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**We meet at the the Ladybridge Park Resident's Club,
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Rotarian



Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

Bulletin

August 2009



**David Burstow
President 2009-2010**



BURSTOW'S BULLETIN

It is the beginning of a new Rotary Year. The Club has been left in good shape thanks to Tony and last years Council. Most fund raising events were well supported by Club Members although some other events lacked support and some were even cancelled even though initial support had indicated strong support. Some comments about the events have indicated that there had been lack of notice so this year the major events have been advertised early.

Council has set out proposals for this year which have been accepted by the Club at Handover but we are always open to new ideas particularly on fund raising. Please let us know your suggestions and the relevant committee will explore the proposals. Some may not be for this year but could be used in years to come. What committees will need to do is to prepare well in advance for any event so it is not a mad dash at the last minute.

This year we have had one retirement from the Club but we have welcomed Mac back as any Honorary Member and hope that he will be able to come to many evening meetings and events this year. We value his experience. Richard Spragg is a great loss but hopefully Scotland's gain once he has settled there and we wish him well. We hope to see him on occasions when he is in our vicinity. We have a new member, Bruce Farrow, who I am certain will bring new thinking to the Club and will be a great asset. Most other members pull their weight although some have attendance problems. We hope that they can overcome these and help us again this year.

Club Members have commitments such as obtaining speakers, bulletin reports, speaker host, sergeant at arms and the blind run. These are advertised well in advance in the Bulletin and should be honoured. If for some reason it is not possible please obtain a replacement as early as possible as this assists with the smooth running of the Club. I know that I have been guilty in the past but that is no excuse.

Finally you all know that David Dewhurst is continuing to have health problems. We wish him well. I know that club members see him on a regular basis to keep him in the picture about the Club. I also hope my health problems are over particularly in the short term and that I can lead you for a successful year with the Club.

David Burstow - President

BLIND RUN

Mrs Janet Salt, (possibly also her blind daughter, Andrea) 40 Glossop Rd, Marple Bridge
Tel: 449 8679 Pick up at 7.05 pm.

Mrs Joan Goodall, 3 Poise Brook Drive, Offerton
Tel: 456 2076 Pick up 7.15 pm

Wyn and Harold Lawson, 170 Ben Davies Court, Romiley
Tel: 406 9213 Pick up at 7.00 pm

Ring the above up Sunday or Monday to check that your passengers still need a lift. If you can't get through, go round anyway at the appointed time. Let Bob Batty or John Sykes know if you get stuck. Please swap with someone if you can't do your appointed run.

Mrs Salt uses 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 (green) leads into her 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.

July 28	D McKeith	T Sheppard
August 4	J Sykes	B Stevenson
August 11	G Yule	J Thomas
August 18	B Bissell	B Batty
August 25	V Chattington	D Allport
September 1	C Egan	D Burstow
September 8	G Hunt	S Davies
September 15	G Jackson	J Fallowfield
September 22	J Knowles	M Hurst
September 29	N Loveland	D Jenkins
October 6	J Meeus	M Lacey
October 13	A Newsome	R Malabon
October 20	D Rabone	C Monkhouse
October 27	D Rose	D Poizer
November 3	B Stevenson	T Sheppard
November 10	J Thomas	J Sykes
November 17	D Allport	G Yule
November 24	B Batty	B Bissell
December 1	D Burstow	V Chattington
December 8	S davies	C Egan
December 15	J Fallowfield	G Hunt
December 22	M Hurst	G Jackson

Diary

August 5th Committees
August 12th Dr. Milton Souza - the Andes
August 19th Laura Wigg-Bailey - Staircase House
August 26th Nigel D'Souza - "The Gordon Ramsay of Dentistry"

September 2nd Committees
September 9th Derek Newman - District Foundation Chairman
September 16th Hurst/Jackson
September 23rd Jenkins/Knowles
September 25-27th District conference
September 30th No meeting 5th Wednesday

October 7th Charter Night
*October 14th Lacey/Loveland
October 21st Malabon/McKeith
*October 28th Meeus/Monkhouse

November 4th Committees
*November 11th Newsome/Poizer
November 18th Rabone/Rose
*November 25th Hurst/Sheppard

December 2nd EGM/Committees
*December 9th Stevenson/Sykes
December 16th Christmas Dinner
*December 23rd
December 30th 5th Wednesday

Presidents Drinks – 10 January 2010
Presidents Night – 26 March 2010

AGM – 7 April 2010+
Assembly and Handover - 30 June 2010
BBQ – 4 July 2010

* We have the large function room

Secretary's soapbox

Here we go! Let's hope I can live up to the high standard set by Michael.

