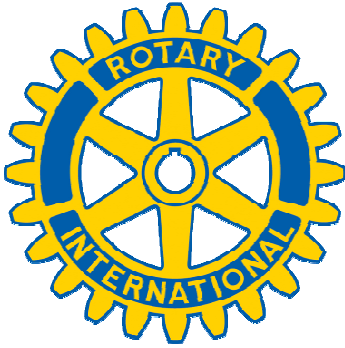


Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club



A new Rotary
Year begins

Bulletin



Brian takes over the presidency and is holding a photo of his parents taken whilst his father was president of South Shields Rotary, 1988-89

Free inside—leaflet on how to fix common computer faults



Harry's party made £495 for Francis House



What I did on my holidays
Handover marks the start of the new Rotary Year

Secretary's Soapbox



When I was secretary for the three years 2006 to 2009 I did 17 of these soapboxes. In those days most of each one was a record of council decisions and stuff about attendance figures. Nowadays I circulate the council minutes in full to the whole club and we don't collect formal attendance stats anymore. So, what to put in the Soapbox? Well here are the message counts for bwrotary over the 6 years of its existence:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	47	41	48	59	62	30	50					
2011	59	49	61	49	101	73	60	75	57	61	90	95
2010	74	47	64	45	65	49	77	54	49	31	63	43
2009	47	35	47	45	48	53	25	29	18	50	75	67
2008	31	36	42	55	40	32	28	27	38	48	66	66
2007	36	48	25	34	17	47	30	32	33	47	46	35
2006					5	26	33	26	36	26	54	36

And here are the details for bwhumour

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	67	96	101	92	89	53	58					
2011	74	114	88	64	41	56	53	75	72	72	107	69
2010	66	64	46	62	44	31	51	62	37	59	60	43
2009	27	37	23	25	16	23	32	39	45	28	63	43
2008	17	4	17	26	12	9	27	26	40	34	26	16
2007								4	16	30	21	13

I have no idea what might go in the next bulletin!

Michael

Quotes

Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.

Mohammed

In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity.

Anne Baxter

Meeting Reports



6th June- Committee Night

Breaking with tradition this evening had the new committees in place to assist with a seamless hand over at the end of the month.

The highlight of the evening however was the induction of Maggie Hill who received a resounding reception. Proposed by Geoff Hunt.

This made it Bob's third induction this year & all Ladies!

Anon

13th June—Oriane, Sue, Bob and Bob's trip to South America.



Everyone present eagerly anticipated a night of Argentine tango demonstration, though Gill, in Guests and Apologies, informed us that about a dozen members had forgone this once in a lifetime chance to hear not just one, or two, but FOUR speakers, in order to pursue other interests. We were, however, joined by three

guests, Pam Malabon, Joan Saville, and prospective member Peter Richardson.

Ian had some bad news and some good news for us. Trevor had informed him that it was unlikely that we would be able to hold a motor car event in Woodford Aerodrome this year, a project which has been on/off for about a year now. However, NFU Mutual have agreed in principle to give us £1500 towards renovating our Father Christmas float. Ian also directed us to p36 of the current "Rotary Today" where four of our members are pictured. In passing, he bemoaned the lack of credit for the accompanying text which he had "writ" but which had another's name on it.

Our speakers, of course, needed no introduction, which is exactly what they got. After a small panic over the projector, the excitement was so great that Bob S began the talk without waiting for the Speakers' Host to do his bit. David Rose was bemused but good-humoured about it. There was another little panic when President Bob lost his notes, but Sue

saved the day by finding them where he'd left them. (That's why we need lady members!)

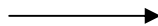
Bob S and Oriane were taking this trip to celebrate special birthdays (Bob's fifteenth!) and by lucky coincidence met up with Sue and Bob P at points along the way, and for a final Birthday dinner. The two pairs of intrepid travellers took slightly different routes, Bob and Oriane visiting Chile, Argentina and Brazil, and Sue and Bob travelling to Tierra del Fuego, Paraguay, and Rio. We were treated to photographs of stunningly beautiful landscapes and seascapes, taken by both couples, and expertly compiled for our pleasure by Sue.

There were amazing photographs of glaciers which, we were told, are actually growing in this part of the world rather than shrinking, and the team were at pains to explain the noises created by them, and the excitement caused by their movements.

We were also transported to National Parks teeming with wildlife such as seals and sea lions, and thousands of penguins on their nesting sites. Sue and Bob sailed on a cloudy lake to see glowing pale blue icebergs but they drew the line at trekking up the glacier at the end of the lake, where large chunks regularly broke off. They did however brave the viewing platforms at the end of a second glacier to bring us a short video of the sights and sounds. In the high mountains of this northern park they met few people, but Bob seemed to have made good friends with a llama. We saw photographs of the dramatic Mt. Fitzroy, in a "walkers' paradise" but apparently Bob and Sue did not fancy climbing to the top - can't think why! By way of contrast to this natural beauty, in a small town they found abundant graffiti on its walls.

