

Rotarian



Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

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Tony talking.



Wow ! Where have three months gone?

Is it really almost three months since Geoff hung the presidential jewel round my neck and we started the new Rotary year? I write this brief (hurrah! I hear you say) rambling from Toronto after Sandra and I have just completed a week of travelling and camping in an RV (American motor home to you) around Ontario where we have had a memorable time in the fantastic scenery and vast lakelands of this incredible country. Now to why I have the metaphoric pen in hand:-

I think one of the first things I would like to say is I am even more convinced of the wisdom of having continuity to the committees from one year to the next and through no lack of effort or commitment from chairman and members of committee it does take two to three months to get things moving. I am delighted to see the International team having already firmed up very specific projects with CS currently evaluating a wide range of worthy causes requiring either our time or cash and W and M steaming forward with a raft of fund raising activities, the first being 'The Street Quiz'. The spread of responsibilities throughout the committee members on this first event is great to witness with five members each taking responsibility for fifty questions on a specialised subject. Brainstorming and distillation of how and where to sell the competition forms is of primary importance, but so is a full blooded commitment from each and every club member to "do their bit". I am confident this will be a great success.

Our first Social event of this Rotary year is our Charter Night on 10 October. May I take this opportunity to remind the club that this is a celebration of the birth of our club as well as a social occasion. It is vital that we all support this significant and special occasion. I gather the format is undergoing some change to create a wider appeal and trust that we will enjoy yet another great Charter Night to match those of recent years. I hope you all agree with me that our Wednesday evening meetings have been varied, interesting, enjoyable and mostly very well attended. Well done to David B and the committee for this super start to the new year. Even the District contributions, which have been significant have also been interesting and on occasions inspiring!

Thanks of course to all of the other officers for keeping our affairs in order. I think the subject of membership will rightly be a dominant feature of the current year

with our "Tsar" in place and good rousing stuff coming from all directions including Michael Barker, the god of all membership things!

We may also be inducting a further member shortly, which is superb following the induction of Joe a couple of months ago. You never know I might even have enough practice to know the induction words by memory. I look forward to seeing you all on 24 September presuming that I have not been eaten by a bear or Sandra has not traded me in for a tall dark Mountie!

Tony



Remember this yummy pie, baked specially for us by Lorraine? See what you miss by going on holiday!

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 11-8-08

- Money raised at participative events will be for nominated Rotary charities.
- Subject to club approval, it was decided that the £1000 loan from the Members' Account to the Charity account would be returned to the members (approx £30 each), whilst asking each member to donate and Gift Aid this to the Charity Account, which will realise a total of about £1300. Members would be emailed a form to complete and sign. This will enable the treasurer to make a single transfer and avoid lots of cheques flying about.
- Subject to Club approval, we will donate £500 to Leonard Cheshire Schools for all in Africa.

Exhibits in the House of Friendship at District Conference

1001 Inventions – a global educational initiative exploring the Muslim contributions to building the foundations of modern civilisation

Admiral Nurses – specialist care for patients with dementia

*******Bikes for Africa (RC Bramhall & Woodford)*******

Inner Wheel District 5

Leonard Cheshire Disability – the RIBI partner charity for this year.

Rotary is supporting the aim to provide schooling for 1000 disabled children in Uganda.

Open Door – books to aid adult literacy

Rainbow House – services to parents of disabled children

RC Northwich Vale Royal overseas projects – Georgia poverty relief,

AIDS/HIV education in South Africa and cataract operations in India

REMIT – Rotarians eliminating malaria in Tanzania

Rotaract – what it is, what it does

Rotary Foundation – our own charity

Shoebox scheme – gifts for needy children (RC Wythenshawe)

Trade Aid – helping people to help themselves by providing vocational education, and generating employment opportunities

The projects which are the subject of Indian rose bowl entries from

RCs **Biddulph, Buxton, Glossop** and **Macclesfield**.

Michael 22.9.08

Meeting Reports



Committees – August 6th 2008

There were a large number of apologies – on account of August being the holiday month, we trust, rather any antipathy to a Committee Night!

Through the generosity of Geoff Hunt and David Rose, in honour of their attaining their 70th anniversaries, wine was generously donated and less generously, but accidentally, poured over the Editor of the Bulletin by your correspondent.

After earnest and largely focused debates within committees, the following reports were made:

Secretary

- ★ All the important stuff is in the ‘White Book’
- ★ Additionally there are 9 pages of amendments for the RI Directory which were offered to member interested in that sort of thing.

