

# Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club



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## Bulletin



A new president (and VP) at Handover with outgoing president Sue and ADG Ray Chapman



The new DG checked up on the new President



Our wonderful trailer served us proud again at the  
Bramhall Festival

Sam Kennedy paid a welcome visit and bought the wine



## *Harry's Homily*

In recent years it has become customary for the President to write a piece in each Bulletin; incumbent upon the incumbent so to speak. This is all very well, but after a grand total of 30 days in post there is not a huge amount of experience to draw on. Nonetheless, a fair amount has been going on, from our part in the Bramhall Festival to the lovely Pippa's leaving party.

Back in the mists of time (in other words, before I joined Rotary) the club organised the Bramhall Festival, relinquishing it when (we are told) the grass at Bramhall Park was more or less ploughed by some Army vehicles which were among the attractions. The Festival has

flickered into life intermittently since then, and this year it was organised in a very short period of time by Wendy Green, whom many of you will remember from her visit to the club earlier in the year. Our roles involved helping to erect and dismantle marquees and gazebos on the lawns of Hillbrook Grange where a free tea party for older residents of Bramhall took place. Despite unrelenting rain the occasion was a great success and is likely to be repeated next year. Several doughty Rotarians were on duty to direct traffic and escort some of the more infirm visitors.

The following day saw Santa's sleigh in action for the very first time in daylight, (almost unrecognisable after Maggie's attentions) as the Festival Princess's carriage, heading the parade through the centre of the village.

All but the latest members of the Club will know the two Pugh sisters, Nicky and Pippa, who, along with their mum Val, have served us at the club for what seems like forever. It's probably only six or seven years in fact, but I have taken a close personal interest in them as both have gone through Manchester Medical School, as I did. Nicky was a student of mine at the Health Centre but Pippa managed to avoid me. Nicky is heading for General Practice and Pippa has just qualified, so they are no longer able to work at the club. It was a great pleasure to present each of them with a delicate pendant in recognition of their work and good humour while dealing with us cantankerous Rotarians. Perhaps not surprisingly, each of them has expressed interest in becoming Rotarians at some time in the future.

Looking ahead, we have Dragons' Den, the Mediterranean Dinner and Concert, Charter Night, and the Fashion Show in the next three months or so. Work will continue on the Victorian Rock Garden in Bramhall Park, and if I have any say in the matter, will extend to the Walled Garden. This though is a large scale project which will need to involve many local community groups and businesses, and as yet is in the earliest of planning stages. If we can pull it off it will put Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club in the heart of the Park and Hall, and I can think of no better place for us to be.

We have an outstanding Club and I am privileged to be President of it. I strongly feel the best is yet to come.

## Committees 4<sup>th</sup> June

Harry stepped up to the plate in Sue's absence due to an eye infection incurred on holiday.

Walter Thomas from Poynton Rotary was welcomed. From the apologies it appeared that everyone was in Wales apart from John Sykes who was in France.

Various matters were brought up ahead of the reports from the Committees namely:-

It was agreed that the crisps and chocolate left over from the duck race would be donated to the Together Trust

Julie and Mark Sweeting are organising a charity curry night at Amans in Bramhall on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July , four courses for £15

Harry requested further details from anyone who knew about the scout troop who requested something similar to the old "bob a job" ?

Harry reported on Henry Barker's funeral on June 3<sup>rd</sup> which was very well received apart from there not being a toast to Henry with his favourite tippie of red wine. This was put right with all members toasting our dear departed friend in the manner he would have approved of!

Walter Thomas from Poynton spoke briefly, sending regards from Gerald Scriven the President and updating us on the progress of the club. Their membership numbers are increasing and they are keen to recruit younger members.

## Committees

Vice Chairman      nothing to report.

Secretary            nothing to report

Treasurer

Reported a profit of circa £16.5K from the duck race. This includes the donation of £5000 from Barclays and £3000 from Mosely Jarman. It is proposed to split this in the ration of 40:40:20 to Walthew House, Beacon Counselling and ourselves. There is still more money to come in and some to go out but shouldn't alter the total profit too much. £1378 had been received from HMRC as Gift Aid. General account remains healthy and it was formally announced that there would be no increase in the subscriptions for the forthcoming year.

### Ways and Means

A few complaints were received from the duck race. The parking at the hall was a bit of a disaster as the scouts didn't turn up. The Park and Ride scheme generally worked very well but there were some complaints that the bus stop was not in the place printed on the leaflets.

Bob was thanked for his efforts in making the day a great success. The next event on the horizon is the Fashion show at the Deanwater on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Same routine as before but this time with party theme.

### Community Service

Tony, Dennis and Bob went to Worsley who've run the Dragon's Den event several times, it was decided to postpone this until the end of September.

Ron to organise work on the Woodford footpath in the next few weeks

### International

Our international evening next week needs a few more Rotarians to attend as the numbers were looking a bit low., partners were invited. Michael reminded the members that you make Donations to Foundation in small amounts. It was suggested that this topic was revisited as a lot of newer members were unaware.

### Communication

Feedback again from the bus was very good with many commenting on the cheeriness of the driver. Choir competition went down well and it is hoped that it will be repeated next year. Front page coverage of the event in Stockport Express and Times and on the front cover of Inside Bramhall. The Facebook Page was also doing well as was the website. There was reference to the printer which ran out of ink before it was due but Gordon has this in hand and there is nothing wrong with the printer

### Social

In the absence of any members – nothing to report

### Club

The diary is looking good but July 23<sup>rd</sup> is now free. It was suggested that a duck race debriefing and a talk on Foundation should fill that slot.

Brian fined all and sundry for various misdemeanours.

Meeting closed on the dot of 10.30pm

**Gill**

## 11th June International Evening

Six students were conveyed to our meeting by the Bramhall Community Bus. Each student was assigned to one of our number to host them and make them feel welcome. I am sure we all succeeded judging by the volume of conversation. Our international content had a further addition of Dev arriving just as the meal was about to be served so that seven nations were represented.

