

# Bulletin

Tony and Trevor doing their superb work delivering disability aids to 'Aid To Hospitals Worldwide'



Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club



The 2011 Christmas walk starts out



The Christmas collection in association with Round Table



Here are the final tallies (in no particular order, as they say):

**Float**—After 14 collections the total is £5,755. After costs of about £1,200 there will be around £4,555 giving about £325 to each of the 14 organisations involved in the collections.

**Woodford Park**—After 10 collections the total is £2,455. 80% of the total goes to The Together trust as does the £190 raised at the Xmas party raffle (so £2,194).

The Rotary charity account gets one of the 14 lots of £325 and 20% of the Woodford Park collection - about £815.

**Well done everyone.**



A hand crafted picture made from sand & straw given to Sue & Gill



David asking for a belated risk assessment



Synchronised directions on the Christmas walk

## *Robert's Writings*

A lot has happened since I last put 'pen to paper.' We have had our annual collection at the garden centre. Macmillan Nurses have been helped with various collections at Tesco, Stockport. We have also taken over a much bigger role this year with the Bramhall and Woodford Christmas (float) collection. A lot has been learnt from both events which should stand us in good stead for the future. Caroline, secured some of us for Car Park duties at Bramhall Hall to help the 'Friends of Bramhall Hall'.

A very enjoyable meal was held at Bramhall Golf Club, at our own Christmas Event. The event included some fine music and carols from Jeremy Saxon. He has incidentally been booked to play at the Presidents Night on the 9<sup>th</sup> March with some additional members of his 17 piece band.

David Burstow performed his cabaret act over the Christmas period when a number of us went on the 'now traditional' walk. Thanks to Dennis and Vida for this one. I am pleased to advise David's broken limb is on the mend.

President's Drinks were held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. I owe its success to your attendance and of course Oriane who without her it could not have happened. The food, the wine and your company made it a most enjoyable occasion for both of us, as I believe it did for all of you.

We have had some good talks from the Peters and as I write this I am still feeling inspired with the talk from our 2 very recent members Gill and Sue who certainly left us all very motivated with the feeling that it is good to be members of Rotary International.

We have had a quiz meeting at Stockport Rugby Club with the surviving members of Bramhall Round Table and I had the honour of presenting all the cheques to the various charities.

Before Bob & Sue and I together with Oriane jet off (separately) to South America we look forward to the theatre night at Chads which no doubt when you come to read this note will have successfully and enjoyably occurred.

We will of course be back for President's night.

With Rotary Good Wishes to all.

## Secretary's Soapbox

I must report that your secretary's job has become even less onerous of late, thanks to members of a visiting rotary club. No complaints heard, thank you for that.

On the VP front, again little to do as Bob has been around every week and we are mid way between the EGM and the AGM. More in a future Bulletin, but I am already very excited about the calibre of next year's council. All excellent people, even the ones who don't know they've volunteered yet !



End of February, you will get me in the chair for 2 meetings, plus at a zone meeting.

**Brian.**

### **And it's goodbye from him—**

Some of you will know that Sue & I have been planning for some time to retire (even if only temporarily), to travel and move to the country. This dream is now underway. Sue finished at the end of the 2010/11 school year and I finish work on 4th January. We put our house on the market at the end of June, and as a result of a late October viewing, we exchanged contracts last Monday and move out tomorrow. As nothing is certain until contracts are exchanged, we kept this fairly quiet. So it is all happening quite suddenly. We set off for 6 weeks in New Zealand on January 11th.

Meanwhile, we will be staying with Sue's parents in Southport. Our stuff is being stored and Royal Mail is being forwarded.

We are currently pursuing a house in the Yorkshire Dales, which if successful, we will move into in early March. We plan to exchange contracts before we go to NZ. If it falls through, we will rent an apartment in Bramhall until we find something.

If all goes to plan, I will leave BW Rotary in March and you won't see much of me before then. After nearly 10 years it will be quite a wrench. However, I intend to join one of three clubs within range of where we will be living.