Recent Council Decisions:

From Council Meeting 13/7/09

- Waitrose & Woodford Park are to be asked to suggest names for the GSE programme
- D Burstow to contact absent members to ask if they wish to remain
- D Rose to contact Rowley Projects in Bramhall to see their work in Kenya
- We will give £150 to A Fallon for his electric wheelchair

From Council Meeting 8-6-09

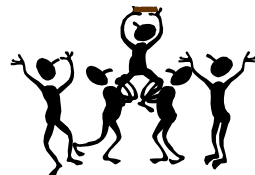
- We will sponsor the DG's walk for £50.
- We will give £3,500 to the Together trust (done) and pledge £200 to Caroline Tait for her medical related trip (nothing heard from Caroline for a while)
- We will supply £200 worth of wind up torches and radios etc for the Kitivo project (later reduced to £150)
- We will give, in calendar year 2009, \$2,000 to Polio Plus for the 2009/10 year

The white book is changing. To enable people to plan events better, I have introduced a 'year planner' grid as one of the pages so that you can see what is coming up and who is responsible for finding speakers etc on particular nights. I've also put the duties for the next week onto the first page so there's no acting surprised when the President announces who is bulletin, S@A etc.

If you haven't yet received your club directory for the new Rotary year, please remind me. I also have copies of the National and International directories if you need to contact anyone.

Gordon

Meeting Reports



Tori on 13th May 09

What a delight...the young and striking Tori Longdon, accompanied by her mother Jackie, sang beautifully for us all after wolfing down a sizeable portion of Club Fare...is she a nascent Rotarian...and all capably managed by stand-in president, our Hon Treasurer Graham Yule.

This, then, was our musical evening...and Tori, who sings with the National Youth Chorus of Great Britain, gave us a terrific rendition...and earned huge applause and praise from members. Bob Stevenson even reminded her that she had turned him down and not sung at our Christmas dinner in December...Tori...not yet wise to the world (or to Bob anyway) was embarrassed and promptly agreed to Bob's request that she sing at our 2009 Christmas dinner on 16/12/09 (social committee, she can be contacted on tori_longdon@hotmail.com)

Marvellous stuff...a one woman show...singing and playing keyboardfollowed by decent answers to interview style questions from our own Dr Harry Hill, clearly knowing his alto from is mezzo, and we all discovered

that Tori got into singing because she quit ballet for Brownies and can't dance...(I don't understand it either...)..is now completing her A levels at Withington Girls School to get into Durham to study English Lit.... But why was she with us...?....Tori was raising £4000 to go on a musical tour of America led, we were told, by an absolutely gorgeous conductor...and breathlessly we were advised that she had raised £3100 so far...Graham proudly presented her with our £100 cheque to help her on her way...well done Tori!

Club reports included a dejected Gordon disappointed by the lack of acknowledgement from Bramhall High of the level of Rotary's commitment and contribution to the school on several counts....

Dorothy Birch of The Blind Run, now in a wheelchair, sent her greetings to all at Rotary...and there had been a hiccup on the Blind Run...new rules in the Bulletin....

Caroline, fearless in her first S@A role, raised the cash for the coffers...a good evening for all....

Malcolm

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
August 5	Committees	D Dev	B Stevenson
August 12	T Burch	D Allport	M Lacey
August 19	H Barker	G Jackson	D Searson
August 26	J Thewlis	S Davies	R Malabon
September 2	Committees	B Bissell	H Hill
September 9	M Palmer	D McKeith	B Batty
September 16	J Fallowfield	D Dewhurst	A Newsome
September 23	J Meeus	D Rabone	D Jenkins
September 30	No meeting - 5th Wednesday		
October 7	Charter Night		
October 14	J Sykes	D Rose	D Poizer
October 21	C Egan	J Knowles	C Monkhouse
October 28	T Burch	G Yule	V Chattington
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November 25	S Davies	R Malabon	J Thewlis
December 2	Committees	B Bissell	D McKeith
December 9	H Hill	B Batty	J Fallowfield
December 16	Christmas Dinner		
December 23	No meeting expected (to be confirmed)		
December 30	No meeting		
2010			
January 6	Committees	A Newsome	J Meeus
January 13	D Rabone	D Jenkins	J Sykes

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

Another Matt classic from the Daily Telegraph



'I sneezed in the pub and they kept me in quarantine'

Outside Bristol Zoo is the car park, with spaces for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It has been manned 6 days a week for 23 years by the same charming and very polite car park attendant with the ticket machine. The charges are £1. per car and £5. per coach.