Oriane then showed us pictures of the Andes that she and Bob S flew over, followed by views of majestic buildings in Santiago. Naturally, they couldn't visit Chile without visiting "The Devil's Cellar", a vast store of Chilean wine. Buenos Aires also sported magnificent buildings, but also designated areas where people could demonstrate, especially about the Disappeared, those unfortunates who were taken by Government forces and never seen again. The city's cemetery boasted huge crypts and tombs, echoing the splendour of the city itself. Eva Peron is buried there. At last we came to the promised tango demonstration. Sadly it was not performed by Bob and Oriane, but by experts on video.

Meanwhile Bob P and Sue visited the Iguazu Falls on the Argentine-Brazilian border. This is the largest waterfall in the world, and the photographs reflected this. Sue and Bob both got soaked to the skin going on a boat trip under the falls.



We all strained our eyes to see Bob and Oriane on the beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana as well as their hotel's own beach, but they had obviously left the scene.

At the end of the talk Sid asked if they had visited a Welsh-speaking colony in the south of the continent, and went on to describe briefly his visit there with Sally. Then, at last, David Rose managed to get a word in and thank our four speakers, suggesting they should lead a salsa evening.

The raffle was drawn by Sue P and won by Pam Malabon.

Sid was S@A and fined everyone in the room very quickly and efficiently, the men for not wearing ties and the ladies for wearing long sleeves.

Maggie (typed by Harry)

National Sarcasm Society

Like, we need your support!

On this day

August—1st First scout camp (1907), 3rd Columbus set sail (1492), 4th Dom Perignon invented Champagne (1693), 14th First beauty pageant in Folkestone (1908), 15th first amusement park, Tivoli gardens opened in Copenhagen (1843), 19th Louis-Jacques Daguerre invents photography (1839), 22nd first dishwasher demonstrated at World's fair (1893), 25th Carnegie Free library opened (1883), 26th Prince Albert invents slippers (1819), 27th Guinness book of records published (1955)

September—1st First legal betting shop (1960), 4th Transportation to Australia ends (1884), 6th First self service supermarket opens; Piggly Wiggly in Memphis (1916), 7th Led Zeppelin's first concert (1968), 8th first Star Trek episode (1966), 10th Large Hadron Collider fired up (2008), 11th Henry Hudson discovers Manhattan (1626), 17th first Oktoberfest (1810), 18th Blackpool illuminations starts up (1879), 26th Fish fingers go on sale (1955), 27th first model T Ford (1908), 28th Discovery of Penicillin (1928), 29th Britain's first Indian Restaurant (1809)



'elf and safety – the Navy Rules the Waves?

The Royal Navy is proud of its new fleet of Type 45 destroyers. Having initially named the first two ships HMS Daring and HMS Dauntless, the Naming Committee has, after intense pressure from Brussels renamed them HMS Cautious and HMS Prudence. The next five ships are to be named

HMS Empathy, HMS Circumspect, HMS Nervous, HMS Timorous and HMS Apologist.

Costing £850 million each, they meet the needs of 21st century and comply with the very latest employment, equality, health and safety and human rights. The new user-friendly crows' nest comes equipped with wheelchair access. Live ammunition has been replaced with paint balls to reduce the risk of anyone getting hurt and to cut down on the number of compensation claims. Stress counsellors and lawyers will be on duty 24 hours a day and each ship will have its on-board industrial tribunal. The crew will be 50/50 men and women and balanced in accordance with the latest Home Office directives on race, gender, sexuality and disability. Sailors will only have to work a maximum of 37 hours per week in line with Brussels Health and Safety rules, even in wartime! All vessels will come equipped with a maternity ward and nursery, situated on the same deck as the Gay Disco. Tobacco will be banned from the ship but cannabis will be allowed in the wardroom and messes.

All information on notice boards will be printed in 37 different languages and Braille. Crew members will now no longer be required to ask permission to grow beards – this applies equally to women crew members. The MoD is working on a new “non-specific” flag because the White Ensign is considered offensive to minorities. The Union Flag has already been discarded.

The Prime Minister has stated that “While these ships reflect the very latest in modern thinking, they are also capable of being up-graded to comply with any new legislation coming out of Brussels”.

His final words were, “Britannia waives the rules”.

Olive

Recommended Trades People (July 2012)

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

Decorators:

A & S Beevers, (0161 612 6605). These two young brothers do fantastic tidy work. [Rose, Sykes]

Cris Calow Decorating Services for outdoor work (480 1816), 32 Aberdeen Crescent, Edgeley. [Batty]

Boilers & Heating:

Andrew Gersham 07950661760 [Chattington]

Hulme Hall Heating, Geoff 0785 489 4423 [Meeus]

Steve Cottrell, 01625 260707, Mob; 0780 127 9856, E mail: [cen-
tralheating@ntlworld.com](mailto:centralheating@ntlworld.com) [Burch]

Electricians:

C & H Electrics, 1st Floor, 198 Wilmslow Rd., Heald Green, SK8 3BH (0161 437 5718) [Batty]

Mike Shanley, (0780 1329 173 and 0161 449 9794) [Allport]

Electrical Appliances/Repairs

Ray, A-One repairs (A1 repairs) (0161 477 2992), 42 Newsham Rd, Stockport, SK3 8GN. He came when he said, gave a no pressure quote, came again on time for the repair and did it. (Lacey)