John Knowles introduced us all to Russell Shaw, a guest of Harry and named all the wives who were present and told us of the whereabouts of our absent Rotorians

After a break between serving the first course and the second course arriving no doubt to aid our digestion, Chris Monkhouse introduced and welcomed our guests from the International Society. He hoped that they had enjoyed our food and invited them to tell us a little about themselves



The first student to speak was Stephane Nzomo from Cameroon. He is studying at Salford University doing an M.Sc. in Procurement. He told us some details of his home and his main interests which included humanitarian assistance and international development

The second speaker was Mirzo Hakimov from Tadjikistan

and he is studying for an M.A. in Terrorism and Security Studies and we wish him good luck to bring peace to that region of the world.

Next came Nhien Thuy from Vietnam. She is studying Nursing and hopes to teach others at home about



nursing.

Roberti Molina from Chile he spoke very confidently and is studying Hospitality and Tourism Management and recommended us to visit his country which has an amazing variety of climate and scenery.



Up come Reuben Barbera from Spain. He is studying English and he hopes to obtain a job here as he says

things are very bad at the moment in Spain.

Finally Boryana Pashova from Bulgaria Her interests are in Film Studies and she is uncertain what she will do after she has qualified but she is happy just to enjoy life at the moment.

They all spoke very good English and answered various questions put to them by our members.

Michael Lacey then gave a short talk concerning Rotary and its aims and about Rotary Foundation

Sue then closed the meeting as 10.30



was fast approaching and the students had to be taken back to whence they came. The evening seemed to have been a great success and I am sure we will repeat the exercise once again in the not too distant future.

**Vida**



# **Duck Race 2014 debrief and club feedback**

## **18th June**

Everyone agreed that once again it had been a very successful fund raiser. Success was also due to the good weather and that it was now a well-established annual event in the community.

It was agreed that this year's special attractions, the Choir and the Bake off competition should be continued and developed for next year as they were well received, and the choir especially brought in lots of extra visitors.

The sponsorship from Barclays and Mosley Jarman made a big difference to the net profit on the event, lots of thanks to Bruce and Ian for their efforts engaging these companies. Barclays bank sent 5 volunteers so we should get £5000 from them.

The sales of giant ducks exceeded everyone's expectations this year, most shops in Bramall Village purchased one, we even had people ringing up concerned that they had been missed out. The sales frenzy was mainly due to Maggie which we all commend her for. Duck Ticket sales - problem with ASDA this year, they double booked the space.

Handforth Dean – It proved difficult to get sales but lots of brochures given out.

Woodford Park – people seemed to be more generous.

Bob Preece reported that over all pre ticket sales were very good, but down on last year.

£1291 sold on the day which was excellent. This may have been a different story however if the weather had been bad on the day of the event. It is therefore still considered essential to sell the majority of the tickets post event.

Shuttle bus – no proper indication of how many people used the bus, but the overall opinion was that it was worth doing if only to meet some of the council's traffic management concerns. Feedback was that the bus driver was magic!

Bob P suggested that next year the bus runs only from Bramall Vil-



lage to the park. He feels that the main reason it was under used was because people didn't know about it.

John Meeus – had the job this year of meeting the stall holders as they arrived and agreeing the location. He reported that this job needs to be done by two people next year as one person needs to communicate with the stall holder as they drive in and the other person needs to ensure that they site their stall in the correct place. This year many of them pitched their stall where they preferred!

Public car parking- The Scouts didn't turn up this year to manage the parking. It was agreed that there should be better communication next year.

Cold Drink sales – We ran out of all cold drinks long before the end of day. Agreed that we buy more next year as long as they are on sale or return.

Bric a Brac Stall – Vida reported that she feels, taking into account all the effort involved in collecting, storing and transporting the items to and from the event, the financial rewards are not that great and therefore we should not do it again next year.

The Fun fare bought us in an excellent amount of cash. £900.

Suggestion that next year we organise getting the nettles close to the river cut back as this year it was difficult for the children to see the ducks.

Access off Bramall Lane South – Apparently we are in dispute over the cost of the Stop go Man!

Everyone agreed that John from the gulf club who drove the garter and lifted and shifted all day, was a huge help and should get some form of recognition.

Programme- It was agreed that every year we underestimate what a huge job it is to compile the Programme. Abby did a great job under pressure, but next year its needs to be done by more than one person.

**Caroline**

## DUCK RACE DEBRIEF 2014

### Income breakdown

		£	
<b>Duck ticket sales</b>	Bramall Hall Easter	137	
	ASDA	319	(last year 586)
	Woodford	639	(last year 1097)
	Handforth Dean	998	(last year 1198)
	Club and charities	640	
	On the day	<u>1,291</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,024</b>	
<b>Large Ducks</b>	profit on sales	866	
	Tote	<u>712</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,578</b>	
<b>Stalls</b>	Small stalls	1,120	
	Fair	915	
	Bouncy castle	401	
	Special Edge	340	
	Mr Whippy	400	
	Peter Croome	<u>150</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,326</b>	
<b>Rotary Games, Stalls and Car park</b>	Peter's stall	41	
	Splat the Rat	47	
	Bran Tub	75	
	Treasure Hunt	75	
	T shirts	77	
	Balls in bucket	100	
	Can Toppling	126	
	Book stall	104	
	Bric a brac	219	
	Candy floss/ginger bread	421	
	Drinks stall (profit)	326	
	Car park	<u>207</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,821</b>	
<b>Sponsors</b>	Duck Race s	800	
	Mosley Jarman	3,000	
	Barclays	<u>5,000</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,800</b>	
	<b>Total Duck Race Income (not profit)</b>	<b>£19,549</b>	

Approx. £3,000 costs to come off this figure.

Bob Preece  
18.06.14.

## Cheque Presentation 25th June

President Sue started with her usual warm welcome including our guests Kathryn Sheldon & James Harper. Sid was then invited to say Grace - in English!

John Sykes reminded us that the President's barbecue is this Sunday & he appealed for help with the catering - namely provision of salads & `afters`, thankfully enough volunteers came forward! He then reminded those who had not yet paid to `cough up`!

Vida then read out the list of apologies - holidays mainly, including apologies from Nick Mosley & someone from Barclays who had meant to be with us.

John M then offered some interesting postage stamps to collectors - I didn't notice who took them!