On Monday 1 June, he did not turn up for work. Bristol Zoo management phoned Bristol City Council to ask them to send a replacement parking attendant.

The Council said "That car park is your responsibility." The Zoo said "The attendant was employed by the City Council... wasn't he?" The Council said "What attendant?"

Gone missing from his home is a man who has been taking daily the car park fees amounting to about £400. per day for the last 23 years...!

Total sum just short £2.9 million.

(From the Bristol Evening Post)

Last Committee meeting of the "old" year-3rd June

The evening started rather slowly with somewhat delayed delivery of the food. It was certainly worth waiting for, however, as a nicely cooked salmon and a scorching chilli con carne appeared. It was interesting to watch various members becoming hot under the collar after tasting this latter, even before the evening's discussions began. Vida is probably still crying "Water! Water!" as you read this.

But on to the real meat of the evening. (Actually, it's on to the metaphorical meat of the evening, but you know what I mean.)

Firstly, the secretary went out with a whimper, having nothing to report.

Next, our treasurer told us that the general account held £2,200, but then said that accruals etc. meant that the sum was really £1,900. The charity account, though, sounded much healthier with a total of £6,733 and a few coppers. Once again we were to be deflated as firstly the cheque for £3,500 for the Together Trust, followed by \$1,000 for Polio Plus, not to mention the purchase of one (or was it two?) disaster boxes, took their toll of the total. I think we've got about £2 7s 11d to donate to good causes. (A word in Graham's ear: it's often better to give the bad news first, and finish on a positive note.)

Questions to the treasurer led to discussion about the running of the duck race, but the general feeling was that no realistic alternatives were

available, and that the income generated was entirely satisfactory.

Next on her feet was salesperson Vida, who, like the secretary had nothing to report, but after her chilli I doubt she could have reported anything even if she wanted to.

The Community report allowed Gordon, who needs no encouragement, to rabbit on at great length. Our attempts to hijack the noticeboard in the Precinct-as-was have reached an impasse: apparently painting it blue is a step too far for those who control it, and we are waiting for further communication from them. The imminent Festival will require four of us to act as marshals, but there was no mention of who would make up the posses. Bramhall High School came in for considerable flak after a series of snubs to us. After our commitment to the Kitivo Project ends they will have to do without our input. A fourth-year medic at Newcastle Uni who is a good Bramhall lass, is asking for financial support to take her to Ghana for her elective. I am sure that it will be an education in every sense of the word and I strongly supported her application. £200 seems about right. Lastly, (I said he rabbitied on), Gordon mentioned Graham's proposal to take some of our sideshows to the Together Trust so that the children can enjoy them for a while. This should be a sufficiently newsworthy to warrant a slot in the Express.

Ways and Means, no doubt wearied beyond endurance by the preceding report, briefly mentioned their two

successful events and promptly sat down.

Membership: again commendably brief. The Bulletin will be published in the next few days, and the diary is comfortably filled for now.

John Thewlis, representing International and Foundation, had little to say, since his two “babies”, Kitivo and disaster boxes, had been mentioned previously.

Social John Meeus then rose to his full height and spoke of the Prezzie’s Barbie in deepest Cheshire and a theatre night, but was unable to give any details about the latter beyond saying that it would probably take place in November, but we will have to book it in July. As a postscript, we were told we can look forward to a news-based quiz in the next week or two.

AOB saw JM on his feet again, demonstrating a radar gun and asking for volunteers to wield it. “Ton up”

Rabone vehemently opposed the suggestion, prompting speculation

about the number of points on his licence. All-in-all the response from members was lukewarm. Perhaps a group so used to issuing fines on a weekly basis was disappointed that we would not be able to extract even 50p from the motoring criminals.