Plumbing:

Ken Davies (now semi-retired), (07831 183 018) [Allport, Jackson]

Building:

Mark Davenport, 12 Ladythorn Crescent, Bramhall. (0161 439 4051) Also does joinery. [Hill]

Kevin Wright, ACE Guttering & Drainage Services, (490 1789, 07860 820414). Handyman, gutter cleaning [Hunt]

Paul Hawes, Patios and flagging. (01565 723 980, 07968 100595). [Jackson, Preece]

Paul Ford, Home improvements, bathrooms, bedrooms and general maintenance. 07748 844 897 [Hunt]

Mark Irwin, Phone 07792094634 [Davies, Walker]

Roofing:

Mr. J F McGranaghan Wilmslow Premier Roofing. 52 Kings Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5PW. Tel; 01625 441672, E Mail; roofman@btinternet.com [Burch]

Steve Fell, Fell Roofing, 5 St Andrews Lane, High Lane, SK6 8HT, 01663 764555; Mobile 07836 560046 [Sykes]

Eddie McCabe Roofing 01625 526570 or 07999575931 [Yule]

Joinery:

Mark Smethurst, 3 Garthland Rd., Hazel Grove, SK7 4PD (0161 483 9690) [Batty, Yule]

Flooring:

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

Tree Surgeon:

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

Alan Bethell Ltd, 21 Rees Crescent, Holmes Chapel, Crewe Cheshire CW4 7NL, 01477 533 900 [Monkhouse]

alanbethelltd@hotmail.co.uk www.treesurgeonscheshire.co.uk

Carpet Cleaner:

Nu-Life Carpet Care, 480 7284 [Rose]

Refrigerator and cooker repairs:

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

TV Aerials:

Teleaerials, 49 St John's St, Lees, Oldham (0161 624 6681) [Allport]

Plastering:

Alan Lawrie, 20 Conway Drive, Hazel Grove SK7 5NB (0161 484 0298, 07749 060 988) [Lacey]

Sean (aka Liam) Kelly, 41 Westwood Rd, Heald Green, Cheadle, SK8 3JW (0787 346 4642) [Lacey]

Ian Cottam, Plastering, 07889 530 994 [Batty]

Computing help:

Nick (0800 612 4565), PCSOS24-7. HELP@PCSOS247.com [Davies]

Derek Wilson 01204 303 988, 0783 1817 463 [Rose]

Party/outside Catering:

Coco Deli, Gill or Emma, 86 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AE. (0161 485 8143) [Saville]

Mobile cosmetic car repairs:

Bump-a-car, 33 Courthill St., Offerton, Stockport, SK1 4EA. (07795 842 717, Ivan, or 07855 824 118, Adrian) [Monkhouse]

Tyres

Milesmore Tyres, *Doug*, Marcliffe Industrial Estate, 1 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 5EG [Rose]

Garages

Whitehill Garage Tel 0161 480 6744 Mob 07773613221 Unit 1a, Hammond Avenue,

Stockport, SK4 1PQ. MOTs, Servicing and Repairs to all makes and models of cars, vans etc. Known to me for 20 plus years. [Dobson]

Rotary and the Olympics



Rotarians and RIBI Young Citizen Award winners were among those lucky few who carried the London Olympic Torch. Mike Thorn a member of the Rotary Club of Cheam carried the flame through Kent in July and Young Citizen Award winners Hannah Jones and Cameron Foster both held the flame aloft to inspire others. Hannah from Chester aged 19 was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 15 and since then has raised thousands of pounds and increased awareness of brain tumor research. Cameron broke his legs and arms after falling from a ski lift. He made a fully recovery but had to spend many weeks in a wheelchair unable to do anything. He has since devoted his life to help youngsters with disabilities to be involved with sport.

Ken Logan, a member of the Rotary Club of Braids in Scotland ran with the torch in June. Ken has helped with the administration of the Edinburgh Direct Aid charity where he has been involved in fundraising, sorting, collecting and delivering aid to Bosnia on eight separate occasions as well as raising over £10,000 by running marathons etc.

RIBI President Burman said “everyone involved with the Olympic Torch are truly amazing people. To have so many carrying the torch who are involved with Rotary really shows how active and valued Rotary is in the community”.

Olive

Walthew House – 20th June

The meeting started off with the sad news that Judith Sheppard had recently passed away following a long illness. David Rabone provided a very sensitive prayer .

Our main guest this evening was Kathryn Sheldon who later gave the talk.

Various reports were given. Chris Monkhouse for instance advised that he was not homeless but did not at present own his own property.

After the toast to the Queen, the President announced that we should be back for 9.20 but as usual with the problems with unfortunately the projector the meeting did not re-adjourn until 9.30.



Kathryn Sheldon one of the four paid employees of Walthew House is in charge of the fundraising and endeavouring to spread the word of Walthew House, spoke to us advising that the house is for people who are losing their hearing and also to help blind people. Kathryn explained the home raised funds from various activities with only a small amount being provided by Stockport Council. Walthew House seek the support from many aspects of society, local MPs, friends and organisations such as Rotary. On the matter of blind people Kathryn advised that counselling is now available at Walthew House – Action for Blind People is providing this service so that the local people can have

easier access specifically for people with sight loss. The councillors are qualified and experienced when it comes to understanding things from a blind person's perspective. The councillors then help to get a clearer understanding of a blind person's feeling and the challenges they face. They offer free and confidential space for any issues that these people might have. These issues maybe about vision or it might be to be about a significant relationship, work or family matter. Further relatives and carers can have counselling separately with the organisation as well. A sight loss can mean a big change for the whole family.

