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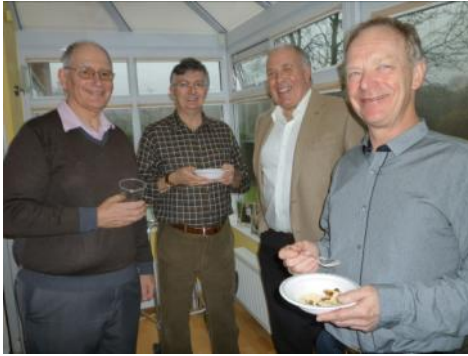
President's Evening 2012

Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club

Bulletin

Free - 'The life of Paul Harris' pamphlet





8th Jan, President's Drinks at Bob's



Matt Davis of the M.E.N. Demonstrating how best to hold someone down until they give him a good story



Tony Baugh spoke about 'A sign of the times'



Our intrepid firemen speak with Ray Burman



Visitors from the Mercian Regiment joined us once again



Robert's Writings

Since my last writing a lot has happened. Firstly 3 of us (Sue, Bob and myself) and of course Oriane have been to South America the ABC countries. We met up in two places including Rio where I celebrated my 15th birthday. Rotary Fellowship was at the forefront on both occasions.

Back at home Brian took the helm for our meetings on 15th and 22nd February which I believe were successfully held (see other parts of the bulletin).

The 25th President's Night. WOW! was how a number of our guests described the evening. Just under a 100 attended. An excellent interruption from John and his team. Good food and a very good band from Jeremy Sassoon.

I attended The Rotary Club of Manchester Centenary Chartered Dinner Celebrations. Amongst those attending Kalyan Banerjee – President - Rotary International, Ray Burman – President of Rotary in Britain and Ireland both spoke together with Peter Hartley – President of Manchester. An enjoyable (Rotarian) evening was held.

My next attendance at an outside event will be the RIBI National Conference in Bournemouth, where I will be joined by our members Sue, Bob and our Paul Harris lady member this year Oriane.....

We in Bramhall and Woodford are working on a number of events such as the Duck Race and I wish you all well in your Rotary Efforts.

Bob

DID YOU KNOW?



Gill Critchley will be at the Olympics! No, not as a competitor, but as one of the 70,000 Event Service volunteers. Watch out for more news about her Olympic exploits in future Bulletins.

Olive

GMFRS and the RI President



RI President Kalyan Banerjee described the partnership between Rotary and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service as a unique partnership within the Rotary World. There is no similar project elsewhere in the World.

These were Kalyan's comments following a presentation given by Rotarians and members of GMFRS

involved in the partnership for Home Fire Risk Assessment. The presentation was at GMFRS Headquarters in Swinton earlier this month. The presentation was a repeat of that given to RIBI President Burnam in February and which has received good publicity within the local press. Your reporter was privileged to be part of that presentation. Kalyan has previous experience of fire and fire risks as a chemical engineer working for The Indian Phosphorus Company. {Phosphorus self ignites unless under water}

One Borough Commander outlined the importance of the partnership to the Fire service by identifying the significant reduction in fatalities from fires in the home over the years. Prior to the disastrous fire at Woolworths in Manchester there were about 100 per year; following the introduction of improved materials for domestic furniture introduced as a result of the Woolworths fire this number reduced to 70 per year. For a number of years the Fire Service have been campaigning to get a smoke alarm into ever home; with 1 million homes across Greater Manchester this is a huge task and one that the fire service cannot complete on there own, hence the involvement with Rotary. In Manchester the fire deaths are now down to 16 per year and whilst any death is a tragedy the number is reducing.

There are now 37 Rotarians involved in the scheme from 7 Clubs; the involvement is spreading outside our District with the latest team from Bolton Daybreak (District 1280). Derek de Belder for Gatley RC said that he is now getting requests from other Fire Service Commanders for a similar team to be set up in their area.

Since we started in June 2011 the Bramhall & Woodford team have generated over 200 leads; we have completed over 150 home visits.

John Sykes

Meeting Reports

1st Feb Committees

Michael Lacey proposed a toast in absentia to John Meeus, who, having been born on 1/2/34 was celebrating his 78th birthday. [Incidentally Sir Edward Elgar died when John was just 22 days old -- you never know when that information might come in handy when you are part of a quiz team.] Gill reported that we had no guests, that David Burstow was still plastered, that a number were risking life and limb on cruises and that others had submitted some semblance of an excuse such as illness, birthday or family.

In spite of the effects on interrupted digestion, our President rang his bell loudly to make a Very Important Notice relating to the National Conference to be held in Bournemouth in May. Terry Wogan is to be one of the main speakers and there ensued some debate regarding the pecuniary advantage that might flow to Mr Wogan as a result of this. Bruce Bissell was presented with a bottle of wine to mark his outstanding Father Christmas impersonation on the Float. Harry Hill was presented with a jar of Apple Chutney to mark his retirement.

From the Secretary, we learned that an RSL is someone who always travels First Class at our expense and that there are big changes in the management of RIBI, most of which are difficult to fathom. The Treasurer made an accurate, albeit imprecise,

financial report – General Fund £ ‘OK’ – Charity Fund - £ ‘couple of grand’. Vida had made no sales.



Trevor reported that the Duck Race on 13th May will be in support of St Anne's Hospice (80%), Club Charity Account (20%). There is to be a meeting on Friday with folk from the Hospice to seek their advice. Bruce Farrow has completed successful negotiations with Barclays Bank resulting in the promise of matched funding up to £3k.

Vida told us of crocuses popping up unseasonably in Bramhall Park. There is to be a stroke awareness day on 14th April. There followed an interesting teach-in on the value of blood pressure being taken in both arms as a differential can be an indicator of malfunction, just as much as an overall high or low score. Grateful thanks as ever to Dr Hill for this health alert.

Ian heralded success relating to pieces in various journals, encouraged us to give the new orientation leaflet to anyone invited to give a talk, alerted us to a new leaflet on the ‘World of Rotary’ and drew our attention to a piece on the internet about the Bury St Edmunds campaign.

Bruce Bissell reminded us that the cut-off time for apologies is still noon on Tuesday and that this occurs at 12pm not 5pm. [It's amazing what you learn at a Rotary meeting.] There are some prospective new members and the programme is



in good shape for the coming weeks.

David Rose will be recommending to Council a £250 donation to Vision Aid Overseas and his committee are still working on the programme for their concert.