Treasurer – in his absence, the President reported

- ★ £2500 unspoken for in the General Account
- ★ £1150 unspoken for in the Charity Account [c. £5k gross but £1k owing to General

Account & 80% of proceeds from Duck Race due to Stockport Young Carers.]

- ★ Decided that the accounts for the Duck Race & Fun Race be ruled off after the meeting so that money could be sent to Stockport Young Carers without further delay. David Dewhurst asked that some imaginative way of presenting the money be devised rather than the now all too common ‘Big Cheque’.
- ★ John Thewlis proposed that the £1k loan from the General Account be written off as a grant. This was favourably received by those present but as this amounted to £30 per member, it was decided to place the proposal on the table but not vote on it at this stage. The Treasurer will be asked to check the feasibility of the proposal and then report initially to Council and then the whole Club.

Sales (Vida Chattington)

- ★ All members urged to purchase and sport a Rotary Car sticker – a bargain at £1.
- ★ All members visiting overseas clubs in coming months to take

a banner of which Vida assured us she had copious quantities.

on a Saturday next year (a different weekend from the Duck Race.)

Ways & Means (David Dewhurst)

- ★ A Rotary Quiz is proposed – 100 questions on a sheet which could be sold to friends – prizes could be JL Vouchers or cash – this is not a lottery, we were assured, as it will require skill.
- ★ Waitrose are now limited to 3 charity collections per year but it is hoped that this will include next year's Duck Race --- which we assured will be "bigger, brighter and brassier". It is hoped to have a number of supporting events on the Archery Lawn which apparently will result in "cross fertilisation and synergy". There may also be "Executive Ducks" available in response to corporate sponsorship. The date is fixed at 10/5/09.
- ★ Christmas collections at Woodford Park and possibly outside Angela Beer's.
- ★ There are outline plans for an event at Woodford War Memorial Centre with a Jazz or Swing band – possibly to mark the 70th anniversary of the start of WW2.
- ★ Plans are also being formulated for a concert given by members of the Hallé orchestra.
- ★ Brice Bissell has offered to do all the planning for a Fun Run

Membership & Club Service (Dennis Allport)

- ★ The meeting on Aug 13th will be open to spouses and partners – some sotto voce comments wondered whether this was because the meeting was entitled "Helping families in breakdown situations".
- ★ A reminder that the standard apologies regime must be followed and guests should be booked in by one of the same methods.
- ★ A reminder that those on the rota to arrange a speaker should do so at the earliest opportunity.
- ★ Another reminder – if you are on the Blind Run and can't manage it, a substitute should be found in plenty of time.

Community Service (Gordon Jackson)

- ★ £200 has been sent to support the young men taking part in the Mongolian Rally. They have passed through Turkey and are now in Georgia. The car is fine but there is some friction between the members of the team!
- ★ The idea of a Youth Drama Festival is progressing very well.
- ★ There has been contact from MENCAP who might be

asking for tin rattlers in due course.

- ★ Helpers needed for Ann Frank exhibition in Stockport (7 Nov to 18 Dec)

International (John Thewlis)

- ★ Identified projects that we might support – Polio+ (£1k) – Emergency boxes (£1k) – Leonard Cheshire disability fund (£50)

Social (Alan Newsome)

- ★ Nothing to report

AOB

- ★ Michael Lacey spoke of a glossy brochure produced by another club to explain what it is about, funded by adverts.

- ★ Letter from Mark Hunter offering a visit to House of Commons. Possibility of a weekend trip to London with the visit on the Friday. Those who couldn't manage a weekend could therefore just go down for the day on the Friday.

S@A

Vida extracted fines with her usual good humour, penalising those who had their elbows on the table, told bawdy jokes (not because of their content or quality but on account of their inaudibility) and those who pour wine on their colleagues (see 2nd paragraph).

John Knowles

Outside visit 20th August 2008 to the ANSON ENGINE MUSEUM

This visit organized by our Vice President David was, I believe, one of the most interesting we have had. Many of us have passed the nondescript sign on the lane without appreciating the treasure hidden among the trees.