To ensure the work of Walthew House charity is sustainable the house aim is to raise enough money each year to balance its books. This is an ever increasing challenge and for 2012/13 need a total of £185,000. They receive a grant of £30,000 each year from Stockport Council which will cover about 16% of their costs but the rest is raised by blood sweat and tears. Supermarket bag packing, Fetes, sponsored bravery and generous donations. Kathryn went on to say she was grateful for support from local companies and company organisations.

Kathryn finished by answering a number of questions and the session had to be guillotined at 10.15pm. The raffle was held and the prize not unexpectedly was given directly to Kathryn

The meeting was concluded by this week's S @ Arms Vida who managed to fine everyone.

Rotary finished at 10.29 so everyone left at a decent time.

Anon again

The Annual President's BBQ



A grey drizzle welcomed the morning of the Rotary BBQ! By 11.00am Harry had phoned us to say “don’t come until 2.00pm” – presumably he’d received some mysterious weather forecast that promised sunshine in the afternoon. So at two o’clock we all met in Bob’s manicured garden bringing goodies of gorgeous dishes for everyone to consume. Everyone was very sensibly dressed in warm rain gear because no one didn’t really believe Harry’s forecast.

However, Harry was proved right and the rain did cease (for a little while anyway), so the macho men barbecued and the women huddled in small groups discussing the ways of the world! Marquees had been built for our comfort and we certainly needed them. There was loads of food, chicken, lamb sticks, hamburgers, sausages and the table in Bob’s conservatory was loaded with lovely salad foods etc. Vida had brought what seemed like a ton of strawberries and cream and everyone tucked into those for dessert.

Afterwards, Bob gave a very nice speech and “handed over the attaché case” (with whatever it contains?) to Brian who, braving the elements, took off his coat to respond with a rally call to all the B&W members to have a good year under his Presidentship.

This was a very nice finish to Bob’s year and what a great shame that Oriane had become ill within minutes of the event starting and had to retreat upstairs to recover. She missed all the fun.

Pity about the weather but it was July after all!

Olive



***Genuine answers from
medical school entrance exams.....
(spelling was sometimes a challenge!)***

There are three kinds of blood vessels and these are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

The hookworm larvae enters the human body through the soul.

For fractures: to see if the limb is broken, wiggle it back and forth.

For nosebleed: put the nose much lower than the body.

For fainting: rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead.

For drowning: climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration.

To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.

For asphyxiation: apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.

Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.

Olive

Quotes

“I don't want to make money. I just want to be wonderful”

Marilyn Monroe

If only God would give me some clear sign!
Like making a deposit in my name in a Swiss bank account”

Woody Allen

Charity should begin at home, but should not stay there.

Phillips Brooks

KfMS Concert Band (King Edward Musical Society)



Kems Concert Band played a variety of music in the atrium of Tesco and M & S on Sunday 24 June for a second time. Their aim is to raise funds for the band (a registered charity) and B & W Charities. The event was certainly helped with our Rotary publicity.

The programme included Chariots of Fire and Spartikiade (composed for Berlin Olympics), English Folk music and selections from James Bond movies and Jesus Christ Superstar.

The passing audience were impressed with their standard and because of their success the band has been invited to appear again on SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER along with our Rotary Club.

David Rose

A serious guide to fixing your own computer



**No grandad, just
listen!
Press the F1 key.**

Computers can be very frustrating but there are a few simple rules you can follow to solve most of them. Please keep this list handy near your computer.

RULE 1 – Read The Manual (RTM). All computers/printers/broadband devices/programs etc. come with some form of instructions or help file, usually on the installation disc. You MUST read these before calling for help. If there is any part of the manual you don't understand, type the offending phrase into Google and someone, somewhere will have explained it. You wouldn't expect to be able to play a musical instrument without a lot of effort on your part and the same goes for computers.

Rule 2 – See rule 1. **AGAIN.** I'm really not kidding!

Reboot – In case of a serious fault, **ALWAYS** try shutting down and restarting making sure that you restart any external devices as well. This includes your broadband router/modem. In the case of BT routers, there is a tiny hole into which you can stick a straightened paperclip to reset it.

Can't get onto the Internet – If all the leads are in place and the power is on to the external modem/router and you've reset your modem/router, phone your provider to see if there are any faults in the area. If you have a neighbour with broadband, ask them to check on your provider's website. In some cases, anti-virus programs can develop faults and stop email/internet contact. If in doubt, type your fault description into Google.

Computer running slow – Download the free program ‘ccleaner’ and run it. You can get this from <http://download.cnet.com/windows/> (where you can choose between AVG Free Anti-Virus, Ccleaner and other stuff) but read the instructions first and find out how to download and use it. If you stopped reading at the phrase ‘download the free program’ because you don’t know how to download - see Rule 1.