We hope to see you all at President's Drinks on January 8th. Meanwhile, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

**Graham & Sue Yule**



# Meeting Reports

Committees Night – 7<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2011

This was the last regular meeting of the year and we found the room dressed for the festive season with a Christmas tree, crackers on the table etc.

Attendance was outstanding with 31 members present, plus two on Rotary business elsewhere (Caroline on the float + Geoff off as usual). Michael brought his brother-in-law, who we learned suffers the misfortune of coming from Essex, as a guest.

This turn-out was in fact 3 more than were registered with Club Services, resulting in a hurried addition of chairs & table settings!

Those who wished had the option of dining on turkey & usual Xmas veg and Xmas pudding although many other excellent alternatives existed as always.

Following Guests & Visitors by Bruce, Gordon kicked off the presentations. He had already distributed the latest Bulletin (which is very full of interesting stuff, and looks superb – just wonder if it will still be this good in 9 years' time ???).

Gordon described the excellent speakers information leaflet (copy in everyone's Bulletin).

David Rose gave a summary of his KEMS concert band collection (which ought to have been unnecessary as he had already de-

scribed it via email !?!?). It raised £235 (£35 to Rotary charities).

John Meuus

described the c\*\*k-up whereby Rotary stopped the rush hour traffic through Bramhall, in order that the Xmas lights might be switched on. After this very amusing tale, we retired for coffee.

When we returned President Bob instructed us to “stand and give Lorraine and her three wonderful ladies the (*perhaps* “a” ?) clap”. These ladies were then presented with very well deserved bunches of flowers, and being Bob, were subjected to much kissing etc. Ian obtained photographic evidence.



I, as Secretary, was then handed the floor to run the EGM. I was delighted to report that, as of July 2012, Sue Preece will become Vice President, Gill Critchley will become Treasurer and Michael Lacey will become Secretary (again).



Michael then presented last year's accounts, recently (!) signed by Tony as Auditor. These are available elsewhere, there were no significant questions or comments. Michael also showed a graph of our static membership total but steadily rising average age. The Woodford collection appears to be down on previous years although the Float takings have remained similar.

Trevor reminded everyone of their float & other duties over the coming days. The Macmillan collection in Tesco's Stockport was a success. The Mercian regiment plaque will be kept by Bruce F.

Sue gave only the briefest report on the visit by Gill & her to Gambia. The work with Hart House was very successful, however their visit to a local Rotary Club was not.

Vida spoke of her work with Disability Stockport and with Bram-

hall Community Ambulance, details elsewhere.

Bruce announced that the meeting calendar is now sorted through to 21 March. Ron will take over as archivist.

Ian described Michael's web site changes, various publications and an interview with Imagine FM re the Float.

John M spoke about the Xmas dinner and the CHADS theatre evening, for which he now has the tickets.

There was further general discussion of the appalling waste of NHS money on disability equipment. David P won the normal raffle, then donated the bottle to the Xmas raffle. One of Michael's golfing friends won the ham. Finally, David B fined various people.

**Brian.**

**From Sarah Page, Area fundraising manager of MacMillan Nurses**

Hi John

We have counted up all the lovely money you collected for us at Morrisons and Tesco and the totals are as follows:

Tesco - £393.84

Morrisons – £521.43

We will get a letter of thanks out to you in the next couple of days and will write to the supermarkets to let them know how much was raised.

Thank you so much for your support!

Best wishes

**Sarah**

## **The first of two reports I received on the Rotary Christmas dinner, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 Bramhall Golf Club**

Everyone was welcomed to the Christmas dinner and reference was made to absent friends. After an excellent meal, with wine and mince pies, President Bob rose to say a few words. He hoped that all club members were enjoying the superb fellowship which comes as standard with membership of our fabulous organisation. Rotary was described as a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passion into relevant social causes to change lives in communities. Bob then mentioned a few, though not an exhaustive list, of inspirational members within our own Rotary Club. Few may know but Graham Yule has great expertise in his hobby of model making. He was presented with his caricature picture for being our 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary President, the picture was presented rather later than we would have wanted but the delay was due to the artist being out of action for a while as he had broken his wrist.