The museum occupies the site of the former Anson colliery, which closed in 1926, and a tree is now growing over the pithead nearby. A most knowledgeable engineer gave us a tour of the many historic engines on display – engines powered by hot air, gas, diesel and petrol. He started up a hot

bulb diesel Gardener engine after lighting four jets of flame, which played on the cylinder heads enabling the machine to spring to life. I believe we were all humbled by the evidence of people, long since passed away who by their engineering brilliance invented engines, which powered the world. The older among us were saddened to think that at one time Manchester had no less than six engine builders – all now defunct. However the display of the modern world record JCB diesel engine restored our faith that Britain still has much expertise.

A very gratifying event took place as we toured the museum when Past DG

Mike Payne appeared and presented our own David Dewhurst with a well-deserved Foundation Service Award.

Most of us then made a rapid advance to the Bear's Paw where we had some great food and no doubt made the bar takings a record for a Wednesday evening. Unfortunately our cheery

President was indisposed which was a great shame as he is so knowledgeable in engineering matters. Perhaps it was as well that he was not there as he would probably have bought the JCB diesel and attempted 350mph in his E-type!

Sid Davies

Mike Yates - Polio Eradication

August 27th was a well attended evening with 25 members together with Mike Yates (Assistant Governor), his wife Bernice, George Ayres (from Hazel Grove), Peter Gray (guest of Harry) and Richard Spragg (guest of Bob S). As usual we were well catered by Lorraine and her team. During the meal John Meeus announced that Charter Night (10th Oct at Bramall Park Golf Club) will have a "China and/or Olympics" theme. He also sought interest levels for a Late March/early April trip to London including a visit to the Houses of Parliament thanks to our honorary member Mark Hunter.

Mike Yates showed a video "The Polio Challenge" – a presentation on where we have got to and what is left to be done. It focussed on the \$100million challenge presented by the Gates Foundation, which amount Rotary needs to match. This boils down to about \$100 per Rotarian by end 2010.

It stressed that what was wanted was not "hands in our pockets" but fund raising from the general public. Mike then talked about his own experiences having organised both District 1050 and RIBI participation in mass immunisation days in India. He gave a good insight to what happens (e.g. Rotary has a permanent team of 7 in Delhi) and how important general hygiene and health levels were. For example poor water leads to dysentery, which, if soon after immunisation, renders it ineffective. The immunisation process takes place over three days – on the Saturday there is mass publicity to get the kids to the centres, on Sunday the immunisations, and on Monday a house to house sweep for children who did not attend. The scale is vast and in one area alone 822,000 kids were processed. Each immunisation booth is manned by three people (often Rotarians – including those visiting from UK) one giving the two drops, one marking the little finger with indelible ink to show that the child

has been immunised and the third giving the child a small gift (sweets or pencil) to encourage coming again (these days occur monthly). The next district team visit is February 2009
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GO SHOULD CONTACT Mike.

Bob Stevenson gave the vote of thanks.

Ron Malabon won the raffle for a bottle of fizzy stuff and Henry fined lots of us.

Tony promoted the RI conference in Birmingham next June 24th-26th

A really good evening thus came to an end.

Michael

Committee night, 3 September

Geoff opened the meeting with a suggestion that we send a bouquet of flowers to Wynne, the lady from the blind run, who will celebrate her 90th Birthday shortly. Everybody agreed this was a good idea. Sid will organise this.

Geoff then proposed that we look at two DVD's:- The Rotary International and Michael Lacey's draft DVD. These could be used as an introduction to potential new members. Michael's DVD gives a flavour of the club and its activities, it includes Bikes for Africa, Fun Run, Duck Race, Voyage on Tenacious, Pigeon Shoot, Ladies Day at Chester Races and Father Christmas. Entertaining overseas students and exchange visits were also highlighted.

It was suggested that the best parts of the Rotary International DVD should be incorporated into our own DVD to illustrate our integration in a worldwide organisation. All agreed that this was an

excellent idea, the first product of the Think Tank.

Committees:- Boring? Not at all, there was a great deal of youthful enthusiasmwell certainly enthusiasm and positive new ideas.

International:- The club intends to support Polio Plus at 1000 \$ per year for 3 years. This will be funded by returning £1000 from the general account back to the members which they then return with Gift Aid, so increasing the amount received. Very neat!

A Leonard Cheshire Charity providing support and facilities for 2000 disabled children in Uganda was a suggested charity. However the vote was in favour of supporting a school in Namibia, which is Bramhall High School's chosen charity. It was agreed that this would help us build a closer relationship with the school, which hopefully would be mutually rewarding and could benefit us with our future projects.