In the absence of John Meeus, John Sykes reported that the Theatre Night had been successful financially as well as artistically. Guests are very welcome at President's Night. Apparently in order to have music during the meal there needs to be at least 80 people in total. [Speaking personally, I'm all for 79 people so that the art of good conversation is not lost.]. The possibility of a Crown Bowling evening is under investigation.

The four members who are part of the House Fire Division will be meeting the RIBI President next week. [There followed some discussion about whether he was im-

portant enough to travel First Class (at our expense).]

A variety of AOB items: The "seed of an idea" related to a possible stall at the Duck Race in order to attract new members. Two members are just about to become Bramhall & District Enterprise Ambulance drivers. Volunteers emerged to distribute Bulletins to those not at the meeting. Maggie Hill would like to lay on a party, a proposal greeted with general acclaim.

The raffle was won by Tony Burch who in the absence of an external speaker was forced to keep the wine. Harry Hill fined everyone, beginning with a serious reprimand for the President on account of his late arrival and absence of regalia, shortcomings that do not set the example expected from an RSL, if indeed that is what he is.

John Knowles

On this day

April: 4th Fred & Ginger's last film premiered, 'The Barkleys of Broadway' (1949); 9th Hugh Hefner born (1926); 11th Theory of relativity announced (1905); 16th Charlie Chaplin born (1889); 20th Talking pictures started with 'The Jazz Singer' (1926); 25th DNA decoded (1953);

May: 1st Adhesive postage stamps used for the first time (1840); 2nd First sighting of the Loch Ness Monster (1933); 4th Columbus discovers Jamaica (1494); 5th Chanel No. 5 marketed (1922); 8th Coca Cola first sold (1903); 11th Film Oscars devised (1927); 16th John Prescott thumps someone (2001); 17th First weekly comic produced (1890); First ever lawnmower (1830); 19th Guinness (the drink) reaches England (1869); 20th First package holiday (1950); 21 Daylight saving time introduced (1916); 22nd George Best born (1946); 27th First waterbed devised (1942); 29th Patent for the pop-up toaster filed (1919)

8th Feb A sign of the times



The meeting initially opened with Vice President Brian trying to get things moving but the late arriving President Bob hustled the VP away and took over the meeting, granting Rev. Rabone the privilege in leading us all in grace – a serious one this time. This sombre tone could well be due to the “wringing out” of Rabone’s wallet as he kindly treated us all to wine in celebration of his 75th birthday. Congratulations David. The meeting proceeded with the customary choice and quality of food that we have become accustomed to with the culinary skills of Lorrain. The meeting proceeded along familiar lines with various reports none of which merit recording here other than the normal fluent report by Gill on guests, visitors and absconders, the most glamorous mentioned being the Preece duo who have “legged it orf” to South America. We were pleased to be introduced to Tony Baugh our speaker and son-in-law of Gordon (not many would own up to that!).

Gordon gave a faltering introduction of our speaker Tony, hardly surprising given the intense barracking he received. Anyhow we eventually learned that the subject was “Way-finding”! – The principles, science, history, technology, applications, economics and essence of “SIGNS”.

Gordon also invited us to be interactive with Tony during the presentation which proved, although slightly disruptive a means of making the whole thing, both more informative and informal and adding further interest to the enjoyment of the subject which I suspect in the hands of another could have been far less so.

Tony initially gave an over view of how we take signs for granted and have integrated them into our daily living pattern. The first signs introduced into the English society was by none other than Richard III in 1389 “Not many people know that” with the first fine being levied in 1393 for non compliance! and to think we thought it was a modern phenomena! I will not repeat here all the applications of signs as they are everywhere in our daily lives, but many including me were surprised that the biggest current user in the UK for new signs is the NHS, even ahead of the MOT. Tony convinced us that Way-finding is a science and developed his presentation from the crude originals through to the most sophisticated developments such as interaction with hearing aids for deaf and hearing impaired people. Incorporation of computer power and high tech electronic devices has taken the subject to a much higher altitude. Signs with no words but only symbols were more than amply demonstrated with the warning that a lot more was to follow. Presumably, this move being necessitated and inspired by our rapidly expanding “multicultural society” as the range of languages now present



in our country is too vast to accommodate utilising the range of alphabets. "Gawd help us!"

The manufacturing process has also developed not only in sophistication of technology in the techniques and machinery employed but a vast range of materials with 3D creation of signs made from complex polymers being amongst the most guilty. Several signs produced by the company that Tony works for were illustrated including ones for various Rotary clubs. Prominent in the presentation were 12m high signs produced for Arsenal FC. You would think he would be more sensitive to the emotions of his mother in law Jenny who went into a state of apoplexy. The sign company "Wood & Wood Signs" for whom Tony works in the design and development discipline seems at odds with the high tech environment of their operations. Whatever the name, in Tony Baugh they have a committed, enthusiastic and energetic champion. A sincere round of applause was heaped upon Tony with Club feelings amply represented by a fully rounded vote of thanks from Gordon.

A little further business followed when Ian explained that some of our number, being frustrated "would be firemen" attended a Rotary District meeting during the day where none other than the RIBI President was in attendance who gave a heartfelt (well he is a salesman) thanks to our District involvement in this initiative, inspired by Derek De Belder of Gatley RC. The hope and intention is that

our fire prevention measures will roll out through RIBI nationwide! On a serious note our boys, and here I use the term very loosely, as they are Trevor, Ron, John Sykes and David Walker have been responsible for 130 smoke alarms being placed in homes they have visited.

Harry told us that eventually the money raised from his and Maggie's house party have now been successfully transferred to India for the benefit of "Childline India". David Rose confirmed that we have made a donation of £250 to Vision Aid Overseas, an organisation that we have supported for many years principally by recycling of spectacles undertaken by Alan. Michael confirmed all was well on the financial front and he even indicated to us a monetary amount being circa £2,000 in our charity account.

The raffle was duly won by birthday Boy David who after examining the wine label promptly gave it to our speaker Tony. Neil fined several of us for misdemeanours both real and imagined and Bob closed the meeting at about 10.15 after telling us that he and Oriane were off to South America thus could not chair our next two meetings, received by the club with great appreciation and applause, matched only by groans of dismay that Brian would be his sub! Bob also said he and Oriane have arranged to meet Sue and Bob Preece for dinner in Buenos Aries, so let's hope Pres. Bob does not prematurely set off the second Falklands war!

Tony

The following article was written by Rotary International President
Kalyan Banerjee

Rotary and Peace the World Over

“So much of what we do in Rotary to build Peace depends on public awareness of who we are. Why have we been so successful in our work to eradicate polio? Because Rotary is able to go where no government and few other non-governmental organisations can – into homes, into schools and into communities with the trust and confidence of the people we serve.