My hard disc failed and I’ve lost all my data – Did you make backups? If not, you’ve lost all your data. Invest in an external hard drive or, at the very least, copy important documents to a memory stick. If you don’t know how to do this, type ‘copying files to an external device’ into Google.

I’ve got a strange message on my screen – Type it into Google and see what other people are saying. The chances are 99.99999% that someone else has had the same message.

My printer isn’t working – Is it connected/switched on? Have you bought cheap inks, are they fitted correctly? HP printers are fairly forgiving of cheaper cartridges (although the print quality will not be as good), Canon are less so and Epson shouldn’t have anything but their own cartridges within a hundred light years.

I’m writing a document/email etc and don’t know how to —At the top of the keyboard are a row of function keys, press F1 and a help box will appear. Type a description of what you want to do into that and press the Enter (Return) key to finish.

I've received an attachment in an email and can't open it
– The chances are that you don't have the correct program to open it but look for the three or four letter extension (.pdf, .docx etc) and type into Google 'Why can't I open files of type xxx'

Keep ALL documentation and discs safely—When you dispose of an item, get rid of these too.

And finally - SEE RULE 1

And if all else fails – See Rule 2

These are all real answers to real problems and will solve most of your computer faults.

Remember

- Microsoft NEVER ring you up and tell you that there's a fault on your computer.
- Nigerians do NOT want to give you lots of money.
- If an email has an attachment and it looks suspicious, don't open it, just delete it.
- Empty the 'Deleted Items' folder regularly.

Gordon

Handover 27th June



Proceedings began in traditional Rotary fashion with a delay in both first and second courses. Michael took the opportunity to tell us about his adventures trying to see the Olympic Torch, and it transpires that several members went to significant lengths to see a candle in the rain. In a departure from the norm, Vida was not first for pudding.

After coffee the meeting proper

got underway with the transfer of the President's chain from Bob Stevenson to Brian Dougal. Following the expected words from each, it fell to the officers and committee chairmen to set out their stalls, so to speak.

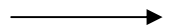
Sue, as chairman of Membership, declared herself quite excited at the prospect of trying to increase numbers by 10%, with the emphasis on younger new members (under 50), without neglecting the talents of older members. As Vice-president she said she had lots to learn, but was confident of help from colleagues.

There was no handover of the treasurer's badge, as Gill was away, and the badge wasn't around either. The secretary's badge was passed from Brian to Michael, who promptly reverted to treasurer mode and told us that £6,500 was on its way to St. Anne's Hospice.

John Thewlis was next on his feet as chairman of Ways and Means. He looked back to the Duck Race, which though very successful, raises relatively little money for a great deal of effort. Nonetheless, there is no question of suspending it as it publicises Rotary so very effectively. That other great publicity-earner, the Christmas float, was also mentioned: the trailer needs a lot of work to renovate it, but we have a fair bit of cash to do it.

I then reread my "mission statement" for the Community Services committee, and was later rebuked, quite correctly, by David Walker, for neglecting to mention the efforts of our very own volunteer Fire Prevention Officers.

David Rose, of International and Foundation, announced that he was trying to get a matching grant for our donation to the Uganda enterprise championed by Sue P and Gill. The objective is to train villagers in the crafts of sewing and knitting so that they may increase their income. Da-



vid also mentioned Alan's on-going efforts for Vision Aid Overseas, and said that he was also hoping to set up a local peace forum before going to the international one in Berlin later this year.

Next, Ian Dobson gave a commendably concise resume of his on-going communication activities, followed by Vida's substitution for Caroline of Club Services - she was even briefer.

The last chairman to speak was John Sykes of Social, who confirmed the dates of Charter Night (12.9.12 at the Deanwater) and President's Night on 8.3.13, also at the Deanwater. Also mooted was a Thai banquet suggested by Jan Hubbard. Other ideas for social events are very welcome. President Brian commented that we should have a progressive supper this year, after years of discussing it.

Finally, we welcomed governor nominee Derek Newman of Manchester Breakfast. He gave a well-rounded view of district's current position, representing both Robert Strachan, the DG elect, and Mr Tanakas the new RI President. This year's motto is "Peace through service", although two clubs will be doing no such thing: both Wythenshawe and Didsbury clubs have closed. District 1050 will however continue for a handful more years as the threat of amalgamation is lifted.

Harry

What Rotary Isn't

It isn't a religious, political, or nationalistic organisation. It in no way interferes with the men and women members' religious, political, or other beliefs. There are Rotary clubs in most countries of the world and as Rotarians we recognise there is far more that makes us all alike and that the differences between us are really insignificant.

Rotary isn't some kind of secret society. There are no secret handshakes or the like. We welcome visitors. Rotary clubs are a bunch of like-minded people united in their desire to make a difference in their community and the world.

It isn't a social club, although strong fellowship is a key component that unites the club in its projects. Members are expected to make a contribution to the life of the club, to the extent that they are able. Rotary offers plenty of scope for members' initiatives and for the promotion of their concern for the community at large.

Rotary isn't "an old boys club" dominated by an established group of cronies. It is intentionally structured to offer leadership opportunities to all its members and it actively encourages diversity and recognises it as a strength.