We also need to publicise the voluntary donation of £5 per month to Foundation. Henry will distribute

voluntary donation forms, these will be anonymous.

A future proposal was for funding Emergency Boxes, this will depend on funds being available.

Finally John Thewlis suggested £100 towards the Jaipur project which supplies prosthetics to disabled people, this would be matched by district funding.

Community services:- Gordon has two prizes for the Silent Auction at Regional Conference - A commissioned picture by John Thewlis and Tony has volunteered to take someone to Donnington Motor Museum in his E-Type.

Gordon, Vida and Tony have items at home for the table top sale on 19th October, more saleable items would be welcomed.

Community Services have put forward a proposal to Stockport and Manchester Councils to hold a Youth Drama Festival, both councils thought this was an excellent idea. Gordon proposes contacting Players Theatre Group and Chads to pursue this.

A project, Platform Two, sends young people, 18 - 25 yrs, to spend 10 weeks living and working with disadvantaged families overseas. This project is entirely funded by the Department for Overseas Development, Bunac, Christian Aid and Islamic Relief. Please nominate any suitable candidates for this work to Gordon.

A proposal that Rotarians and Local Volunteers help clean up litter around the Bramhall Park area was accepted, the date to be notified. Hopefully we

shall get publicity via The Stockport Express.

Ways and Means :- Their new idea is to sell 'Street Quiz' this comprises 100 questions on five different subjects, 50 specialist- 50 varied. Quiz forms will cost £1. There will be a £100 first prize, £25 second, £10 third. This idea could also be sent to other clubs and we would take 50% of the proceeds. It was proposed to sell these at Edgely Park and other venues.

We have been given the go ahead to 'tin rattle' at Woodford Park again this Christmas. Vida also proposed we escort Father Christmas and collect in Bramhall Precinct again.

The Precinct Manager will be contacted to check if a licence is required. Finally The Duck Race will be on May 10th 2009.

Social :- Bob Batty said that we were awaiting confirmation of a talk about Lancaster Bombers for 24th Sept. Charter night Oct 10th Form to be circulated next week. Please sign up.

Finance:- Graham said the general account was £3,466.26p and £1000 is due to be paid out in January '09. Charity account £2,685.15p special projects £1, money transferred to the charity account. The rules for mutual funding require separate accounts.

Vida donated £30 from Car Badge sales -well done Vida. It was Graham Yule's lucky night as he won the Raffle.

S at A - Gordon fined Harry in absentia - a novel idea. Tony was fined for blaming memory loss on aluminium pans, Chris for name dropping, John for his Nigerian scam, Sid for harassing

the Daily Telegraph and others for various misdemeanours. The meal was excellent as usual and a visitor from Hazel Grove left very

envious of our five star cuisine. All in all, a very productive and enjoyable evening.
Neil.

Regional Development with Baron Isherwood on September 10th

We wondered if our speaker for the evening would wear his baronial robes but as Jim Thomas patiently explained; his name was Baron not his title. Unfortunately he was greeted by a low turnout owing to quite a few members being on holiday but we did have two lady visitors from Bredbury and Romiley. We did, however, have an excellent meal with the novelty of having Rotary written in pastry on the steak pie. Next step – a cake in the shape of the wheel?

Baron is an old friend of Jim and a recently retired economist from the Regional Development Agency who gave us a very well informed talk on attempts to regenerate areas of the North West and the differing support he got from politicians. It seems that the North West and Scotland are fairly average in wealth when taken overall but there are pockets of deprivation, which became the focus of their work. Points of action were:

Regional competitiveness - the encouragement of starter companies

Knowledge economy – Manchester and Liverpool Universities

Urban Renaissance – regeneration for which the IRA bomb of 95 provided the impetus

Brown field land development – Conversion of blighted land and buildings

Neighbourhood renewal – housing and social economy of which Hulme was a prime example

When Baron mentioned that two people called Michael Parkinson and Brian Robson had been instrumental in forming the ideas, I thought it odd that a TV presenter and a footballer should be involved but it was just another confusion of names as these were university professors.

Sid gave the vote of thanks and bemoaned the architecture of the Trafford centre. A feeling we all shared.

John Thewlis fined the assembly for a range of quite innovative reasons including Dennis for monopolising the lady guests so he got his own back by winning the raffle.

Gordon

Recruitment (September 17th)!