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background and putting other's needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water or sanitation or safe affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health-care or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary but to talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard”.

27th Jan Theatre Evening CHADS (Cheadle Hulme Amateur Dramatic Society)



John Meeus had done his usual expert job and set up a social event to remember. We attended the dress rehearsal of Alan Ayckbourn's 'How the other half loves', a comedy written and first performed in 1970 to critical acclaim and judging by the audience reaction, a fair bit of acclaim

from Rotary members and guests alike.

A complex play which relied on a dual set spanning two households and even different days at the same time must have caused the cast (and the set builders) a few headaches but they all gave a good performance. The buffet after when we got to meet the cast was excellent with a few home made cakes in the mix.



Vida says..... Spring to it!!

Forget spring-cleaning the house, just as soon as the sun shines get out there and spring-clean your garden! Spring is the busiest time of the year in the garden and it can be difficult to keep on top of everything which needs to be done.

There is oodles of moss about this spring, not only in the lawn but in the flower beds as well, suffocating poor little plants which are coming back to life after the winter. Root as much as you can out and let the plants breathe – they will be grateful I can assure you.

Don't rush out and buy lots of bedding plants from B&Q on pensioners day (Wednesday) unless you have a greenhouse to put them. They have been grown in a heated greenhouse and they won't appreciate being stuck in a tub in the cold night air in your back garden. WAIT until early May at the very least, preferably even later in the month, and then they will be happy to grow for you. Bizzie Lizzies and begonias don't mind a shady place whilst geraniums, petunias, etc. just love the sun. Don't forget you put the begonia corms and the dahlia tubers away in the loft last autumn to save you money this year. You did this, didn't you?

Set the begonia corms off, preferably in the greenhouse in some good compost. They look rather peculiar and sometimes difficult to see which is the top and which is the bottom of them so look carefully at them. I prefer to grow my begonias in tubs rather than in the ground where they show up nicely and give you a brilliant display from July onwards. If you have rose trees now is the time to prune them and look out for all the lovely things they can have wrong with them – black spot, greenfly or briars growing from their bottom where they have been grafted.

Well this should keep you busy until my next installment and by now you will probably need a rest and maybe even a stiff drink - so CHEERS!



Gill Critchley and Ian Dobson become volunteer Bramhall Community Ambulance drivers



Community Service in Action

On behalf of the Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club, Gill and Ian started working recently driving the Bramhall Community Ambulance. Gill explained what was expected of them..... after 2 slightly unnerving afternoons of driving assessments from an ex. police driver and a session of familiarisation of the vehicle (learning to use the tailgate, etc.) both volunteers were ready.

Gill's first session was to pick up 8 people and take them to the Friday Club at the Kennerley Day Centre in Bramhall. This is an afternoon social occasion often with a speaker. Afterwards they all piled back into the ambulance to be taken home. Gill enjoyed the experience – only 2 of her passengers needed the tailgate operating, and not only did she have organizer, Tony Nightingale on board to ensure everything went smoothly, but also a carer who knew everyone, and where each person lived, so there was no chance of her forgetting to pick anyone up!

Gill will be driving the ambulance twice a month. She has had previous experience in doing this kind of volunteering with the Poynton Round Table about 20 years ago.

The Bramhall Community Ambulance is in service almost every day. Out of necessity there has to be a large Rota of people willing to drive it.

Olive

15th Feb Bramhall & District Enterprise

'To pray or not to pray' that was the question

WHILE THE PRESIDENT WAS AWAY – THE V.P WOULD NOT PRAY !

In the absence of both Reverends, Brian abstained from Grace.

Dinner started with Vida's table first and the rest of us followed in an unusually ordered manner.

Gill's list of guests included the speaker Tony Nightingale, Ben Ellison (from Barclays) Phil Todd (ex-round table and potential member) and Jan to help Brian. Apologies included our President and the Preeces in S. America, the sole skier was in Switzerland, Geoff was somewhere in District 1050, Tony had a family engagement at a cinema and several members were on grandparent duty. There were minimal reports, a final announcement for Pres. Night, Vida caught up in apple promotions and Gill offering free tickets for Granada TV Countdown on 01 May.

Indomitable Bruce F introduced Ben from Barclays and said how we are pleased to receive a matching donation and his involvement in this community. Bruce in his cool manner urged Ben to enjoy the club's friendly environment whilst encouraged him to join. In my lan-



guage, I call it "Shmoozing". Bruce then presented him with The Community Service Award. I half expected him to give a triple A rating! Incidentally, several staff from Barclays will help on Duck Race Day.

Speaker Host, Vida, reading from an immaculate printed script, introduced Tony Nightingale who was a Director with the British Printing Industries Federation for 16 years. After retirement he became Chair of Governors of City College and the North West Regional representative on the National Association of Colleges.

In 1970 a Friday club started at St. Michael's Church to transport disabled people to hospitals and different social venues using a Council minibus. Later the council disposed of all their vehicles so chief organiser, Renee Murfitt, arranged private transport in cars and taxis and began fund-raising. In 1980 they were able to buy their first minibus for £11,000.

The term Ambulance is used to gain free road tax, VAT exemption on accessories and maintenance but not on fuel. The next year Bramhall & District Enterprise registered as a charity. Tony saw an advert in the church applied and after 5 years as a driver he became Chairman in 2010.

Three decades on, the familiar white vehicle is out and about serving many organisations, homes and charities in the surrounding areas. All groups must provide attendants or carers to help. They even go on

day outings as far as Blackpool.

In 2010, the present state of the art minibus with all the necessary electronics and tailgate was bought for £38,500. It seats 10 people comfortably plus one wheelchair.

There are 20 registered volunteer drivers recently increased by two Rotarians, Gill and Ian who will be suitably trained-if that is possible! Recruitment is now closed but note that over 70's have to have a medical.

Tony went on to relate anecdotes about his passengers who keep telling him their ages, also the odd mishap with timetables--? Sounds familiar with Blind Run.

The organisation has no public subsidy and relies on donations large and small from the users, public events, legacies, businesses like John Lewis, Bramhall Methodist Church congregations with additional money from M/c Airport Community Fund.

Finally, a local Rotary had a wheelchair-push through the streets ransoming the public and collected £8,500 in 1975-wow! Tony thanked us for our donation.

I must add that Harry was more vociferous than usual during the talk and seemed to know some of the users. But then he would be as Sunrise had let him out on parole.

Vida gave a short unscripted vote of thanks. David Poizer won the raffle and donated the wine to Tony who thanked a true Methodist.