Much much more enthusiasm was in evidence when David Dewhurst made his entrance part way through the evening. Despite the loss of his locks (don’t fret David, we can’t all be as hairy as Monkhouse, and anyway I think he paints some of it on), he looked pretty good, and was on very good form too.

Finally, John Thewlis’s military experience was used with great effect in his role of S@A: he got us all, and quite correctly pilloried Mr Pres Burch for a number of misdemeanours which should have swelled our coffers greatly, if only each sin were worth 50p. A topic for discussion for the future, perhaps?

Harry Hill

situations are by no means the result of negligence in many cases. Patients still ‘self administer’ in inappropriate situations and some side effects can even show themselves not in the patient but in their children (remember phthalidomide?).

Gordon won the raffle and donated the bottle to Mac, whilst David Rabone showed little mercy in fining many – including Hilda for embarrassing Mac many years ago. Mac was once again embarrassed as he had to pay Hilda’s fine as she had brought no money apparently! Isn’t life cruel sometimes?

Many questions followed this stimulating talk, and Vida expressed our thanks to Joe. Vida herself incidentally is ‘pill-free’ and hopes to stay that way!

Dennis

Computer tips 3

1. When using the copy and paste functions in the edit menu of any Microsoft program, it is quicker to use the keyboard shortcut by pressing Ctrl-C for Copy (hold down the Ctrl key and tap the C key), move the cursor to where you want the text to go and use Ctrl-V for paste.
2. Even quicker than this in Word is to drag the mouse cursor across the text you want to copy in order to highlight it, move the pointer into the middle of the text and, holding the left button down simply drag it to where you want it to be.
3. In Microsoft Word, double clicking on a word will highlight the whole word and you can then either drag it to somewhere else or simply start typing a new word and it will replace the one that was highlighted. Triple clicking in the middle of a paragraph selects the whole paragraph.

Gordon



Bruce Farrow showed us a solar powered reading light that was being sold in Ikea. Each one bought results in another being given to an African child. These would be ideal for the container going out to Kitivo so we will provide some.

Tim was sergeant at arms and I got fined for a total failure of the technology (very embarrassing).

Gordon

A really good Rotary evening!

July 22nd at the Ladybridge Park Resident's Club and a very unusual one indeed for us. Not only a 'my job' talk by a member (done that before), or even the induction of a new member (done that also), but the creation of our first Life Honorary Member.

Mac and Hilda McLeod were our guests and Mac was presented with a certificate of Life Honorary Membership! Mac has decided to leave Rotary because of his poor eyesight and the Club wanted to say 'very many thanks' for his long period of active membership (he is a Founder Member of the Club). Mac reminded us of his most embarrassing moment in Rotary, when Hilda had secretly arranged for a strippogram girl to come and 'arrest' him at a meeting for forgetting their wedding anniversary! Unfortunately, however, Hilda had chosen the very evening when our District Governor had come to visit! Our reputation as an unconventional club possibly started that very evening!

Immediately following this, President David inducted Bruce Farrow into

Rotary, and we wish him a long and happy time in Rotary. Bruce will serve with Ways and Means this year.

Joe Fallowfield gave a most interesting overview of the job he had prior to retirement from ICI (Astra Zeneca now) looking after the safety of medicines. Joe started work as a medical doctor, first in hospital, then as a GP. We were treated to a summary of the complicated field of side effects and product labelling, of the bad experiences that have occurred to many companies over the years and the colossal law suits that have sometimes resulted. We all want to be treated when we are ill, and sophisticated medicines are often the solution. However, all drugs have side effects and it is the job of not only the providers (makers, GPs etc) but also the patient to make informed decisions about whether to proceed with the treatment. To do this the patient needs good, clear information and the GP needs to have a good understanding of relevant data from the manufacturer of the drug and also of recent feedback of possible problems. There have been many very sad occasions resulting in withdrawal of drugs from the market and these

Snaphappy Meeting, June 19th

Obviously far too many members have second homes, as attendance was down again. We really should have a Standards Committee. Bruce Farrell came along as a prospective member.

Graham, Bramhalls own Woodie Allen, presented/directed and produced the Snaphappy Night. The highlights were the fabulous Ackroyd Street photograph take by Gordon, Michael's back garden and velocipaedic passion, and Harry's shots of something or

other, all making a great night which was very different

John announced the theatre visit on the 18th November, and Graham popped up again to tell us that the subs were £95, with a generous supplement of £10 for late payment. How kind!