Presidential Michael maintained order. The grace on digestion and food was made by David Rabone – he would, wouldn't he with Jackie a cookery expert!

Geoff read out a sad e-mail from Dev about the sudden death of Sujjo. He was a respected frequent visitor to the club and will be missed; our sympathies to Dev's family.

On a better note, Mike Holland (Round table) is improving. The club is sending flowers to Wyn Lawson on reaching 90. D.Poizer welcomed ex DG Mike Barker, our speaker and a reappearance of Bob Stevenson's only friend Richard Spragg. Many members were swanning around the USA, Europe and elsewhere despite the credit crunch.

Mike Barker explained the function of the new Membership Development Committee RECRUITMENT, RECRUITMENT, RECRUITMENT. (sounds familiar?)

Themes are; to work from club level up to District instead of the present arrangement. Each Rotarian has a responsibility to find new members by networking with ex- colleagues, talking to everyday people with whom we come in contact eg, your dentist. Have you tried a conversation with a drill in your mouth?

1050 will be split into 4 areas (not zones) where clubs are more interconnected. The latest plan is a rotating ambassador, you guessed, Geoff Shelmerdine to make about 4

presentations a year to big Corporates to attract a variety of age groups.

The first Rotaract at Manchester University will start next month and hopefully these young people will move through Round Table and eventually to Rotary.

Mike elaborated on the need to collect accurate numbers of Rotarians in the District more reliably, each club to e-mail every month so one return can go to RIBI database.

It was rewarding to hear Mike say that District has recognised our club to be a progressive leader in this field. Thanks to the hard work of our in-house "think-tank" Geoff's questionnaire and with Michael Lacey their analysis will form the basis for other clubs. Geoff is our rep. for the East area group and it will advise failing clubs to recover and give help to new start up clubs.

Ron M. gave the vote of thanks and reminded us of the original Rotary philosophy of networking.

John Meuss announced that fancy dress for this Charter night is off the menu and to observe golf club dress. The "Olympic " theme still holds, suggestions are kilts for caber tossers, short skirts (and ties) for lap-top marathongers. No doubt there will be further heated discussions about the character of future Charter nights. Unfortunately I am unable to go as it is my religious fast day!

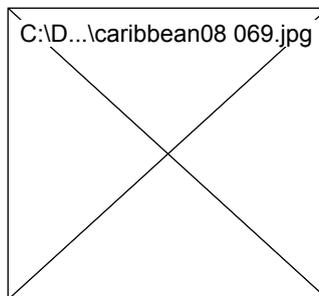
Gordon announced "Litter picking" next Monday with Vida -You lucky people! a joint tin collection with Hazel Grove Club at H G Sainsburys on 24/25 October.

Neil, like me, was cajoled by Michael to be S/A and bulletin respectively. He performed extremely well, even fined Malcolm for using his mobile during the meeting, I suspect he was arranging the HBOS / Lloyds merger.

The raffle was won by guest Richard. A novel recruiting ploy to fix a raffle! David Rose

Litter Picking Extravaganza!

Not really an extravaganza, if you disregard the quantity of paper, crisp packets, bottles and plastic in Bramhall Park Road, but a reminder about how much rubbish our citizens throw away on public roads. It really is disgusting. The remedial team of Vida, Sid, Neil and Dennis under the guidance of two Council employees on 22nd September cleared the aforesaid road in about 90 minutes.... and in the process filled about 8 plastic sacks. I, for one, nearly developed litter-picker's elbow - would that have counted as a compensatable industrial injury?



Geoff Hunt's dog brought Geoff along to see us off, but was too tired to join in!

Schoolboy howlers...

We had a longer holiday than usual this year because the school was closed for alterations.

All teachers at our school are certified.

The headmaster caned me only on rear occasions.

Our school is ventilated by hot currants.

Opening Vista files in Windows XP

Some of us now have Vista as our computer operating system, whilst most still have Windows XP or an earlier version. This can cause problems if you try to open a Vista file from Office 2007 in XP. It won't work! There is a simple solution. Download a compatibility program from Microsoft and all will be well. Just follow the address www.computeractive.co.uk/2172992 and get the file - it's free. Following this, just double click on a Vista file in XP and it will behave as if it was an XP file. No problem!

A strange evening undertaken by a Community Service Committee Member

When I discovered that this Rotary Year I was to serve on the Community Service, Vocation and Youth Committee "Good" I thought, "That's a another new experience" as in both this and my previous Rotary Life, it has always been 'Ways and Means'.