Michael Lacey, S@A proudly announced that he only needed ten minutes to work out the fines for the 25 or so members. They were very amusing. Our immaculately dressed Belgian Consul arrived in time to collect the cash to fund the Greeks.

The meeting finished a record early 10.10pm. Could this be a new pattern?

David Rose

A Well Attended President's Evening 9th March

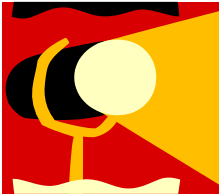
The evening began with the president and guests being 'escorted' into the hall by placard waving zealots but at second glance, the placards contained pictures of our President doing the tango with an attractive young lady. Maybe he didn't pay the bribe to stop this but no—Oriane took the photos and Bob was quite proud of them so that's OK then.

The evening's interruption consisted of John Meeus with his occasionally Irish accent doing a 'This is your life' on Bob. Various people whose lives had been indelibly touched by Bob gave speeches along the lines of "What did I do to deserve this" but it was all given in good humour.

Harry took lots of great photos which will find their way onto the web site so keep a look out.

I usually write the "Spotlight on a Rotarian" pieces for the Bulletins but after asking Tony to answer some specific questions about his life he wrote the following article and sent it to me. I was so impressed with it that I decided to "go on strike this time" and leave it entirely to him.

Olive



Spotlight on a Rotarian... TONY BURCH

I joined Rotary 18 years ago. It was very much as a continuation (albeit with a 6 year break) of my Round Table membership because the objectives and ideals of both organisations are similar. I wanted to re-establish links with old friends, including the President at the time John Mould, and also to enjoy the company of my peers with companionship, fun, interest and making a contribution to the local community and wider needs of others less fortunately placed.

I was born in the small market town of Newmarket (the world capital of flat horse racing) in Suffolk. I am what is called today a "baby boomer" – Dad had served in the RAF for the duration of the war arriving home in 1945, following which I came into the world in September 1946 the youngest of five children, the eldest being my sister Betty who sadly died at only 51 in 1980. My elder brother Bill now approaching 81 has been a big influence on me and is one from whom I have learned a great deal. The other two brothers, the twins David and Douglas were born 10 years before me, but also sadly Doug died before his time at only 66. My mother and father were ordinary honest working people living in a council house in Newmarket where I spent all of my childhood and early working years.

My parents instilled in all of us a sound moral principles and a work ethic which I am pleased to see runs right through to our own offspring. My childhood was very easy going and I only really sparked into action when I was about 13 rising from the lower ranks to the premier league in the school, but with limited ambition only to be a joiner. This changed however when I started working as a trainee draughtsman and opting for higher education in Colchester where I undertook four years of formal education in production engineering via the HND and ADE (degree equivalent) route. I was most fortunate to be sponsored by my employers through this process which was a sandwich course alternating between work and college.

In my schooldays I worked in a DIY shop in the town after school and on Saturday mornings and ended up paying back a good part of my earnings to

the shop owner to buy woodworking tools to further my interest. I also supplemented my income by undertaking various woodworking jobs for people. Subsequently in my late teens and early twenties to help my path through college I resorted to Taxi driving, which was good fun and interesting, particularly when American airmen based at Lakenheath and Mildenhall were the passengers. Later when my engineering studies were complete I moonlighted by drawing house plans and extensions for planning approval and building regulations and this eventually culminated in my mid twenties by Sandra and I building the first home we owned.

Sandra and I met on a blind date, well half blind as I had noticed Sandra from afar and Sandra didn't know me from Adam! Then a date was arranged by a mutual friend and we went out together and things progressed from there. We were engaged and subsequently married at the tender ages of 21 and 19, whilst I was still at college. Over the next four years our 2 sons Mark and Andrew were born and I advanced in my career with the Caravans International (CI), the company with whom I had started my working life. They were extremely good to me throwing me into every department in the company and putting me through an intensive programme of management development which also involved projects with other group companies and I progressed through the firms structure. After 12 years with CI, I then worked for a company as a consultant in the Caravan and Pre-fabricated building sector, during which time we had our daughter Gayle and remained in Newmarket living in our self build house. The consultancy activity culminated in formation of my own consultancy company where I undertook a project with a Manchester based caravan business which to cut a very long story short I joined in 1978 to run a new division manufacturing commercial and specialist trailers. We moved up to the north west in 1979 and later undertook a management buyout of the business which we ultimately sold to a PLC. We initially lived in Hazel Grove up to 1995 before moving to our dream house on Bridge Lane in Bramhall and remained there for 21 years until our latest move to Prestbury.

Now in the North West and into the 1980s life was very full with bringing up 3 children, running a rapidly expanding business and having several interests. I managed to treat myself to the car I had lusted after in the sixties, an E Type Jaguar for my 40th birthday and we still have it now, having used it on tours in Europe and South Africa. At that time some of my hobbies included history, squash, skiing, wind surfing, a very absorbing time in Round Table. I also started motor racing at circuits all over the country and even managed to win a few races and grab some lap records. Sandra and I also spent a good deal of time encouraging and helping our 3 children in their chosen hobbies, canoeing for Mark, Kart racing for Andrew and horse riding, tennis and competition swimming for Gayle. Looking back one wonders how we did it all!



After the sale of our trailer business and with the children now all doing their own thing Sandra and I undertook a lot more travelling to various parts of the world, which in some cases was able to be mixed with business such as our trips to the Far East. As a family we always enjoyed our holidays including many years of caravanning with the kids and dogs right through from the early seventies to mid eighties, when destinations like Florida took over. In fact we re-invaded Florida 5 years ago for my 60th birthday when Sandra arranged a surprise holiday for me with our now extended family, our grown up children (all live in the north west), their partners and 3 step grandchildren – 11 of us in total and yet Sandra was able to make it a complete surprise for me to meet them all in Florida, with them even travelling on the same plane! It was only then that I realised what a devious woman I had married all those years before. This was certainly a high light holiday as were the early trips to America and our first South African adventure, which we took with the children. Sandra and I have both enjoyed immensely our trips to New Zealand, South Africa, The Caribbean, Mauritius, the Seychelles and various others including the motoring tours.

I retired in September 2011 and we became proper grandparents in December 2011 which is a great joy to us both with the arrival of William Harry (my first Christian name is Harry after my father).