As always, the raffle was won by Bob Batty

Nice to be back

David D

Caroline's life up to 17 June 2009

Although we were small in number on this evening it was not lacking in bonhomie and *Espirit de Corps*, which B& W always enjoys.

Pres Tony gave Grace and then regaled us with his previous weeks visit to Le Mans for some antique road driving thingy. He managed to break the speed record to Dover which entailed using the Toll Road and driving at a certain speed which I did not hear correctly so I am not obliged to go into print about it!!!! On arriving near his destination he was fortunate, if that is the right word, to have met up with some 'Public School Hooray Henrys' of a certain age not too dissimilar to their vehicles it would seem. I am sure that Pres Tony had some difficulty in understanding what they were talking about when "rindabites, ve large highsses and

G&Ts were mentioned. However like most of their kind abroad they had a police escort to the course, which included Pres Tony. Jolly good show chaps.

The normal high standard dinner menu was maintained of steak & mushroom pie or Moroccan lamb with fresh fruit salad, profiterolls, apple pie with custard and or ice cream to follow. With some members, of course, it was more and rather than or, managing to turn a two course buffet into a five course dinner. I could only manage three!

Our after dinner speaker was Caroline Egan, our newest member, gave an excellent talk of not just 'My Job' but 'My Life in My Jobs'. Her early life was spent in Birmingham where she spent her primary and secondary education years finishing up as Head Girl of her

school and very keen to join the Royal Navy in a management and catering position. In order to pursue that course she first enrolled at Birmingham College of Catering and obtained an HND in Catering and Hotel Management. By the end of the course the thoughts of joining the Navy were fading over the horizon and a trainee course at the Birmingham Metropole Hotel took over her career path. Something, which was an excellent experience and the bonus being that it, was very much enjoyed. This was followed by a position of Warden at a Halls of Residence occupied by 60 girls, or to be PC young ladies as they were presumably over 16 for about four or five years. Caroline married in 1984 and daughter Rachel was born in 1988 and son Charlie in 1990. It was not long after a few years of motherhood that the yearning for her destined career came to the fore and a fourteen-bedroom hotel was purchased in Knaresborough. While husband continued with the day job Caroline became owner, manager, administrator and not least of all the boss of the kitchen in the new venture with a small staff for the servicing. It was obviously a success as the returning guests proved. The 92/93 recession with high interest rates and cut backs in spending by the public at large led to financial difficulties and a decision was taken to sell up. Husband's work necessitated moving to the other side of

the Pennines and home was set up in Bramhall.

One day during a walk in Bramhall Park, Caroline took one look at Bramhall Hall and thought one day it would be her ambition to manage, administer and develop such a location into a commercial success. The following week that very position was advertised and Caroline obtained the position of her dream. She was appointed in charge of marketing, hospitality and the development of income generation. At the point it might be said that the rest is history. The success can be seen in the number of events, which now take place at the Hall.

An extremely well presented and interesting talk, which received a well, deserved applause.

There was very little business discussed. Gordon promoted the Festival at the forthcoming weekend and matters regarding donations for a wheel chair for a muscular dystrophy sufferer. Treasurer reported on the state of the finances and your writer promoted the President's Bar BQ on July 5. Bob Sgt @ Arms Batty extricated a goodly some of money in well deserved fines, considering the small number of attendees and Pres Tony called the final toast at about 10.45.

John Meeus

offered to him the Club's best wishes and thanks for his talk.

Committee Reports

Club Services: Bruce Bissell said that the programme for the remainder of the 2009/10 year would be addressed within a week.

Community Service: David Rabone said that they were about to discuss their programme.

International: In David Rose's absence, there was no report.

Social: John Meeus emphasised the success of the President's barbeque.

Orang-Utans in Bramhall, 15th July

There was a good attendance which was boosted by a second visit from Dr Banerjee from India (he visited once last year) who told us about his club's work on the devastation caused by the Indian cyclone in his area. He was also involved in the provision of basic necessities to 6000 children with the money coming from Canada.

The main speaker was Dr Annie Birtwell who had been a TV producer for 25 years and was asked by David Attenborough to see if anything could be done regarding the plight of Orang Utans in Borneo who were being wiped out by palm oil plantation owners replacing their habitat. Her initial two week visit lasted a month because of

The policy this year was for a non-profit making event and this was the result. As only approximately half the club members had attended, he asked if a change of date would help.