The above article was written by a member of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Olive

A lesson in manufacturing

A toothpaste factory had a problem: they sometimes shipped empty boxes, without the tube inside. This was due to the way the production line was set up, and people with experience in designing production lines will tell you how difficult it is to have everything happen with timings so precise that every single unit coming out of it is perfect 100% of the time. Small variations in the environment (which can't be controlled in a cost-effective fashion) mean you must have quality assurance checks smartly distributed across the line so that customers all the way down to the supermarket don't get pissed off and buy another product instead.

Understanding how important that was, the CEO of the toothpaste factory got the top people in the company together and they decided to start a new project, in which they would hire an external engineering company to solve their empty boxes problem, as their engineering department was already too stretched to take on any extra effort.

The project followed the usual process: budget and project sponsor allocated, RFP, third-parties selected, and six months (and £8 million) later they had a fantastic solution — on time, on budget, high quality and everyone in the project had a great time. They solved the problem by using high-tech precision scales that would sound a bell and flash lights whenever a toothpaste box would weigh less than it should. The line would stop, and someone had to walk over and yank the defective box out of it, pressing another button when done to re-start the line.

A while later, the CEO decides to have a look at the ROI of the project: amazing results! No empty boxes ever shipped out of the factory after the scales were put in place. Very few customer complaints and they were gaining market share. "That's some money well spent!" — he says, before looking closely at the other statistics in the report.

It turns out, the number of defects picked up by the scales was 0 after three weeks of production use. It should've been picking up at least a dozen a day, so maybe there was something wrong with the report. He filed a bug against it, and after some investigation, the engineers come back saying the report was actually correct. The scales really weren't picking up any defects, because all boxes that got to that point in the conveyor belt were good.

Puzzled, the CEO travels down to the factory, and walks up to the part of the line where the precision scales were installed.

A few feet before the scale, there was a £20 desk fan, blowing the empty boxes off of the belt and into a bin.

"Oh, that," says one of the workers — "one of the guys put it there 'cause he was tired of walking over every time the bell rang".

4th July - Committees

And so it began....President Brian's (it has a lovely ring to it??) first meeting with the important announcement that Andy Murray had got through to the semis. Hopefully PB will have a more successful run. After Rev. John despatched grace we gorged on the usual feast and, as usual, some more than others.

Caroline, the 1st of the new committee chairmen, gave guests and visitors and noted many had returned from holidays. Bob our ex pressy defied one of our more stupid traditions by turning up and announced yet another quaint tradition of the presentation of a Paul Harris gong to the current pressy's partner Jan, who should wear it at all times except in the shower as the gold quality is not guaranteed. We were treated to the history of this honour which I won't bore you with.

Vida gingerly stuck her head up above the parapet to suggest that we should give up on the annual BBQ as so many members don't attend, 16 at the last count. This did not seem to go down well and John Sykes offered some wise words which I forget. The demise of Didsbury and Wythenshawe Clubs was mentioned contrasting with the undoubted success of our mother club Poynton which raised £20,000 and got 14 new members at their recent Brass and Take That event, despite the non-attendance of B&W.

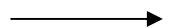
After the break and some very earnest committee discussions, or so it seemed, well it was the first meeting, we found President Brian on his front foot with a new member to induce, sorry induct. Peter what's his name (Caroline couldn't remember either after 3 attempts and she introduced him) duly joined making us 39 and is very welcome as, unusually, he offered to work very hard on Club business.

And so to Committee reports:

Sue felt that we were doing quite well on membership with 39 members of whom 7 are females(18%). Our target is 10% or four new members per year. She noted that most new members come from personal contact and was considering holding an open evening.

Treasurer Gill had not had a handover from Michael who was still in charge of the books (last seen heading for Wales with the money) which amounts to £1100 in the General account and £3200 in the Charity account. I hope he's not going to spend it on Welsh whiskey- awful stuff. Gill noted that subs of £95 were now due.

John T. our Ways and Means supremo went one better than Gill in that he announced he had nothing what so ever planned but had found the float, naked!



Harry continued the theme in his new Community Service capacity, by saying that in answer to a question from Cheadle Hulme School about the Youth Speaks Competition, he knew nothing, nor for that matter did his predecessor Vida. We have been contacted to contribute to the £42,000 fund to renovate the Parkside play area. Harry was supported in his view that we should contribute in kind provided the residents run the show. Otherwise the equipment would quickly find its way to the scrappy. Tony, fresh from the district Young Designer competition challenged Harry to get Bramhall High involved next year.

David R. speaking on International said the Uganda grant was going through. The concert plan was well underway, the plan to be to hold it as a memorial to Bob Batty with the funds going to his preferred water projects. Geoff offered to support David on the new RI's project, Future Vision, not that either had a clue what it was about. No doubt all will be revealed at the meeting on 24th November.

Ian updated us on communications and Caroline reminded us that apologies had to be sent by lunchtime Tuesday for each meeting. She will be submitting numbers early in the afternoon. On no account should Club members telephone the Club with a late change.

John S. quickly announced the social programme. Charter Night would be 12th September, parliament visit 12th November and a crown green bowling night would be held on the 5th Wednesday in August.

