D Rose	J Sykes
February 3	B Stevenson	D Allport
February 10	G Yule	B Bissell
February 17	B Batty	V Chattington
February 24	D Burstow	D Dewhurst
March 3	S Davies	G Hunt
March 10	J Fallowfield	G Jackson
March 17	M Hurst	M Lacey
March 24	J Knowles	R Malabon
March 31	N Loveland	C Monkhouse
April 7	J Meeus	D Poizer
April 14	A Newsome	D Searson
April 28	D Rose	B Stevenson
May 5	T Sheppard	J Thomas
May 12	J Sykes	D Allport
May 19	G Yule	B Bissell
May 26	B Batty	D Burstow

Diary

November 26*	Jeff Tuck: The USAAF Raid on Schweinfurt - 1943
December 3	Committees and EGM
December 10*	John Bissell: Energy
December 17	No meeting - meeting is on the 18th
December 18	Christmas Party
December 24	No meeting
December 31	No meeting
2009	
January 7	Committees
January 14*	Jackson/Knowles
January 21	'Together Trust'
January 28*	Ken Downs: The Enigmatic Tutankamun
February 4	Committees
February 11*	Malabon/McLeod
February 18	Meeus/Monkhouse
February 25*	Club Services
March 4	Committees
March 11*	Newsome/Palmer
March 18	Poizer/Rabone
March 28	President's Evening
April 1	Committees
April 8*	Rose/Searson
April 15	Sheppard/Stevenson
April 22*	Club Services
April 29	No meeting: 5th Wednesday
May 6*	Committees
May 13*	Sykes/Taylor
May 20*	Thewlis/Thomas
May 27*	Club Services
June 3*	Committees
June 10*	Yule/Allport
June 17*	Barker/Batty
June 24*	Club Services
July 1*	Assembly and Handover
July 5*	Summer barbecue

* indicates that we have the large function room



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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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