On reading Chairman Gordon's objectives for the year, I noted in the small print, under the general heading 'YooF', I saw 'The Excitement of Science' as a District objective. Having always having had a 'scientific bent' (!) I remembered this when an email arrived from the RSA, telling me that there was to be a meeting at the cafe attached to Manchester Museum on Monday 7th July to discuss community involvement in the forthcoming Manchester Science Festival. This was an event that I was anxious to attend for several reasons, not the least of which being that it excused me from having to attend a sales event at a school parents evening that the Company was carrying out !

On arrival, full of expectation of learning how we may be able to involve our community in this major event, it came as something of a surprise, nay shock, to be approached by a young lady, grasping a piece of fluorescent dayglo, card and told "write down all the steps that you would take to make the perfect cup of tea" and was then told to pin this on my chest! Protestations that I only drink coffee were to no avail – "just do it please" I was told. As she looked a little like one of Max's friends, I thought I had better comply. "Then what" I asked. She told me to wander around the room, looking at other people's chests, until I found a match – in tea making that is !

My wanderings soon bore fruit, for I found two other kindred souls who had also written at the end of their recipes, “Then discard, and drink a good cup of coffee” ! When I found that they were both called Chris, it was that start of a firm, if very brief, friendship.

The next instruction was to distil our recipes (no, not literally – that would have been too much to hope for) and write the results in five boxes with pointy ends, printed across a piece of paper. Well that shouldn’t be too difficult my new friends and I thought. The problem arose when we were then told to use these metaphorically, as catalysts in making a Science Festival happen ! “Boiling water-violent reaction- how does this affect the planning process”. Total, abject, inability to grasp this, and the extreme attractiveness of the young artist lady leading the event, led to us calling her over, again and again to guide us. Alas to no avail.

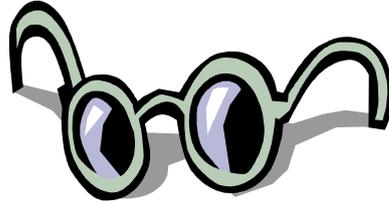
So at the end, I had absolutely no idea of what I had been doing there, and comfortingly, neither did my new friends. I walked back to the car park with a puzzled expression and to bring me back to the real world, and salve my conscience I drove to Ashton to help with the end of the ‘school sell’.

Chris Monkhouse (I think)



Reminder...

Alan Newsome is still collecting unwanted spectacles on our behalf and will ensure that they go to help poorly sighted people in developing countries. So how about throwing out those you no longer use?



FIND A GOOD TRADESPERSON

There are plenty of reputable and trustworthy people out there, and while we've all heard horror stories about conmen and crooks, there's no need to fear if you go about things the right way.

Rated People (www.ratedpeople.com) is a free online service aimed at promoting and rewarding honest and reliable tradespeople -and pointing out those who are not.

The premise of this fast-growing site (and others like it, such as Only Recommended www.onlyrecommended.com) is simple: enter your postcode and supply some information on the type of service you need. The site will recommend up to three local tradespeople who may be appropriate. From here you can read references from people who have used the tradesperson in question and find out more about their credentials before making a decision on whether to use any of them.

If you do, then after the work is done you can submit your own reference. This will help other home improvers - and, of course, the tradesperson - in the future. Like all such social sites, its effectiveness depends on the number of people using it. It may not be ideal for those living in more remote areas, but in bigger towns it's a great way of finding a tradesperson you can trust.

..... and finally

Don't forget that we have our own list of recommended tradespeople as well. If you want an e-copy, please ask Dennis. If you know of a recommended person, let's add him/her to our list.

Notes from District Council 23rd September

Miscellaneous items, which might be of general interest from the Council meeting

DG Ken Boylett reported that he had now visited 40 clubs in District since he took office; the remainder will be completed by the end of October. He commented on the different ways in which Clubs conduct their meetings and business and applauded the uniqueness of each Club.

The RIBI President visits the District end October, see District website for which Clubs he will visit and go along for an inspirational speech.