Rotary, since joining in 1994, has always been a pleasure to me . I have greatly enjoyed detailed involvement in the major projects that we have undertaken like “Bikes for Africa” headed by David Dewhurst, but where I was deeply involved. You really felt you were making a difference which I believe has been borne out by the feedback received where we have transformed the living of a whole village in Namibia. I greatly enjoyed my year as President of the club and became immediately aware of the support a president needs from his council and committee chairmen and in my case the very able secretary Michael who almost kept me on the straight and narrow. The award of the Paul Harris Fellowship relatively early in my Rotary membership was a particular honour which came as a total surprise, recorded in the bulletin by Dennis as the first time I had been lost for words! I enjoy our Rotary club very much, particularly when we have lively meetings with lots of exchanges, banter and differing views, although getting things done does remain a frustration.

For many years I seem to have been responsible for the storage of club equipment, logistics in our various projects, and making anything the club requires for its events. Now with retirement and without my factories to enable this, these tasks will have to be dealt with by a wider range of members. I like it very much in the club, when we are quick on our feet like the Haiti disaster, responding with a unified and significant effort with really tangible results. I hopefully look forward to many more years of active and meaningful membership of our happy club.

Tony

22nd Feb **A really good fire**



On Ash Wednesday, presided by Vice-Pres. Brian, after a grace courtesy of David Rabone, and the usual sumptuous

fayre, the twenty two members present were fascinated by the tales of Matt Davis, a reporter from the Stockport Express introduced to the club by Ian Dobson. Matt has helped Ian with Club publicity.

Matt had been to the same school as Neil, St. Bede's, but appeared to have recovered from the experience at York University where he studied philosophy and politics. He was interested in sports and decided to take up sports journalism. This led him to a six-month post-graduate course in London before launching his professional career at the Altrincham Messenger. However this was short-lived and after two months he became freelance. The benefit of this was a commission to cover the Beijing Olympic games, where he appeared to have spent most of his time chasing female competitors for sound bites and comparing notes with fellow reporters during the evenings in bars. For some reason, he appears to have enjoyed this experience. He then returned to the UK and ended up in Oldham working for the Stockport Express; it's more economic, of course, for his office for a Stockport paper to be in Oldham.

Matt outlined the types of story that make it into the paper. Nothing better than a murder or a really good

fire and, as there are lots of crimes in Stockport, according to Matt, he is not short of material. He also commented that if he could talk to our members individually he was sure he would be able to put together a publishable story – perhaps the Rotary murders! We also heard the tragic ending to the story about the builder and the squirrel.

One of the keys to getting an article in print is having a good photograph. Perhaps this was why, after his talk, no fewer than four members of the club tried to take a photograph of Matt shaking hands with Ian. Families like to see photos of their kids in the press; Rotarians, apparently, like to see their photos in the press.

Ian then proposed the vote of thanks, and Matt promptly left, no doubt to avoid the “reporter gets bottle bung at Rotary” scandal and also to avoid Committee reports, no page three headlines there then. David Rabone was also able to keep his hard won raffle prize.

There was little business perhaps due to the impending lull in Club activities with Wednesday 29th being a rare fifth Wednesday in February, and the President's night taking over the first week in March. No doubt Ways and Means with the Duck Race getting closer will soon be making strenuous demands on our time and patience. Vida of course was selling, this time apples (again).

Henry then managed to offend all and sundry as S. at A. and the meeting finished at 10.25.

Jim Thomas

My Favourite Restaurant

The Stanley Arms at 'Bottom of the Oven' is not far from The Cat & Fiddle and well worth the 20 minute drive from Poynton.–



The Macclesfield pub, bar and restaurant have remained unchanged and maintain all their original features. The log fires, cask-conditioned CAMRA quality real ales, fine wines and excellent food provide a warm welcome in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The Stanley Arms enjoys an excellent reputation for fine food. You may have noticed that part of our address is Bottom of the

Oven, an area of Macclesfield Forest. This has given rise to probably the most famous dish on the menu - Bottom of the Oven Lamb - we are told constantly how delicious this is. Why not pay us a visit and judge for yourselves if our reputation is justified.

The building is surrounded by breathtaking countryside used frequently by ramblers, within the boundary of Macclesfield Forest and its associated reservoirs. The Forest and surrounding district has walks to suit everyone, from country hikes to a gentle stroll. The area is perfect for bird watching and organised ranger walks which take place on a regular basis.

The public house is one of the highest in the country and within sight of the Cat and Fiddle, which claims to be the highest public house in England, though I am told that a pub in the Lake District claims to be ten feet higher! The local scenery is terrific - explore our web site to see some of the photographs depicting this. The Views menu shows Shutlingsloe Hill, which is 1600 Ft. above sea level. A local farmer reputedly drove his land rover to the top of this which, if true, is quite amazing.

<http://www.stanleyarms.com/index.htm>

We go for Sunday 'lunch' in the late afternoon and I have NEVER had anything other than the finest roast beef I have ever been served - knives not needed – it just falls apart and as for the fluffy but deliciously crispy roast potatoes ... !! Henry goes every Sunday too.

Chris

Centenary Concert at the Bridgewater Hall



On Saturday, 25th February 2012 I went to the Rotary Club of Manchester's Centenary Massed Male Voice Choir Concert and jolly good it was too.

Three Hundred and Twenty choir members from eleven choirs from the North of England - should have been twelve but they apparently forgot to ask the Stockport Choir (my friend is in this choir and he was not pleased at being left out!) They had chosen a wide variety of songs to sing and also had a lady soloist to add to the variety.

The Hall was quite full but certainly no where near capacity which was a shame as they were raising money for the Christie Hospital. I felt sorry that as far as I know no-one else went from our club - in front of us were eight people from New Mills and Marple (a pretty small club), I saw people from the Gatley Club and a few others I recognised. I do think it is a shame that we do not support other clubs in the area because if we don't how can we expect them to come to our special events. The tickets for this concert were not unduly expensive except that I object to paying £2 per ticket for the sheer pleasure of having a little piece of paper in my hand but this seems the modern way of doing things.

Ladies I was interested to read the following statement in the programme "Lady members exercise an increasing influence over Club activities and now comprise 20 per cent of the membership" I hope it is a good influence!!!!

Well next time a club has an important event let us try to support it if at all possible.

Vida

"Show me a man who is a good loser and I'll show you a man who is playing golf with his boss."

Jim Murray

An Evening on Lamaload.

There is a fine line between
fishing and standing on the shore
looking like an idiot



The red tipped float moves on the surface of the water, then suddenly disappears. A startled fish is hoisted unceremoniously into the air; an excited little boy has caught his first fish. Quivering on the end of the line is an angry looking perch with dark stripes, bright red under belly and a vicious, erect dorsal fin. I was hooked!