David Rose won the raffle and the meeting was dangerously close to finish on time, a triumph for our new pressy, when our resident S@A, Harry took forever to fine everyone, despite all the practice he has had in recent weeks. Just goes to show old dogs can't learn new tricks!!

Bruce (the younger)

Quotes

“It's not the employer who pays wages – he only handles the money. It's the product that pays wages”

Henry Ford

“When I was young I thought that money was the most important thing in life;
now that I'm old, I know it is”

Oscar Wilde

11th July Visit of the District Governor



A good turnout for the second week running with just a few on holiday and Jim Thomas entertaining a Japanese visitor. Our speaker was the incoming District Governor, Robert Strachan, who was duly welcomed.

Vida held a bric-a-brac sale in Woodford on July 7th and raised £160, £110 of this was given to Rotary and £50 to the Church.

David Rose reported that £500 had been received from District for the Ugandan project to match the £500 which council agreed to provide. This will be used for knitting and sewing machines and training to enable the community to become self-sufficient.

DG Strachan started his talk stating the purpose was to “get to know one another” and offered notes around the members to pose questions at the end of the talk. The main points of his talk can be summarised as:-

- His attendance at the week-long International Assembly in Santiago for new District governors.
- He reported that our Club handover showed some very good results with excellent targets and a good pat on the back all round
- The future of District 1050 has had a stay of execution for a while and will not be re-districted. The ultimate plan is to reduce the Districts from 29 down to 22/20 with a membership of 2500/2700 per district target membership.
- Help would be given to obtain Rotary Foundation Grants and encouraged to apply, there is plenty of money available.
- We have enough points stacked up for 14 Paul Harris fellowships in the club, suggest we look outside the club for a local celebrity to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

Several members asked questions mainly about the difficulty encountered when trying to access matching grants and a lively debate followed. Brian thanked DG Strachan for the Q&A session and his candour.

John Thewlis reported that the Christmas float has been stripped down to the bare essentials but it is going to need a lot of work and suggested a club project to get it ready in time for Christmas. Tony Burch will produce a works list for members to offer their particular skill. He also asked if any members knew of a hard-standing with a roof and electricity

supply where the work on the float could be carried out. The turkey shed has proved to be unsuitable and impractical.

Ian Dobson suggested the float could be used at other times and could be marketed for use by other fetes, parades or Rose Queen galas etc There were two bottles of wine for the raffle as Jim donated one from his non –attendance at the BBQ. Trevor won one and duly handed it the DG and Vida the other.

Ian Dobson as Sergeant at Arms fined everyone alphabetically from the member list !

Meeting closed at 10.40pm.

Gill

Received from Francis House Hospice



18th July Brian and Jan's job talks.



Today's meeting featured a BOGOF, a toofer, a double act, as both Brian Dougal and Jan Edmonds gave us their job talks. Knowing only too well the attention span of the average club member, they cleverly interleaved their stories, and made lavish use of Powerpoint to keep our interest.

Jan led off with her schooldays at a school for repressed girls, run by the Sisters of Mercy, who did not live up to their name. At the earliest opportunity she left and headed south, to learn the Scouse version of French in Marseille.

Meanwhile, Brian went to a single-sex school in South Shields, passed his motorcycle driving test at an amazingly young age and worked hard enough to get to Sheffield University. There his interests included girls and beer, with little time for anything else, it seems. His description of university life brought back many happy, and some cringe-making memories to your correspondent.

Jan's first career was in aviation, but not as a "Trolley Dolly". Nonetheless, she had many anecdotes from that time, particularly the one about the King of Tonga needing a fork lift truck to hoist him via the cargo hold to his double seat. And they say Americans are fat! It was then that she met and married a pilot and gave birth to her daughter, the "Child from Hell". I didn't like to tell her that I had four like that! But, in the way of these things, her daughter is now a happily married speech therapist with a son of her own. Eventually Jan had to go back to work, and eventually found herself back in France, in the far more genteel Loire valley, managing a holiday park.

Brian joined Hewlett-Packard after uni, and he referred to the company as Bill and Dave, the forenames of the eponymous founders. A "wonderful job", it took him around the world. Sadly, the company was bought out and asset-stripped, leaving Brian with no real job, so he left and set up Bramhall Photographic, which he still runs.

Jan eventually tired of baguettes and frog's legs and now works here dealing in property.

The routine bits of the meeting featured Vida auctioning a mug which celebrated Hyde club's 50th anniversary, and later asking for a joiner. Ian as usual could brag about another picture in the local paper. (Well done that man!) Henry was the raffle winner, and John Meeus as S@A calmly and efficiently took 50p off everyone present.