Harry then appealed (again!) for help with the Victorian Rock Garden at Bramall Hall on Saturday morning & he reminded helpers to park in the `Walled Garden` just past the cafe. He went on to ask for help at the Tea Party at Hillbrook Grange on 4th July, & reminded us that it will be a free `do` with tea, coffee, buns etc all free! After sitting down, Harry then remembered to tell us that strawberries & cream would also be available & he asked us all to spread the word & encourage people of `that age` to come to the event.

We then had the usual mouth-watering food! Well done Lorraine & team!



On our return from the coffee break Sue formally introduced our guest speakers - Kathryn Sheldon from Walthew House & James Harper from Beacon Counselling. Kathryn then took stage & con-

gratulated us all on the success of the Duck Race then gave us an insight in to the history of Walthew House & the activities they provide for people with sight or hearing problems - apparently it has been in existence for over 100 years! She gave particular thanks to Henry who had been a great help over his years.

James then did likewise for Beacon Counselling & he started by thanking individual Rotarians for their help - he listed Sue, Bruce B, Gordon, Ian, Trevor, Ron plus others whose names I didn't catch I'm afraid! He told us that they help over 1500 people per year, some of whom are suicidal. They also help at schools where needed. He also told us that the counsellors were mostly volunteers (60) & they have 8 paid specialists. Sue then presented Kathryn & James with LARGE cheques (about 2ft by 1ft !) each for £6,400. (they were advised not to present the big ones to their banks!)

Sergeant at Arms Alan N then made us all pay up £1 each - mostly for just being there!

Sue then (almost tearfully) asked us to join her in the toast to Rotary for her last time as President. John T then followed that with a toast to Sue, then someone (I didn't catch who) proposed a toast to Henry.

The meeting closed at 10.26pm

**Peter**



Ray & Julie

## *New Mobile Charges*

The new EU roaming charge cap introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July is a welcome move. New figures published today by Which? show that nearly one in six people have experienced a mobile phone bill shock after returning from a holiday in the last year.

Under the new rules the maximum charge for outgoing calls, excluding VAT, will be 19 cents per minute, six cents for outgoing text messages and 20 cents for a MB download of data.

However, the new caps only apply when you use a mobile within the EU. Nearly half of mobile users who have been abroad in the last 12 months said they didn't know that the price caps don't apply to the whole of Europe.

If you're travelling further afield you could still suffer from bill shock on your return, unless you plan beforehand.

But one thing you can do is to turn off data roaming on your phone or tablet. Look up your model on the internet before you travel to find out how to do this. It will stop the automatic downloads of updates, which can really cause a huge bill.

Then find out about data roaming bundles or buy a local SIM when you arrive abroad for cheap-rate calls.

Ofcom, the regulator, has made a series of helpful videos explaining how to avoid racking up bills. Go to

[Consumers.ofcom.org.uk/2013/03/how-to-mobile-guides/](http://Consumers.ofcom.org.uk/2013/03/how-to-mobile-guides/).

## **Committee and Club assembly Night 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Food being earlier than usual was taken shortly after John K said Grace (or was it a plea for strength for the coming year). Vida welcomed our Guest Ray Chapman with his wife Julie and relayed various excuses for absence. Sue exercised her prerogative and led the way for the meal. Between courses, Abida advised all (9) puppies are doing well. Vida mentioned she was a bit miffed about Geoff's comments on her driving, and then thanked those involved for the support for the gardening group

at the Hall – Harry advised there would be another working party in the next two weeks.

After Dinner, Sue thanked all in the club for their support over the time of her presidency and then passed the chain of office to Harry for the coming year who then thanked Sue for all her hard work. In turn Harry passed on the vice presidents chain to Gill. After Coffee, new Committee heads were asked to outline their plans for the year ahead

**Harry – President**

Develop work started by Sue to forge closer ties with other clubs

Interact with local businesses

Encourage committees to enlist help as appropriate from all members of the club

Encourage youth development

**Gill – Vice president and membership**

Ensure her role as Vice Girl and Future Madam is not misinterpreted

Increase membership – some plans are partially formed

**Bob – Ways and Means**

Build on Duck Race success and expand use of volunteers

Run a fashion show

Christmas Float with help from Ex Round Tablers

Christmas Collection

**Ron – Community Service**

Continue to support Walthew House with 'Blind Run' and clerical duties

Complete footpath commitments

Run Dragons Den event – a good one for partners to attend

Expand Youth development

Support Mercian post operational service

**John T – International and Foundation**

Introduce more speakers on how Rotary can interact with International projects

Develop International Toast

Continue contact with Kasese and Winchester RC

Increase number of members contributing regularly to Foundation

**Ian** – Communications

Intention to increase use of social media and web site  
Further raise community awareness of what Rotary do

**John K** – Club services

Continue to bring interesting speakers  
Refrain from raising meal costs  
Emphasised used of Apologies

**Social** – (In Brian's absence)

Ensure we have a jolly good time  
Organise Charter Night/Christmas dinner and Presidents drinks  
– dates TBA

Presidents night 13<sup>th</sup> March TBC

Summer Barbecue 28<sup>th</sup> June TBC

**Roy Chapman** brought best wishes of his own club and the new DG. He praised Sue for her year in office and spoke of the happy nature of our club. His wishes for the year to come are broadly the same as outlined by our committees. He spoke of 'Light Up Rotary' and chastised our new President for not wearing the tie he had been given!!!. Also spoke of changes being implemented with the District approach to Youth and suggested we might like to invite Rota-ract to come and speak to us of their current thinking/action

**S@A** David Rabone fined the Beauty and the Beasts and let the rest of us off

**AOB**

Michael requested membership fees (£110) by the end of the month – either electronically or by cheque

Harry reminded all of the Tea party at Hillbrook Grange Friday, meeting at 1.30 and asked for some people to stay after 6.to help clear up

Fundraiser by the Mill at Amans 17<sup>th</sup> July

Pippa's leaving party 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Ladybridge club starting 7.30

The meeting close a little late at 10.38 – draw your own conclusions as to the reason.

**Trevor**



***From one of the attendees at the afternoon tea party at Hillbrook Grange. See photos at the back.***

Hello Wendy

The Tea Party

I had such a good time at the Tea Party today. It was evident that many people had worked very hard to make the event seem so effortless. I had my nails done, my make up attended to, enjoyed my scones with cream and jam and strawberries, and loved, loved, loved the entertainment and dancing.