The excitement is still there as I prepare for an evening's trout fishing at Lamaload, a reservoir near Macclesfield. I am a member of the Prince Albert angling society who own the rights to fish this water.

It is said that fishing is a delusion, entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes - I may have the old clothes but I can not tell a lie! There are two types of fishermen, Coarse and Game. Coarse fishermen have a plethora of equipment; rods, landing and keep nets, maggots, worms, bread, folding seats, large umbrellas not to mention the green tent, primus stove etc!

A game fishermen needs much less tackle in pursuit of salmon or trout. A rod, imitation nymphs and flies, waterproof jacket, small shoulder bag with the essential flask and sandwiches, boots or waders and a comfortable old hat complete the ensemble.

All fishermen need a rod license.

Although early mornings are a good time for fishing, these days I do not rise with the fish. I arrive late afternoon and speak to a fisherman who is just leaving. It is useful to know if the fish are biting, which flies are hatching and where the fish are! Setting off up the hill above the lake, I survey the waters to see which way the wind is blowing. Most fishermen choose to cast with the wind behind them to make casting easier. In fact the wind blows the warmer surface water, which contains most of the food, towards the opposite bank. For this reason I choose to fish into the wind and assemble the two sections of rod together, thread the line along its length then attach a selected fly to the end of the nylon cast. There are hundreds of different types of flies, some sink and some float, all made to mimic the real thing; hares ear, black buzzer, teal, soldier palmer etc. Who knows what they will fancy today? A buzzer and black

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pennel are my selection.

I try several casts varying the depth the fly sinks and its retrieval rate, but without success. Noticing a fish rise close to the bank. I make a precision cast to position a fly close to the movement, the deception is successful and a small fish is hooked. It is soon in the landing net. Holding the fish with a damp cloth the barb less hook is removed easily. The sun catches a glistening blend of gold, brown, red and yellow, a thing of beauty! This is a native brown trout which I slide gently back into the water.

For those of a quizzical nature the collective noun for a number of trout is a hover, there are three types of trout, brown, rainbow and golden.

Moving along the bank I fish for about an hour without success. Time for coffee and sandwiches, I just sit and enjoy the quiet and natural beauty of the surroundings. The peace is shattered by a noisy flock of Canada geese splash landing in the centre of the lake, after much squawking and squabbling they settle down. Noticing a movement a few yards to my right, I approach carefully and cast ahead of the rise, the fly disappears. I am into a good fish; the rod end bends dramatically as the fish makes its initial run. I control the second run, by letting the line flow through my thumb and forefinger applying pressure when necessary. As the fish begins to slow down I rewind the line turning the reel to avoid any slack. Keeping the rod end high, ensures the hook remains in the fish. As it tires it comes splashing to the surface, I lean forward to guide the fish carefully into the landing net. A good rainbow trout about 1.5 lbs, is dispatched with a quick blow of the 'priest' and placed in my bag..... tomorrows tea!

I know the hunter gatherer can return home triumphant with one fish but I decide to try for another. The light is fading rapidly, seeing a rise, I cast just ahead of the fish, it ignores my fly and opts for the real thing! A large trout rises at the limit of my casting ability. Letting out as much line as possible I attempt another cast, the fly entangles in the conifers behind me. With a few choice words I climb the slope and disentangle the fly, it is time to call it a day.

I pack up and head back to the car, Rabbits flee for safety with flashes of white, raucous calls drift from the woods as pheasants find trees to roost safely for the night, and unseen creatures rustle in the undergrowth.

Fish or no fish it is always a privilege to spend time close to nature in beautiful surroundings.

Neil

Changes??

As one of your District Representatives I thought it appropriate to report on impending changes to D1050 and RIBI. These were part of District Council meeting January 11th. Those who have no interest in District or RIBI need read no further.

You're still reading, therefore have an interest.

District Changes

Our district is one of three within RIBI that have been "served warning" that we do not meet the RI requirement of having 1200 members by July 2012; we currently have 1089 so unless you know 111 potential members we will amalgamate with an adjacent District. The wishes of clubs will be taken into account which means we will finish up in D1280 – currently covering North Manchester. I believe D1050 was formed many years ago from the splitting up of a district comprising the whole of north and south Manchester – so it's back as you were time. A small number of clubs have indicated a wish to join more adjacent Districts- consider Bidulph for example who are at the very southern edge of the District boundary. Assuming, as looks likely, we do not achieve the magic number by July 2012 then the integration will take place July 2013. Questions like 'what about the money held in the bank by D1050 which clubs have provided through their subscription?' these have not yet been addressed.

District 1280 covers north Manchester areas including Bury, Bolton, Oldham also Warrington and Lymm and rather surprisingly includes the Isle of Man.

The website is

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/homepage.php?DistrictNo=1280>

if you want more details.

RIBI Changes

Our governing body has already started to implement changes to the organisation and have issued a consultative document for comment. We were shown a video at Council which provided most detail but I also went on the RIBI website to complete this report. The potential changes don't jump out at you on a visit to the RIBI website, I only found the details using the search facility- see below.

Why change?

- To improve the effectiveness of the organisation in developing and promoting Rotary in the 21st century
 - Currently the organisation is too complicated
- Too much has to be decided by the Governing Body of RIBI – no dele-

gation

What is changing?

- The new organisation will develop strategies (rather than supervise clubs?)

- Simplified structure – currently there are 4 organisations over each Rotarian

Redefine RIBI as a Service Organisation – serving the needs of club Rotarians. (sounds good to me)

Comments are invited and if the proposals are agreed at the April 2012 Business Meeting these will be implemented in July 2012.

To view/download the full report go the www.ribi.org enter the Members Area then enter the word “change” into the Search facility then click on “Reorganisation of RIBI” this will lead you to “Report of Restructuring” – not exactly one click away. Alternately I have downloaded a copy and can email it to you.

John Sykes

International Service

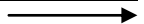
Poland - 1992

Almost 20 years ago 5 members of the Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club drove to Poland in a week on a great humanitarian mission. The trip was organised by much missed Bob Batty - who later wrote the following bulletin report.....

Our Rotary Club recently appealed for donations of medical aid and cleaning materials for a hospital in Plonsk, a market town about 35 miles north of Warsaw. Local businesses, hospitals, chemists and health authorities all contributed with aid or sponsorship and ferry firms reduced fares. Mechanical Services (Manchester) and North Manchester Commercials loaned us two large white vans but the greatest contribution came from the community of Bramhall itself. House to house collections resulted in a huge quantity of detergents, disinfectants, dressings, sanitary items, soap and toiletries as well as very generous cash donations. All the items were sorted, labeled, stored and eventually loaded into the vans. There was little room to spare for the five Rotarians and their luggage!