Rotarians worldwide were congratulated in their commitment to eradicating Polio, with 99% of it gone it has almost disappeared. Michael Lacey and Harry Hill were highlighted for their contributions to this fight against Polio, especially when they visited India. Gordon Jackson had made a difference to lives during his visit to Tanzania. During their recent visit to The Gambia Sue Preece and Gill Critchley have gathered lots of information which we hope will lead to a link which will help needy children.

Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club are proud of their Paul Harris Fellows, the Rotary equivalent of the VC, Dennis Allport, Henry Barker, Tony Burch, Gordon Jackson, Michael Lacey, Ron Malabon, John Meeus and John Sykes. With great delight Bob explained that we now have a new Paul Harris Fellow in our ranks, our own police constable Geoff Hunt. Geoff is a founder member of the club and a long standing Rotarian. Geoff is a real gentleman, highly committed member, mentor to many new members and is currently in his third year as Assistant District Governor, in effect President Bob's headmaster! Everyone was delighted with the announcement of this well-deserved award and Geoff was duly congratulated by all present. Bob completed his speech by saying that he thought we had an excellent group of members and would go from strength to strength in 2012! The evening was a resounding success and enjoyed by all.

**Sue Preece**





## 2nd Bulletin Report

### *The Christmas Party*

Well it proved to be more than I had bargained for! Gordon should have been bulletin reporter but was unfortunately poorly so I was “volunteered” to step into the breach... but I had no idea how the evening would develop.

The Bramhall Golf Club treated us royally. Excellent food and service, in fact a first class venue, and supported by about sixty club members and guests plus the usual addition of Harry always lurking in the background with his trusty camera. Huge thanks must go to John Meeus for his usual brilliant orchestration of the event but unfortunately he was another casualty of the evening and was unable to bask in the reflected glory of a job well done. Why is it that Christmas sorts out the men from the boys? Answers on a milk of magnesia tablet!

Everyone immediately joined in the spirit of the occasion – crackers, silly hats, and inflated balloons whizzing around the room to the alarm of many. President Bob was his usual well-organised self and ran the evening with his normal aplomb..... no doubt prompted by Oriane.

After dinner Bob presented Past President Graham Yule with his presidential caricature framed picture (a B&W tradition), acknowledged with huge thanks the achievements of everyone in the club with particular reference to Gill and Sue for their recent humanitarian trip to Gambia and then, to my great surprise and pleasure, invested Geoff as a Paul Harris Fellow together with many tributes to his work for Rotary over the past twenty years. This was one of the few occasions in our (nearly) fifty years of married life when Geoff almost ran out of words!

We then moved on to hearty singing of Christmas carols and songs, led by a keyboard player/singer who had obviously done his homework and had worked out that his performance was for a perhaps a “more mature” crowd. The more the wine – the greater the volume – but not necessarily the quality. However, everyone was clearly having fun and enjoying each other’s company – the essence of the social side of the B&W club in particular.

Altogether, a most enjoyable night for us all and an extra special evening for Geoff and me. “Fun and fellowship” - this evening had it in spades!

**Olive**



## The Ig-Nobel Prize

The Igs are the "alternative" version to the rather more sober Nobel awards announced in Sweden next week. The American awards were handed out on Thursday at Harvard University's Sanders Theatre, in what has become down the years a slightly chaotic but fun event where people throw paper planes and a little girl berates the winners.

**Physiology Prize:** Anna Wilkinson, from the University of Lincoln, and colleagues for their study in the journal *Current Zoology* titled "No Evidence of Contagious Yawning in the Red-Footed Tortoise".

**Chemistry Prize:** A team led from Shiga University, Japan, that determined the ideal density of airborne wasabi to awaken sleeping people in case of a fire or other emergency, and for applying this knowledge to invent the wasabi alarm. Patent pending.