Really I think I must make special mention of the scholars from Bramhall High School; they were a credit to their establishment. Their conduct and consideration for we elderlies was exemplary and their own enjoyment was palpable; and that makes all the difference to others' enjoyment. I think one of my highlights was this: I know a lady called Maewynne, in her nineties, dependent on a walking/sitting contraption. I saw her, we started dancing, in a fashion; a young man called Dan, heavens his Mum and Dad can be proud of him, came and joined us and then he conscripted two more friends. Maewynne had the time of her life. It was so lovely.

It was a shame about the weather, but hey, we're in England in July, let's make our own sunshine with smiles and get over it.

You and your colleagues can be very proud of your achievement. Thank you.

Warm Regards

Fran (daft pink hat! Well, we very nearly had a Garden Party)

## Jaipur Limbs 9th July

A very good turn out this week with 32 members and guests.



Vida read out names of guests including Keith Paver, the speaker for the evening, Andrew Turnbull, prospective new member brought by Gill, Sheila Thompson guest of President Harry and Oriane Stephenson followed by list of absentees who seemed to be in various parts of the continent.

Past past President Brian announced a theatre night although he was not sure of the performance, the date or the theatre. When prompting one of his team to go into details the reply was that he had not passed on the information!!!!

At the last Council Meeting it was decided to abolish the position and duties of Sgt @ Arms This was to be replaced by a standing raffle whereby each member would be allocated a number which would be selected by a RNG process which stands for Random Number Generator. This a high tech piece of equipment which consists of a draw string bag with a set of numbers in it, presumably up to a 100 to allow for vast increase in membership, imported from China at vast expense. A number would be drawn and the corresponding member would receive a freebie the following week or the next time he or she attends (poor Dev). For this innovative idea the dinner cost would go up to £12 per week.

John Sykes introduced the speaker Keith Paver, a long time member of Rotary serving many years on District and in particular on the Jaipur Limb Project. Apparently about one per cent of the population of India suffer the loss of at least one limb but mostly legs and feet. He showed a typical prosthetic foot, although quite crude in some respects, it looked like a foot and virtually acted like a foot. It was made out of rubber, wood and nylon webbing and took a day to make and cost about £40. Also

a prosthetic leg made from plastic which had the same shape as a human leg rather than a straight limb of the type fitted in the nineteenth century with the cup shape at the top formed to fit each individuals stump below the knee. A full length leg is available but further research is ongoing to produce something as fundamental and efficient as the artificial lower limb. The prosthetic hand which required mechanical movement was in the form of a four 'fingered' grip with two opposing 'fingers' forming a clamp which enabled the user to write and use simple tools at a cost of some £50. All limbs are made in a black white and brown finish.

Most of the designs were produced by an engineer who had suffered an extreme accident which required several months of surgery and physiotherapy during which time he studied the fundamental movement of the legs and hands in their simplest form and designed and developed the cheap format for manufacture.

The Jaipur Limb Project was set up, some thirty years ago, by a Rotarian from Guildford who went to Jaipur to take stock of the situation and came back to UK not, with the intention of manufacture, but to raise money for the institution of an organised, research, development and for the manufacture of the prosthetic limbs. A mark of his success is that it now raises some £110,000 per annum to that end.

There followed a short DVD, part factual part acted. The acted part was of a farmer herding his sheep across a railway line in front of an oncoming train, the sheep crossed safely but he left it a bit late!! However, we presume, he got away with only the loss of one leg. We then saw the factual part of a man, who had actually lost the lower part of one leg, with a very worried look and tears in his eyes, receiving treatment and fitting, from a healing stump to the eventual walking man on 'two' legs, albeit with crutch, returning to his family with a smile on his face.

A very interesting and informative talk about a country where the vast part of the population who, lest fortunate than ourselves enjoying a national health scheme, can receive, albeit basic, replacement of body parts lost by accident and disease

**John Meeus**

## **Apologies**

Please let us know if you are unable to attend a meeting.

There are two ways of notifying us:

1. If you have enough notice, please fill in the apologies book which is available at every meeting
2. Send a short email to [apologies@bwrotary.org.uk](mailto:apologies@bwrotary.org.uk)

**Notification must be by midday on Tuesday or we are charged for the meal and must now pass this cost on.**

Please notify Trevor and Gordon of any changes to personal details

Website: [www.bwrotary.org](http://www.bwrotary.org)

Email to all members (who have email):  
[bwrotary@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bwrotary@yahoogroups.com)

### **Other email addresses:**

Council members (and Gordon): [bwccouncil@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bwccouncil@yahoogroups.com)

Ways & Means Committee: [waysgp@bwrotary.org.uk](mailto:waysgp@bwrotary.org.uk)

Items for inclusion in the Bulletin to Gordon  
(Accompanied by huge amounts of cash)

**Address/telephone details are now held on the members' area of the web site. Paper copies will only be issued when there is a change.**

# *Diary & Job Rota*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Diary</b>	<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Sgt @ Arms</b>
30/07/2014	No meeting 5th Wednesday		No S@A..... Subs now £12 with a weekly draw for your next visit - free
06/08/2014	Committees	N Loveland	
13/08/2014	Roy Bullen - Rotary Community Emergency Support	J Sykes	
20/08/2014	John Thewlis – Psychology of soldiers in WW1	D Rose	
27/08/2014	Trains, Boats but No Planes – Brian & Jan	M Lacey	
03/09/2014	Committees	B Preece	
10/09/2014	Burch/Burstow	S Preece	
17/09/2014	Dragon's Den, Woodford Community Centre	A Jenkins	
24/09/2014	No meeting (Because of International concert)		
25/09/2014	International Concert and food evening		
01/10/2014	Committees	V Chattington	
08/10/2014	Chattington/ Critchley	D Burstow	
15/10/2014	Charter Night		
22/10/2014			
29/10/2014	No meeting (5th Wednesday)		
05/11/2014			
06/11/2014	Fashion Show		

## *Blind Run*

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

Mr & Mrs Marshall, 62 Countess St., Heaviley, SK2 6HD. Tel. 482 4944. Allow plenty of time for Mr Marshall to get in your car.

**Saturday** prior to the Blind Run – Phone Cathy Dennison (just in case), Joan Goodall, Mrs Marshall and confirm they are going – Doing this on Saturday allows time to organise a second car if necessary.