After crossing from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge we stayed overnight at Hengelo before driving across northern Germany. Grim relics of the East German border are still visible and road and service area conditions deteriorate markedly. Despite long contra-flows for auto-bahn improvements we made good progress to the Polish border at Frankfurt-am-

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Oder. Here there was a long queue of lorries waiting to cross into Poland and on to Russia but we decided our vans were not commercial vehicles and squeezed past.

A letter in Polish and a friendly smile saw us through the border and on our way to Poznan. We changed some money and became Zloty millionaires! Most Polish roads are single carriageways and in places it is difficult to overtake. We reached Poznan in early evening and persuaded a French-speaking Pole to guide us to our hotel.

The next day we drove 200 miles to Warsaw where we stayed at the Europoski Hotel, rebuilt after the war and much-favoured by Russian officers. Still cheap, it is shortly to be refurbished after which no doubt the prices will be similar to other capital cities.

The following day we drove to Plonsk and met the Deputy Mayor before going on to the hospital. Here we had a friendly reception by the Medical Director and her staff, although none could speak English. The stores were unloaded and carefully checked into store. We then had a tour of the hospital. The wards were small and grossly overcrowded. Whilst the staff are obviously committed and caring, the equipment where there is any, is 30-40 years behind UK standards. Beetroot soup seemed to be dish-of-the-day augmented by whatever the patient's family could provide. Overall, there was the long-forgotten smell of soot from a smokey coal-fired heating system.

We had lunch in the canteen where the Deputy Mayor spoke of the hospital's problems and lack of funds for running expenses. Before we left, the boxes were being opened and staff were clearly delighted with what we had brought.

We set off back early on the Thursday and drove – and drove – eventually again reaching Hengelo after covering 700 miles in 14 hours! The following day we caught the overnight ferry from Rotterdam to Hull.

Overall, it was a most worthwhile journey, only made possible by your generosity in sponsorship and donation of medical items and aid. As the Deputy Mayor said later in his letter “.....apart from the value of the materials provided, this gift has another, much wider dimension to it. You have expressed friendship and a willingness to help others”.

**The people who drove to Poland were:
Dennis Allport, Bob Batty, Ralph Boardman, Mike Drew and Geoff
Hunt.**

Olive

14th March Committees

The wisdom of appointing a deaf member as bulletin reporter is questionable, although perhaps not a bad idea. However on this occasion the reporter's starboard deaf aid battery went dead early on and so this asymmetric report may be a little baffling to some.

Our tango-dancing president told me to report that the meeting had started ten minutes early, the significance of which escapes me but I report it anyway.

John gave his usual apt grace and the meal we enjoyed was truly delicious.

David Poizer welcomed Jan Dougal and Jan Hubbard whom we were very pleased to see again. He explained why members were absent. I could not decide whether David said that Jim Thomas was lecturing IN Bristol or ON Bristol. Never mind – it's not important.

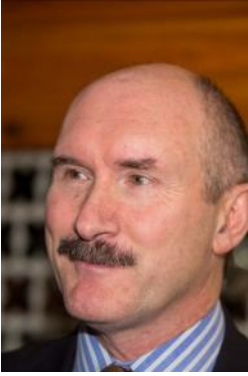
Vida arrived late and breathless and with rosy cheeks. She presented our Treasurer with a cheque for fourteen pounds being the proceeds of the sale of apples. Our Geoffrey spoke of meeting with Mr Banerjee, president of RI in a dark alley somewhere in Manchester.

Various members reported on their deliberations, the secretary stating that he had nothing to report. Michael reported that we had £2100 in the charity account and about £1000 in the general account. Trevor sought help for the duck race and Caroline (this was when things became a bit inaudible) talked of bell ringers setting up stalls on the lake in Bramall Park. John Thewlis showed us the posters for the duck race and planned to sell plastic ducks to traders. Ian D told of more publicity successes and most of you will have seen the video of Harry and Maggie and Michael and Pam in India – a truly "hands-on", commendable effort.

Bruce mentioned the two ex Colonels who now were civil servants charged with the welfare of our gallant service personnel after they left the forces. The organisation "Care through Life" seems most worthwhile.

David Rabone won the raffle. Our resident photographer showed some amazing pictures – one of a kingfisher with a fish in its beak. Sue and Bob Preece and our President promised a talk on their very interesting trip to South America. At 28 minutes past ten, we offered a toast to Rotary and peace the world over and went our separate ways.

Sid



21st March—Mercian Regiment Benevolent Charity

The meeting started on a sombre note with one minute silence for a fallen Mercian Soldier in Afghanistan, name not yet released to the media.

Lorraine provided us with the usual excellent meal. Michael unveiled our new amplifier, hot out of its box having been delivered earlier in the day; it was pronounced a success, although our speaker on this occasion did not require using it; as a former RMS you might understand why.

Our speaker, Lt Col (Retd) Bill Temmink described himself as a career soldier; he joined the army at 15, served 22 years and then re-enlisted for more and rose to the rank of Lt Col before retiring in June last year. Bill has the position within MRBF of Through Life care Officer, which very accurately describes his work; he is charged with providing support to soldiers and their families throughout their career and beyond. As he explained there are many stresses on a soldier and his family which mean that they are not necessarily an “ideal family unit”, add to this the impact of being an amputee or suffering post traumatic stress and the need to start a new life, possibly outside the army, and one might understand the stresses involved. There has been a 48% increase in calls for assistance this year compared with last year; which is indicative of the increased financial situation. Bill works closely with all the army charities as a means of obtaining funds to assist, he is not a fundraiser. The conflict in Afghanistan has resulted in many single, double and triple amputees having to come to terms with their loss; part of Bill’s work is to show them what they can still achieve in spite of these injuries. Bill was very easy to listen to and an inspirational speaker.



S@A Ron extracted fines for various real or imaginary misdemeanours. The raffle was won by one of our guests (Brian), who promptly donated it our speaker. Does that sound familiar? An informative evening, thanks to Bruce the elder for bringing the speaker along.

John Sykes

Archive Corner

**I found the following article in the
“Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Manchester”
dated March 1953.**

It reports a talk given by

Sir Roy Hardy Dobson CBE, JP.

THE FUTURE OF AERONAUTICS

Sir Roy, speaking on a subject so dear to his heart, gave us a feeling of confidence in the future of British aviation. He traced the history of flying from the early days of A.Vernon Roe, through the period of World War I, with its AVRO 504K to the latest Delta Trans-Atlantic air liner. During this period of forty years, aircraft had become twelve times faster and three hundred times dearer.