Alan Newsome won the raffle drawn by the DG.

In the process of fining various people, Sergeant at Arms, Graham Yule rightly fined Ex-President, Tony Burch, for being present at his successor's first meeting and wrongly fined your reporter for doing his job (it has been noted.)!

David Poizer

what she found there. There were many orphan Orangs who were in desperate need of care. She set about building suitable cages and organising a programme of rescue and rehabilitation funded by her own efforts. She has to balance the needs of the apes with those of the populace and government who need to bring in money (plantations) and tourism to the area.

There are only around 6000 Orangs left and the work that Annie does certainly needs help and respect.

Bob Batty gave the vote of thanks to a devoted speaker and he also won the raffle which was promptly given to Annie.

2. Foundation – The bedrock of many Rotary projects with \$100 per Rotary member as its annual target.

3. Polio Eradication – He referred to Bill Gates' massive \$255 million contribution and added that the UN Secretary General had come to Birmingham to talk about the subject.

4. Rotary Birthday (23 Feb) – As part of the club's efforts to get better known locally it was suggested that during the week including 23 February the club should utilise a local empty shop to publicise Rotary. John Meeus said that we had done this on two previous occasions.

5. Rotary Peace Scholars – He noted that the club wished to become involved in this work and encouraged us to do so.

6. Environmental Matters – Conference is keen for clubs to become more involved in this and instanced looking after local footpaths. He is aware that our Club are already involved in this work.

7. Group Study Exchange Team Visit – A team from Georgia USA is visiting the District next year – can the club help with hosting and entertaining?

8. Rotary Local Involvement – Chris recommended that the local community see Rotarians doing hands-on work, not just tin rattling. Vocational work with

local young people is also very important.

9. Fun/Fellowship – An essential part of Rotary and one that Bramhall and Woodford have obviously got right as it naturally attracts others to become involved.

In response to a request for questions, Geoff Hunt referred to the concept of visits to other clubs to share and gain new ideas to improve their work. Chris agreed and suggested it would be better to visit as a group.

Michael Lacey observed that although he was keen on the concept of GSE, in practice the exchange personnel, particularly from the USA seemed unsuited to the ideals of the scheme as they were often comfortably off, too old and not in tune with the scheme's ethos.

Chris agreed whole-heartedly and said that this point had been made forcefully to the DG of Georgia in consideration of the selection of suitable candidates. Reference was also made to the difficulty of finding suitable local candidates in the current economic climate able to take the required time off. Vida noted that the criticism about the type of participants could be made of the visiting ambassadorial scholars as she had mentored a number of them.

In giving a vote of thanks, David Rabone referred to the open and honest way in which the DG had spoken and

A Crazy Meeting on 24th June

Twenty one stalwarts attended this light hearted meeting. We had a visitor John Hill from Heanor Club in Derbyshire and the lovely Vicky from the Together Trust who received a cherub for £3.5K from our genial President who arrived fresh and tanned from the sunshine of Caernarfon Bay where he had been sailing some improvised kayaks lashed together or some such. It sounded as if we were fortunate to see him at all as his craft seemed extremely dangerous to me.

A miniature fashion show had Chris Monkhouse display a new tabard which incorporates a kangaroo style pouch to carry anything from sandwiches to Rotary leaflets.

Gordon extolled the contents of the White Book and banged on about a container at Bramhall High School.

After the usual tasty meal, the Belgian Consul –General conducted a crazy quiz (aptly titled I may add) based on

recent newspaper items. It brought some really bizarre answers, most of which were wrong. It included an item about the navel which most of us know was designed to hold the salt when eating fish and chips in bed. Some suggested it was the entry point for microsurgery – ridiculous!

Michel Lacey headed the adjudicators who awarded points without regard for accuracy or thought.

Our President won the raffle and presented it to Vicky.

David Poizer held an instructional seminar for our lovely Caroline and Neil in the art of cooking the books, recording those present, and taking the cash.

Vice President David announced that he was to have surgery on a bladder tumor shortly. He has a very positive attitude towards it and I know we all wish him well and that he will have our prayers for a successful outcome.

Sid.

HANDOVER NIGHT -- 01 JULY

On the hottest evening this year and amongst the chaos of club refurbishment, about 25 people managed to find the bar.