**Monday** – Collect passengers in the order, Cathy, Joan, the Marshalls, to arrive at WH before 1.30pm then on to Our Ladies if required.

Pickup – 3pm at Our Ladies if appropriate, 3.30pm at WH

Let John Sykes know if you get stuck.

**If you cannot do your appointed duty, it is up to you to find a replacement.**

Please carry your mobile phone in case of problems.

Date	Driver
28/07/2014	No Blind Run until 1/9/14
04/08/2014	
11/08/2014	
18/08/2014	
25/08/2014	
01/09/2014	J Meeus
08/09/2014	T Burch
15/09/2014	J Sykes
22/09/2014	D Rose
29/09/2014	D Allport
06/10/2014	B Preece
13/10/2014	A Jenkins

Cathy may not attend very often so we are attempting to organise the run with one driver.

Mr & Mrs Marshall want to go to Walthew House on alternate weeks, the other week they want to go to Our Ladies & the Apostles which is located near Greek Street, so is only a stones throw from WH. The activity at Our Ladies finishes at 3pm, it is run by volunteers and at 3pm all must leave and doors are locked so they must be picked up at 3pm.

# Club Officers and Committees

## 2014—2015

**President—Harry Hill**

**Vice President—Gill Critchley**

**Secretary—Trevor Saville**

**Treasurer—Michael Lacey**

**Club Services—John Knowles**

Jan Edmonds, Vida Chattington,

**International—John Thewlis**

Sid Davies, Chris Monkhouse, David Rose

**Community Service— Ron Malabon**

Sue Preece, Abi Jenkins, John Sykes, Neil Loveland, Bruce Farrow,  
Tony Burch, Alan Newsome

**Ways and Means – Bob Preece**

Maggie Hill, Bob Stevenson, Dennis Allport, Peter Richardson, Pat  
Holmes, David Poizer, David Rabone, Bruce Bissell, David Burstow

**Social— Brian Dougal**

John Meeus, Caroline Egan, Dev Dev

**Communications—Ian Dobson**

Gordon Jackson

**Membership—Gill Critchley**

Geoff Hunt

**Foundation— Michael Lacey**

**District Representatives— John Sykes**

**H&S—David Burstow**

**Child Protection—David Rose**

**Bulletin—Gordon Jackson**



## My computer is running slow

The most common problem that I hear is that a computer has slowed to a crawl and takes forever to do jobs it used to do in moments. A lot of this has to do with the sheer size and complexity of modern programs. In order to offer more facilities and link seamlessly with the Internet (and other programs), programmers have devised ever more baffling ways of giving us what they think we need (or what they think we will pay for).

Every time you browse the Internet, small packets of information called Cookies arrive on your computer to help or track you (often so a page will load faster next time). These together with temporary files used by other programs get left behind and slowly take up more and more space. If you uninstall a program, the chances are that it will leave behind all sorts of rubbish so a periodic purge is needed.

I have used a few free programs that have helped but the ones I now stick with are:

**Cleaner (Piriform)**—Allows you to analyse and then clean all the rubbish from your hard disc. I use two parts of this, the *Cleaner* and the *Registry* (this is a list of everything in your computer and it gets clogged up).

**Spybot Search and Destroy (Safer-Networking)**—Seeks out and gets rid of spyware that tracks your buying habits on the web.

**Glary Utilities 5 (Glarysoft)**—If you are not comfortable messing with too many programs, try the One-Click solution in this program. It's certainly the most efficient I've found. It also allows you to look at and stop any programs that run at start-up (but be careful as some are needed).

**Revo Uninstaller (Revouninstaller)**—The inbuilt Windows uninstaller for getting rid of unwanted programs is, quite frankly, slow and pretty rubbish. This does the job faster and more thoroughly.

All these are free and can be found by Googling the name but be careful to download from either the original site or from a trusted third party like Cnet. Also make sure you read the different bits as they appear during installation to ensure you get the free versions.

**Gordon**

**Here are the answers, and explanations, to last bulletin's crossword.**

An asterisk means that this is a routine cryptic crossword thing.

- 9a. Compiler point, you and I giving founder president (5)
- 10a. Confused Stevenson? Daughters are not allowed in this. (4,5)
- 11a. Hot line went awry giving old stone implement (7)
- 12a. Going forward and backward, and in French after tenth month for group of singers (7)
- 13a. Sandbank this former member with his own accounting firm (5)
- 14a. Our newest member, when deranged, is nearly with it! (6,3)
- 16a. At school and in life we have to do this (5,3,7)
- 19a. Chess player stands before vestibule for London thoroughfare (9)
- 21a. Is mother inside these prayer leaders? (5)
- 23a. While at her door, look inside for tanned animal hide (7)
- 25a. David and Kay are these. (7)
- 27a. Troubled coons died in this Californian town. (9)
- 28a. World organisation before the German is not over (5)
  
- 1d. Last word from Grace (4)
- 2d. Medical member before belonging to us will eat greedily (6)
- 3d. One below fool and over attitude gives help (10)
- 4d. A simple trick he may apply initially to this respiratory disorder (6)
- 5d. Our club runs like this! (8)
- 6d. Sid is one of these (4)
- 7d. Threw ton around and passed by (4,3)
- 8d. Random slope tests for strong supporters (5,5)
- 13d. Harry and past member and bowler David make travelling climber (10)
- 15d. Distrustful (10)
- 17d. Our youngest member caught in quarter provides conformity (8)
- 18d. To rid fauna badly, without fear (8)
- 20d. No doubt Gordon has at least one of these! (6)
- 22d. Aim in cooker for this list (6)
- 24d. Geoff is looking for you (4)
- 26d. One of our many Davids, when ruffled is tender (4)

MEEUS (compiler=me\*, point=E\*, you and I=US)

SONS EVENT (anagram)

NEOLITH (anag hotline)

OCTETTE ( Oct=10th month, ET in French=and)

HURST (Malcom Hurst was member, hurst=sandbank)

ALMOST HEP (anag Pat Holmes)

LEARN OUR LESSONS

WHITEHALL (white is on side in chess\*, hall=vestibule)

IMAMS (mam=mother\*, inside is)

LEATHER (hidden in letter of while at her door)