Our Speaker gave some remarkable information about the new Atlantic air liner. At an average speed of 620m.p.h. it would cross the Atlantic from England to New York in six hours, but in the opposite direction, with more favourable winds, the time would be less than five hours. This would be done at an operating cost of 8d. per ton mile or just over a half-penny per passenger mile. The airliner would use 9,000 gallons of fuel per crossing, which was sufficient to last an average motorist for twenty-five years. He did not think the aircraft would fly at much above forty thousand feet but they would be equipped with pressurised cabins and the Atlantic could quite comfortably be crossed three times per day.

Sir Roy had a “wild guess” at what might happen in twenty years time and said it was quite possible that we might be flying the Atlantic in two and a half hours, at double the speed of sound. He did not think that nuclear power would supersede the latest type of jet engine, at least for civil aircraft, for a considerable time, but it was quite possible this latest development would be used on military aircraft.

Leslie Clarke thanked Sir Roy for his stimulating address.

A challenge from the U.S.

Dr Larry Fryda, who invited me to Tanzania, recently gave a talk about our work there to a Rotary club near his home in Michigan. He expressed an interest in joining them but has since heard nothing. I explained that sometimes messages can get lost amongst the membership and his reply is most illuminating:

“I will wait and see if anyone follows up on the Rotary invitation. If not, it’s not a problem. Each organization talks about diminishing membership but few do anything to actually change the trend. Much can be done if one is really interested in doing so. Unfortunately most are interested in letting others do the work.”

The final sentence came about partly because of frustration with his local church where endless committees sit around discussing what needs to be done but never doing it. Can we draw any lessons from this?

Gordon

The Rotary Wives

Wendy Sykes and Margaret Boyes organised our February event when we again met at the Three Bears on Monday 27 February. After a delicious roast dinner, ten of us set our minds to the Monday night quiz. We failed miserably on the sheet of faces, only being able to identify about four, but improved on the anagrams and general knowledge questions. Success was achieved on Wendy’s table – they won a prize. However, it was a booby prize!!

Next month’s meeting is on Wednesday 21st March at the Plaza Theatre in Stockport with a tour followed by afternoon tea.

Pam Malabon

Future final submission dates for the bulletin are as follows:

June/July issue—May 29th
August/September issue—July 27th
October/November issue—Sep 28th
December/January issue—Nov 30th

Blind Run

The blind run is on Monday afternoons with a pick-up time of 1.15 to arrive at Walthew House (112 Shaw Heath, Stockport SK2 6QS) by 1.30pm and returning to pick up passengers at 3.30pm
Mrs Joan Goodall, 3 Poise Brook Drive, Offerton, SK2 5JG Tel: 456 2076

Cathy Denison, 47 Chester Croft Rd, Off Spath Lane East, Grove Lane, Bramhall., Tel: 439 7559

Ring the above to check that your passengers still need a lift. If you can't get an answer, go round anyway at the appointed time. Let John Sykes know if you get stuck.

If you cannot do your appointed duty, it is up to you to find a replacement and notify the other driver.

If you have a mobile phone, please carry it with you together with the other driver's number in case of delays.

Date	Driver 1	Driver 2
26/03/2012	B Preece	G Jackson
02/04/2012	N Loveland	S Preece
09/04/2012	D Poizer	V Chattington
16/04/2012	D Walker	B Farrow
23/04/2012	H Hill	G Hunt
30/04/2012	J Meeus	G Critchley
07/05/2012	J Hubbard	J Sykes
14/05/2012	D Rose	D Allport
21/05/2012	B Preece	S Preece
28/05/2012	G Jackson	D Poizer
04/06/2012	D Walker	V Chattington
11/06/2012	R Malabon	H Hill

"I don't want any yes-men around me.

I want everyone to tell the truth – even though it costs him his job"

Samuel Goldwyn

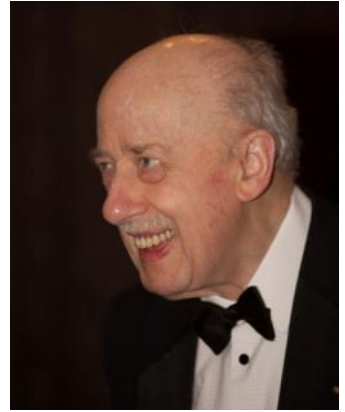
Diary & Job Rota

If you are unable to attend, please nominate a replacement.

Date	Diary	Speaker Host	Bulletin	Sgt @ Arms
28/03/2012	Bramhall High Head	J Meeus	D Burstow	J Thewlis
04/04/2012	AGM/Committees		H Hill	G Critchley
11/04/2012	Be clear on cancer	B Bissell	I Dobson	C Egan
14/04/2012	Stroke awareness day			
18/04/2012	Mike Coleman A2HW (Burch)	B Dougal	A Newsome	J Thomas
25/04/2012	Lifebox presentation (Hunt)	B Farrow	D Rabone	T Saville
02/05/2012	Committees		G Hunt	J Knowles
10/05/2012	Canine Partners (Thursday)	M Lacey	T Sheppard	D Allport
13/05/2012	Duck Race			
16/05/2012	Bob Preece job talk	C Monkhouse	N Loveland	J Sykes
23/05/2012	Bryan Pollard, community work on canals	G Jackson	B Preece	T Burch
30/05/2012	5th Wednesday No meeting			
06/06/2012	Committees (New ones)		H Barker	G Jackson
13/06/2012	Our South American holiday (Sue Preece)	D Rose	D Poizer	S Davies
20/06/2012	Rose/Saville	D Walker	R Malabon	V Chattington
27/06/2012	Club Assembly/Handover		D Burstow	J Thewlis
01/07/2012	President's Barbecue			
04/07/2012	Committees		B Bissell	H Hill
11/07/2012	Stevenson/Sykes	G Critchley	B Dougal	I Dobson
18/07/2012	Thewlis/Thomas	C Egan	B Farrow	J Meeus



What I did on my holidays



Tony pointing out the error of Bob's ways



It looks like one of our members is running a vineyard (and yes, I know the bottle's empty but I had to drink it to make sure it was OK)





Graffiti is a subject of much invective but one reclusive artist who calls himself Banksy has been producing high quality images which also have a degree of social comment.

Tony Nightingale (Bramhall & District Enterprise) with one of his fans



Meeting apologies to apologies@bwrotary.org.uk by Tuesday noon please

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Items for the Bulletin to Gordon (Who is not at home to small bribes)