Harry

Perhaps what we have all suspected—the brains of football:

"My parents have always been there for me, ever since I was about 7" -

David Beckham

"I would not be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league." - **Mark Viduka**

"Alex Ferguson is the best manager I've ever had at this level. Well, he's the only manager I've actually had at this level. But he's the best manager I've ever had." - **David Beckham**

"If you don't believe you can win, there is no point in getting out of bed at the end of the day." - **Neville Southall**

"I've had 14 bookings this season - 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable." - **Paul Gascoigne**

"I've never wanted to leave. I'm here for the rest of my life, and hopefully after that as well." - **Alan Shearer**

"I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona " - **Mark Draper**

"You've got to believe that you're going to win, and I believe we'll win the World Cup until the final whistle blows and we're knocked out." - **Peter Shilton**

"I faxed a transfer request to the club at the beginning of the week, but let me state that I don't want to leave Leicester " - **Stan Collymore**

"I was watching the Blackburn game on TV on Sunday when it flashed on the screen that George (Ndah) had scored in the first minute at Birmingham .. My first reaction was to ring him up. Then I remembered he was out there playing." - **Ade Akinbiyi**

"Without being too harsh on David Beckham, he cost us the match." - **Ian Wright**

"I'm as happy as I can be - but I have been happier." - **Ugo Ehiogu**

" Leeds is a great club and it's been my home for years, even though I live in Middlesbrough .." - **Jonathan Woodgate**

"I can see the carrot at the end of the tunnel." - **Stuart Pearce**

"I took a whack on my left ankle, but something told me it was my right." - **Lee Hendrie**

"I couldn't settle in Italy - it was like living in a foreign country." - **Ian Rush**

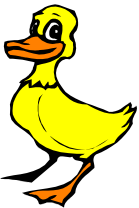
" Germany are a very difficult team to play...they had 11 internationals out there today." - **Steve Lomas**

"I always used to put my right boot on first, and then obviously my right sock." - **Barry Venison**

"I definitely want Brooklyn to be christened, but I don't know into what religion yet." - **David Beckham**

Definitions

1. ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds
2. AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tries to do
3. BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage
4. BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with
5. CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate
6. COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
7. ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living
8. EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist
9. HEROES: What a guy in a boat does
10. LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money
11. MISTY: How golfers create divots
12. PARADOX: Two physicians
13. PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
14. PHARMACIST: A helper on the farm
15. POLARIZE: What penguins see with
16. PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV
17. RELIEF: What trees do in the spring
18. RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife
19. SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does
20. SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a U.S. government official



Duck Stuff

There is still £40 of income we have not yet received, but I believe all will arrive. All costs have been met. Barclays have paid their £2,250 direct to us. On that basis the total income for the duck race was £11,112 and the total costs £3,682 giving a profit of £7,430.

This means the Hospice should get, say, £6,100 (indeed whatever we would like to donate but must be at least £6075), leaving £1,494 for our charity account.

The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.

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
<u>August</u>	<u>Summer break</u>	<u>No blind run</u>
03/09/2012	V Chattington	R Malabon
10/09/2012	H Hill	B Farrow
17/09/2012	N Loveland	J Meeus
24/09/2012	P Richardson	G Hunt
01/10/2012	G Critchley	J Hubbard
08/10/2012	J Sykes	D Rose
15/10/2012	S Preece	B Preece
22/10/2012	D Allport	G Jackson
29/10/2012	D Poizer	D Walker
05/11/2012	V Chattington	R Malabon
12/11/2012	H Hill	B Farrow

Heard about the new National Health pregnancy testing service? It is so popular that there is now a ten month waiting list.

Diary & Job Rota

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

Date	Diary	Speaker Host	Bulletin	Sgt @ Arms
01/08/2012	Committees		T Saville	G Hunt
08/08/2012	JP Hazel Jenkins (J Thomas)	J Hubbard	J Knowles	R Stevenson
15/08/2012	Mystery Object Quiz, June Corner	C Monkhouse	T Burch	J Thomas
22/08/2012	Friends of Gambia	J Sykes	D Rose	N Loveland
29/08/2012	Crown Green Bowling Evening (D Walker)			
05/09/2012	Committees		M Lacey	B Preece
12/09/2012	Charter Night at the Deanwater			
19/09/2012	Dobson/Farrow	S Preece	M Hill	S Davies
26/09/2012	Jackson/Knowles	D Poizer	V Chattington	D Walker
03/10/2012	Committees		D Burstow	R Malabon
10/10/2012	Edmunds/M Hill	J Thewlis	H Hill	M Hill
17/10/2012	Hunt/Hubbard	B Bissell	G Critchley	B Dougal
24/10/2012	Lacey/Loveland	I Dobson	J Edmunds	C Egan
31/10/2012	5th Wed			
07/11/2012	Committees		B Farrow	P Richardson
14/11/2012	Monkhouse/Newsome	J Thomas	A Newsome	J Meeus
21/11/2012	Poizer/B Preece	D Rabone	T Saville	G Hunt
28/11/2012	Meeus/Rabone	B Stevenson	J Hubbard	J Knowles
05/12/2012	Committees		C Monkhouse	D Allport
12/12/2012	Xmas Party			



The barbecue marks the end of Bob's year and the start of Harry's attempts at sartorial splendour



Two new members expand our numbers. A very warm welcome to Maggie & Peter.



Brian with the DG and at handover with Derek Newman DG Nominee. Meanwhile, Bob rubs shoulders with the outgoing DG and Kalyan Banerjee.



Maggie views the sleigh and later, John holds the first piece to be removed. Later still, nothing remains of the outer skin.