POIZERS

ESCONDIDO (anag COONS DIED)

UNDER (UN followed by DER {German for the}\*)

AMEN

DEVOUR (Dev followed by our)

ASSISTANCE ( letter i=!\* , under ASS and STANCE)

ASTHMSA (A Simple Trick He May Apply - first letters,)

INFORMAL

CELT

WENT THRO (anag THREW TON, sorry it should have said 4,4)

STEEL POSTS (anag SLOPE TESTS)

HILLWALKER (Harry HILL, David WALKER)

SUSPICIOUS

ABIDANCE (Abida , NE= north East\*, C=caught\* inside NE)

UNAFRAID (anag TO RID FAUNA)

LAPTOP

AGENDA (AGA=cooker, END=aim, inside AGA)

HUNT

SORE (anag of Rose)

## **Visit of DG Alastair Bain July 16,**

21 were present to hear our DG on his annual visit. We were delighted to see Sam Kennedy once again during a visit from RC Crieff. Sam brought with him his gentle version of humour, a club banner and a bottle of wine bearing his club's label!

It was agreed that Michael Lacey should purchase some bingo balls to use in future selections of raffle winners for a free meal. Stockport Speakers Club had given us a cheque for £60 following our loan of gazebos – that was good of them! Peter had become a great grandfather and marked the occasion by providing wine for the meal. Pres. Harry said that Olive Hunt was much better – good news indeed. John Thewlis reminded us of the meal at Ego's on 25 September to be followed by a concert in the Methodist Church. The 2 events will cost £22, the concert alone £6. Profits are to go to British Red Cross. We were also reminded of the forthcoming Dragons' Den on 17 September at the Community Centre, Woodford. Details are now on our website and posters will be used to further publicise the event, as well as Facebook, other websites etc. £5100 will be given away in prizes to charities and good causes.

Michael was to purchase a reusable big cheque for £40. Brian had found a signed soccer ball from Manchester United in his loft (forgotten Rotary property!), which Jan would try and sell to her workmates for a goodly sum hopefully. Members were asked once again to help renovate the rock garden on Bramhall Park, this time on 26 July at 10am.

Our DG reminded us of LIFE IN ROTARY. He enthusiastically championed polio eradication and pointed out the on-going need to attract new members. This led to an enthusiastic and useful discussion about what we get out of Rotary and what would attract new members. Alastair reminded us of District Conference with District 1280 on 24/26 October. This would be the last 1050 Conference before we became part of the new District 1285.

The RIBI Conference in 2015 was to be in Belfast, and the RI Convention in Brazil in 2015 fro 6-9 June.

Chris Monkhouse ended the evening as the penultimate S@A before the role in banished by asking volunteers to pay £1 to tell the club briefly of recent happy events that they had enjoyed, and fined the rest the same amount for being so miserable! Pres. Harry sent us home at 10.35.

## **Dennis**

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### **Are you 'Appy?**

Many of use tablet computers or smart phones as part of our daily lives and these are capable of amazing things when loaded with the right Applications (Apps) so here are a few that our members use:

#### **Dennis uses the following on his iPad:**

BBC NEWS - free

Word Solitaire - free

Chambers dictionary and thesaurus - costs about £6.

(Great for word puzzles and crosswords.)

#### **From Chris:**

Wikipedia

Currency

Times / Sunday Times (Delivered daily to me for, I think, £17 month)

IMDB (All those questions relating to films, trailers, stars, who was in what, bio's etc etc)

Google Maps (Of course!)

Speedtest (Speedtest.net - about the best of the broadband speed testers)

FaceTime (Apple only, use Skype for any other system)

(See family all over the world every few days for free)

YouTube

Expedia (Fantastically useful, wherever you are search for hotels around you, select, book and walk in. I did this in Germany sat in the lobby as they couldn't match the Expedia price so they suggested I book with Expedia there and then)

OpenSignal (Search for networks, Wifi etc around you from your iPhone/iPad)

Flightradar24 (Where is that plane up there going, what's in the air, anywhere and flight arrivals and departures boards at any airport, real-time)

Virgin TV Anywhere (Set your Virgin TiVo box to record a show, from anywhere in the world, and watch anything you have recorded on the box, from anywhere – amazing!)

Shazam (Hear music, what to know what it is – turn on Shazam and it will tell you, press another button and download it)

### **From Michael**

These apps are all available for android devices from Google play store.

I have not checked which are available on Apple devices or BlackBerry etc but some will be (e.g. tune in radio) and some will not.

### **Television related**

Sky Go – This lets people who have Sky tv watch programs on their device

Sky+ - You don't need Sky for this one and it has a good tv guide. If you have a Sky box and it is network connected then the app does a lot more and even allows remote control.

Tv Catchup – A terrible name as no catch up service whatsoever is available – but really good for live TV streaming

BBC iPlayer – Well known and great for BBC programmes catch up

YouTube – Want to see a video of something – it will be here!

## **Radio related**

Tune in radio – the only one you need . Brilliant.

## **Crossword related**

CrossWords - By Stand Alone. You can download and do various crosswords on this. Some are cryptic and some not. I get (free) The Independent and (on subscription) The Telegraph.

Crossword solver. By Havos Ltd. A great help in solving anagrams and finding words where you have some letters

Dictionary – By Farlex. A great dictionary/Thesaurus/Encyclopaedia which does English and many other languages

## **Maps etc**

Google maps – Great if you have Internet access, can do off line but somewhat limited

Maps.me – by Mapswithme GMBH. A great off line map program. Can use GPS to see where you are. Whole world covered and you can easily download maps before you leave home (and Wi-Fi!)

Alpinequest GPS hiking - A great off line mapping and tracking app. Can do almost anything but nothing like as easy to use as Maps.me. For walkers/cyclists the best.

## **Utilities**

ES file explorer. Bit like windows explorer – can do network shares, FTP and lots lots more.

Android assistant Shows what is running, CPU usage and lots more.

Google Keep – really simple but lets you make little notes which then show up on anything else (at least other android devices, Windows PCs) I use it all the time to help compensate for failing memory.

Drop box – the original and arguably the best “cloud” storage app. Very popular but now with lots of competitors that offer much more free storage. For most of the time what you get



from Dropbox is enough. Competitors include Box, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive and more.