Ian Priestly (Hazel Grove) elected as DG Nominee 2009/10

Presentation made to Council by a Rotarian from RC Brynmawr regarding Lifestraws. One Lifestraw can purify 700litres of water; sufficient for one person for one year, cost £3; a new development provides filtration of 17,000litres of water; sufficient for a family of six for two years. [Don't ask me to justify the maths]. Cost \$30. After the recent earthquake in China 55,000 Lifestraws were sent out and there are several millions in use. The presenter commented that major disasters were well catered for with Shelter Boxes, Emergency Boxes etc; his Rotary Club are wanting to provide these filters to areas of the world which were not recognised as major disasters but where there is a pressing need for clean water. He emphasised that these filters are not a substitute for wells; but provided a short term solution. Thought – does the area of Namibia where the bikes were delivered have such a need?

Membership recruitment still an issue. There are 1120 members in District 1050 as of 30 July, down from last year. Comment – we need to recruit >10% new members just to stand still. Membership seminar 4th October Cottons Hotel, Knutsford.

The first new club in the District may soon be formed, 20 people in the Jodrell Bank area will shortly attend an information meeting. This will be the first new club in District for many years.

All clubs in District have paid their dues – probably thanks to the discount offered.

International Committee are seeking a Rotary Club in Uganda with a view to a Matching Grant for the Leonard Cheshire School4All initiative.

Anyone interested in attending the RI Convention at the NEC Birmingham in 2009 should look at details on the website www.rotaryconvention2009.com; it will not be this close to us for another 20 years. Volunteers needed at Birmingham and also at Manchester airport as meeters and greeters – more details to follow from District.

District have five “End Polio Now” banners for use by any Club.

GSE 2009 to Northern Greece now has a team leader; Ian Johnson RC Hazel Grove has been selected.

District Conference – 26th -28th September – 375 have registered to attend the function.

Notes by John Sykes

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
October 1	Committees	J Meeus	D Rabone
October 8	D Rose	R Taylor	J Sykes
October 15	B Bissell	D Poizer	J Knowles
October 22	T Sheppard	V Chattington	G Yule
October 29	No meeting - 5th Wednesday		
November 5	Committees	M Hurst	J Thomas
November 12	N Loveland	B Stevenson	G Hunt
November 19	D Dev	D Allport	M Lacey
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	M Lacey	D Allport	H Barker
March 11	G Jackson	D Searson	R Malabon
March 18	S Davies	J Thewlis	D Burstow
March 25	M Palmer	D McKeith	H Hill
April 1	B Batty	D Dewhurst	J Fallowfield
April 8	A Newsome	J Meeus	D Rabone
April 15	J Sykes	B Bissell	D Rose

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.

September 30	C Monkhouse	A Newsome
October 7	D Poizer	D Rabone
October 14	D Rose	T Sheppard
October 21	B Stevenson	J Sykes
October 28	J Thomas	G Yule
November 4	D Allport	B Batty
November 11	B Bissell	D Burstow
November 18	V Chattington	S Davies
November 25	D Dewhurst	J Fallowfield
December 2	G Hunt	M Hurst
December 9	G Jackson	J Knowles
December 16	M Lacey	N Loveland
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January 6	R Malabon	J Meeus
January 13	C Monkhouse	A Newsome
January 20	D Poizer	D Rabone
January 27	D Rose	T Sheppard
February 3	B Stevenson	J Sykes
February 10	G Yule	D Allport
February 17	B Batty	B Bissell
February 24	D Burstow	V Chattington
March 3	S Davies	D Dewhurst
March 10	J Fallowfield	G Hunt
March 17	M Hurst	G Jackson
March 24	J Knowles	M Lacey

Diary

October 1	Committees
October 8	No meeting - meeting is on Friday 10th
October 10	Charter Night at Bramhall Park Golf Club
October 15	Batty/Bissell
October 22*	Club Services
October 29	No meeting: 5th Wednesday
November 5	Committees
November 12*	Burstow/Chattington
November 19	Davies/Dev
November 26*	Jeff Tuck:The USAAF Raid on Schweinfurt - 1943
December 3	Committees and EGM
December 10*	Dewhurst/Hill
December 17	No meeting - meeting is on the 18th
December 18	Christmas Party
December 24	No meeting
December 31	No meeting

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January 7	Committees
January 14*	Jackson/Knowles
January 24	Lacey/Loveland
January 28*	Club Services
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	Rose/Searson
April 8	Sheppard/Stevenson
April 15	Sykes/Taylor
April 22	Thewlis/Thomas
April 29	Yule/Allport
July 5	Summer barbecue

* indicates that we have the large function room