Yes, an end of an efficient era of President Burch, I can now appreciate why Tony was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. (Next SoA, please don't fine me for this remark!)

After topsy-turvy discussions with John M about BBQ furniture, Gordon and

his school fair's timetable and Vida and her Rotary stands, President T. had to quieten the classmates especially Bob Stevenson.

For some unknown reason, Neil went on his own agenda and prematurely read out Bruce Bissell's report on Club Services. Is this lack of concentration or just midsummer madness?

Tony gave his final speech, confirming an excellent year for him and B&W Rotary Club and thanking his Executives and Council Chair people,

the unsung heroes and of course all the club. He thanked the plonkers for being kind during President's dinner.

I had the pleasure of presenting him with a District award **"Making Dreams Real"** for Polio Plus.

At last the big **changeover**, the march of the gongs, Pres T to new Pres David Burstow who gave his VP gong to Graham. The next move proved interesting as Graham presented himself with his own treasurer's badge. Does this go in the Guinness book of Records? The climax was David B. presenting worthy Tony with the Ex-Pres name-plate. Tony quickly retired to the back-benches, almost out of the door.

David's first words were "coffee time", and refreshments duly appeared. His second remark, after the break was "Thanks for being late", quite thought provoking!

The various Chairmen were present and added their comments to the written reports except Neil who eventually gave a re-run of absent Bruce Bissell's report. A sigh of relief!

I took the opportunity for my guest Dr. Penny Hill to give a short succinct powerpoint presentation about one of

my projects in Namibia, explained in my write-up.

Geoff Hunt "aka ADG", spoke about the increase in membership, not staying in a comfort zone, better communication and use of our promotional material.

Treasurer Graham was accused of cooking the books but vehemently denied in the presence of our auditor David McKeith.

John Sykes, part of Club Services will coordinate the Blind Run.

Believe it or not, David Burstow won the raffle, then graciously donated the wine for the BBQ. We wish him all the best next week.

SoA, with minimal notice, Joe Fallowfield admitted like all medics, that he couldn't read his own writing. Talk about a Mozart opera, Neil didn't recognise him when he signed in earlier, but Vida did, then Joe referred to her in a stripe outfit as "sailor Samantha". Finally he dared to fine the few VIP's who turned up in formal gear to pay for the privilege of wearing ties on a hot evening. Our latest recruit Bruce Farrow will have to decide his future in this vibrant club. Thank G-D the assembly finished early.

David Rose

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

District Governor's Visit on 8 July

20 members enjoyed the usual excellent meal for the first time under the leadership of our new President, David Burstow. We all hope that he can put his present medical problem behind him and continue in his usual ebullient form.

We also welcomed new District Governor, Chris Welton, from Wilmslow Dean Club. It was good to see the laptop video presentation of shots taken at outgoing President Tony Burch's BBQ including the usually ineffectual efforts to 'Splat the Rat'. A very enjoyable occasion in (mostly) good weather. Secretary Gordon pointed out that the laptop video also included pictures of the presentation of the club's cheque to the Together Trust.

Graham Yule with his Treasurer's hat on, chased up the remaining non-payers of the annual subs. Chris Monkhouse asked those interested to sign up for a clay pigeon shoot which he is organising for the 30 September.

David Burstow thanked everyone involved for organising the excellent BBQ at Tony Burch's including John Meeus, the ladies who provided and set out the food and Vida and Chris for their skills at the barbies.

Vida reported on the results of the Rotary presence at the end-of-year school fairs of various local primary schools. There was little interest shown

in Rotary but she had managed to collect £5.05p - not a total loss.

Neil Loveland in detailing apologies for absence referred to two major items:

1. David Dewhurst suffered a major relapse in his health resulting in an urgent return to hospital. He is now much better and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us as soon as possible.

2. Mac McLeod has decided to retire from Rotary due to personal and business issues including the serious illness of his daughter. He will be much missed as one of the original members of the club.

President David asked David Rabone to introduce District Governor Chris Welton. David Rabone said he was pleased to do this as he had known Chris through their both serving on the same District committee and Chris was also his solicitor.

District Governor Chris started by thanking our club for the effective work it is doing both locally and internationally and was very complementary about the standing of the club within Rotary.

He went on to outline the following major Rotary concerns.

1. Recruitment