Google translate – just fantastic for translating from or to English and dozens of languages. Can download at home a language before you go abroad. Lots of neat features.

Android device manager – for when you lose your device

### **And from me for Android tablet:**

Airport Flight Tracker—Info on any airport including arrival and departure times.

Plane finder—All flights in the air over the UK and a map showing where they are.

WiFi Analyzer—Shows all WiFi signals around you and their channels so you can select an empty one to get a better signal.

### **The Blind Run**

Thanks to the talk and cheque presentation on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, we heard first hand our work has benefitted the people at Beacon and Walthew so I would like to appeal for a little more assistance. The blind run has been slowly losing members for a while and it would be a great help if we could get a few more volunteers. We now only need one person per week (unless there are extenuating circumstances) so the duty does not come around as often. 12 people are currently able to help but we need more and if you can help, the details can be found in the bulletin. If you are able to give some time, please let John Sykes and I know.

Your club needs YOU!

**Gordon**

You have to take your hat off to brain surgeons don't you?

## **Ron's second job talk 23rd July**

### **Chapter 1 - The Meal**

On a fine summer's evening, the usual pre-meal assembly was rather disconcerted by the entry of Mr Monkhouse, wearing a shirt that was probably considered sober in its native Hawaii but was, perhaps, somewhat *de trop* for Cheadle Hulme. Not to be put off by this display of male peacockery, President Harry called us in to dinner at 8.02 pm, which, in 'Harry Time', was pretty early.

During the usual sumptuous repast, Vida gave out the roll call of sick, lame and lazy before launching into a high-pressure sales presentation about garden visits, cakes and tea. Not to be out-done, Harry proceeded to try to sell us the idea of cleaning rocks in the Park on Saturday morning. With no tea or cakes on offer he was on to a bit of a loser, especially as it is a 'bring-your-own-shovel' do, but he did get a few volunteers. He also reminded us that there was no meeting next week and the week after we would have to fork out £12 on the small chance that we might get a free meal out of it. We then returned to the bar for a beverage loosely described as 'coffee' whilst Ron prepared his talk.

### **Chapter 2 - Ron Malabon, Textile Man**

Long, long ago, someone decided it would be good for some of the older serving members to reprise their job talks for the benefit of the 'Newbies' and Ron volunteered. After numerous postponements it could be put off no longer and so Ron duly arose to cast his spell over his captive audience.

Ron was born and raised in Coventry, going to the same school - though not at the same time - as ex-BW Rotarian Malcolm Hirst. He progressed to Manchester Uni, where he studied the chemistry of textiles, which, in Manchester, was basically the chemistry of cotton, before being bribed by Courtaulds to go to Essex for an extra £1 per week. There he did lots of stuff with

textiles which was so fascinating the author of this report failed to jot down the fine details but did recall that it was there that he met Pam. He then moved back to Coventry where he did fascinating stuff with fibres and something about knitting, but also managed to marry Pam in 1965.

In 1969, they moved to Manchester and settled in Bramhall. Here Ron did lots of fascinating stuff with yarns before becoming the Quality Manager at Edgeley Textiles in Stockport. In a final job shift, he became Office Manager at Leryns - an accounting software company run by Tim Shepherd, an ex-BW Rotarian, before retiring in 2005.

At this convenient point, Bruce Bissell woke up and the spell was broken. Ron sank back into his chair amidst generous applause.

### **Chapter 3 - The Ultimate Sergeant-at-Arms**

This was an historic moment. Council had decided to abolish the time-honoured practice of Sergeant-at-Arms and this was to be the last time the office was executed. Thus, the distinction of being the Ultimate Sergeant-at-Arms fell on the shoulders of President Harry. He did not disappoint.

He rose, and like a whaler standing on the prow of his ship, he mercilessly harpooned one and all with his cruelly barbed comments. No one escaped - not Bruce F in his pyjamas, Chris with his shirt (of course), Maggie with her pink dress - not even the Vicar. All were caught in a fine final flurry of fines and, to cap it all, a new phrase, "Doing a Vida"\* was introduced into the Club's lexicon.

After this, there was nothing more to be said and so we dispersed into the balmy evening air.

\* **Doing a Vida** *v.it.* Using any means possible to get to the front of the food queue.

**John T**

Letters to the Bulletin  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

I have had various jobs since I retired including a spell working for the Probation Service supervising, for want of a better word – Yobs who have been sentenced by the Courts to do so many hours of “Community Service”.

There was always a problem in finding something for them to do. Any attempt to do the work of legitimate use was often precluded because of trade union objections. There was always the problem of the lads arriving late, if at all and it seemed that the supervisors went along with an atmosphere of silent insubordination among their charges. I gave up in disgust after some months.

I was told to attend a Health and Safety seminar in Winsford and it was an eye opener. A dozen or so Supervisors attended and it went something like this :-

The chap running the Seminar addressed us thus –

“I want you to imagine that you have a gang of lads in your charge and you have been given the job of tidying up the garden of an old lady. The garden is overgrown with weeds and untrimmed hedges and trees, nettles and so forth. Now before you leave the depot what should you ensure that your team has, as well as the usual tools and equipment ?”

The suggestions then came thick and fast from the assembled Supervisors –

Hard hats – to protect from the overhanging trees etc

“Good – anything else ?”

Goggles – to protect the eyes.

“Good – anything else ?”

and so followed –

Day-Glo overalls

Heavy boots

Long gloves extending up the arms

Gaiters to protect against strimmers etc

Ear protectors – against excessive noise from strimmers, saws etc

Waterproof jackets in case it rains,  
First Aid Kit – in case of injuries

And so this farce went on until I stood up and said that the old lady in question would more than likely have a heart attack when she saw this Martian like mob descend on her.

What a state we have got ourselves into. It' would be laughable if it were not so sad.

## **Disgusted of Bramhall**

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### **AGGREGATES ON THE NHS**

In the 1960's when I had the DIY business (Roscoes) in Cheadle I used to smoke like a chimney and after a cold I would cough for weeks until I went to see my doctor who, at that time was Dr Lewis at Bramhall Health Centre. As well as being my doctor, he was a customer too and spent many of his leisure hours concreting moat of his property on Moss Lane. He towed a trailer behind his car and would come to Roscoes and load up with sand, cement and chippings.

I went to the surgery one time and he gave me a prescription for an antibiotic to get rid of my cough. He then said his trailer had a puncture and would I arrange to deliver some aggregates and proceeded to tell me what he needed. I asked him to write down his requirements as otherwise I would forget what he wanted. He then used the prescription pad and wrote on it –  
4 bags of sand,  
3 bags of chippings,  
2 bags of cement

I then went to David Day the chemist in the village where several people stood around waiting for their medications. And I thought it would be fun and handed in the prescription listing the aggregates. At that time, all prescriptions were free so there was no discussion when handing over the slip. The assis-

tant took the slip into the back and I waited.

After a while David Day, the chemist appeared holding the slip and said queryingly –

4 bags of sand

3 bags of chippings

2 bags of cement

I said – “Yes – is there a problem ?. I have my lorry in Lumb Lane – should I bring it round.

I get all my building material on the NHS “

And then, among much hilarity I handed in the proper one.

## **Sid**

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### **25 years ago**

There seems to have been a lack of reporting for the Bulletin between the middle of May and the middle of June which produced a telex message from Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells (for younger readers this was a means of communication before fax, email or text messages). “AM APPALLED THAT NO MESSGAE WAS ISSUED THIS MONTH (STOP) INSIST THAT GUILTY PARTY BE PUBLICLY PUNISHED (STOP) STRONGEST ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN (STOP) “. Now you will get an email from Gordon within a short while if the report does not arrive!!

It was noted with much regret that there had been a lapse in manners by one of the members. His addiction to nicotine was such that he was observed smoking not only before the Loyal Toast but even before the arrival of the sweet. The question raised was whether this was what they call inter-course smoking.

Sam Kennedy was recorded as attending a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July as was Pam Malabon who acted as host (chaperone?) to the lady speaker Sharon Thacker who worked for a public relations company that was trying to promote a new image for Salford. Little did we imagine then how the Quays would look today with the Lowry Centre, Media City, Imperial War Museum and blocks of flats.

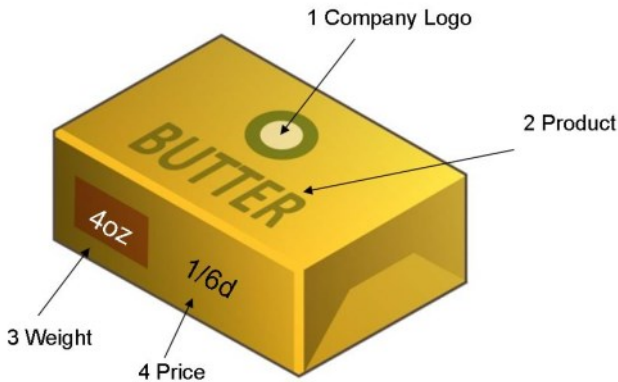
There was a review meeting of Bramhall Festival 1989. Among the points raised were additional community involvement, increased publicity, better commitment in total from club members and an earlier (November) start to planning the event. A speaker from the Police Federation for Greater Manchester claimed that one man in a Panda could patrol a block six times as often as one man on a big black ugly bicycle. (who even sees a patrol car these days?) There was no room for a light hearted approach from the reporter who covered the talk on cancer by the Appeals Liaison Officer from the Christie Hospital. It is unique in having research and treatment all on one site. One member told of his own experience and underlined that fear and delay were often the greatest danger.

Bramhall & Woodford lost to Urmston in the quarter final of the District 105 annual golf competition. A copy of The PolioPlus Reporter Vol 1, No 4 showed that 168 million children had been immunised and 478 million still needed to be immunised. The goal set by the World Health Organisation was to eliminate polio from every country on earth by 2000.

**Ron**



## Then and Now



1 Company name intended to convey organic produce

2 Unsalted (of course)

3 Cultured???

4 Net Weight

5 Sell before date

6 Use before date

7 Name of farmer

8 Name of cow and which boarding school she went to.

9 Contact number/email/web page for complaints and name of who to sue if you have a psychotic episode because you don't like the product.



10 Bar code

11 List of ingredients

12 Nutritional information including recommended daily intake

13 Country of origin

14 Recycling information

15 Safety warnings (EXTREME DANGER—DAIRY PRODUCT)

16 Storage information

## Scams and how to protect yourself — 2

An email scam purporting to be a court order:

*Hereby you are notified that you have been scheduled to appear for your hearing that will take place in the court of [city] in [date] at [time].*

*You are kindly asked to prepare and bring the documents relating to the case to court on the specified date.*

*The copy of the court notice is attached to this letter. Please, read it thoroughly. Note: The case may be heard by the judge in your absence if you do not come.*

*Yours truly,*

*[name]*

*Clerk to the Court.*

The purpose of the con is to provoke the unwary into attempting to determine the nature of the legal matter by clicking on or downloading the attached "copy of the court notice" mentioned in the e-mail. In either case, those who fall for the trick will view what appear to be court documents, but in the background — unbeknownst to them — malware will be simultaneously loaded onto their computers.

The malware being installed is [Kuluoz](#), a nasty bit of work that installs FAKEAV, another bit of malware. FAKEAV flashes false security alerts that lure victims into purchasing fake antivirus software, then connects to its affiliate network to download SIREFEF/ZACCESS and TSPY\_PAPRAS variants. SIREFEF is a malware known for its rootkit capabilities, while TSPY\_PAPRAS sniffs for passwords in network packets and sends them to a remote site. Simples????

The bottom line? Don't click on attachments in scary-sounding e-mails lest you open your computer to crooks who will access all your personal information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, and bank account details.

**Gordon**



Our club joined with other helpers to get the site at Hillbrook Grange ready for a summer tea party for around 200 elderly guests (the poles on the ground are 'bits left over'). Despite the rain and probably because of the Pimms, a good time was had by all (below).





## A very fond farewell to the Pugh sisters

### Rotary Wives

On Tuesday 15 July rotary Wives met for their mini AGM at Pam Malabon's house. It was a glorious sunny afternoon and we all sat in the garden and partook of afternoon tea. After a small amount of business including sorting out who would be organising each meeting in the coming year we caught up on all the gossip. The September meeting will be organised by Mary Meeus and Wendy Sykes.

**Pam**