**Medicine Prize:** Shared by two teams whose independent research jointly established that people make better decisions about some kinds of things, but worse decisions about other kinds of things, when they have a strong urge to urinate.

**Psychology Prize:** Karl Halvor Teigen of the University of Oslo, Norway, for trying to understand why, in everyday life, people sigh.

**Literature Prize:** John Perry of Stanford University, US, for his Theory of Structured Procrastination, which says: To be a high achiever, always work on something important, using it as a way to avoid doing something that's even more important.

**Biology Prize:** Darryl Gwynne and David Rentz for discovering that a certain kind of beetle mates with a certain kind of Australian beer bottle. The pair have published two papers on the topic.

**Physics Prize:** Philippe Perrin and colleagues for determining why discus throwers become dizzy, and why hammer throwers don't.

**Peace Prize:** Arturas Zuokas, the mayor of Vilnius, Lithuania, for demonstrating that the problem of illegally parked luxury cars can be solved by running them over with an armoured tank.

**Public Safety Prize:** John Senders of the

University of Toronto, Canada, for conducting a series of safety experiments in which a person drives an automobile on a major highway while a visor repeatedly flaps down over his face, blinding him.

**Mathematics Prize:** Shared by a group of doom-mongers for teaching the world to be careful when making mathematical assumptions and calculations -

Dorothy Martin of the US who predicted the world would end in 1954

Pat Robertson of the US who predicted the world would end in 1982

Elizabeth Clare Prophet of the US who predicted the world would end in 1990

Lee Jang Rim of Korea who predicted the world would end in 1992

Credonia Mwerinde of Uganda who predicted the world would end in 1999

Harold Camping of the US who predicted the world would end in 1994 and then in 2011 (and later again in 2011)

## Earlier winners:

**Economics Prize.** Geoffrey Miller, Joshua Tybur and Brent Jordan of the University of New Mexico, USA, for discovering that professional lap dancers earn higher tips when they are ovulating.

**Aviation Prize:** Patricia V. Agostino, Santiago A. Plano and Diego A. Golombek of Universidad Nacionalde Quilmes, Argentina, for their discovery that Viagra aids jetlag recovery in hamsters.

**Agricultural History:** James Watson of Massey University, New Zealand, for his scholarly study, "The Significance of Mr. Richard Buckley's Exploding Trousers."

**Peace:** Claire Rind and Peter Simmons of Newcastle University, in the U.K., for electrically monitoring the activity of a brain cell in a locust while that locust was watching selected highlights from the movie "Star Wars."

**Economics:** Gauri Nanda of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for inventing an alarm clock that runs away and hides, repeatedly, thus ensuring that people DO get out of bed, and thus theoretically adding many productive hours to the workday.

## **Life after work – Sue Preece**

I entered the unknown world of retirement with trepidation. Retirement seemed so far away that I did not think about it much until I arrived at my 60th birthday and saw light at the end of the tunnel. Once I started thinking about it, I became more excited and yet concerned. I thought of doing all those things I had never had time for while I was working, such as long exotic holidays but I had concerns about lots of other issues too such as finances, even though I was retiring with a reasonable pension and we were mortgage free. For many years I seemed to have spent most of my earnings on supporting our three children through long university courses but more recently I was thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to spend, spend, spend and shop for anything I wanted. All of that was about to change! I was also more than a little concerned about being unemployed. Since I began working at 22, I had always worked, apart from time out to have children as did most women in the 70's! So for four decades I had been a contributor to society in many schools, colleges and places of employment and this was going to be quite a major change to my life. However, things were made easier as my husband, Bob, was retired and appeared to be thriving on having time to himself instead of having to fit everything in at the weekend.



Once I took up the challenge and retired fully, many people asked me what I intended to do now that I had left Ofsted and was no longer an HMI. It has taken me a while to feel good about not working. Once I conquered my initial guilt, I informed these inquisitors that I intended to enjoy my retirement! The next question was invariably "What do you do with all your time?" They would follow that up with, "I'd be bored if I didn't work."

Seven months of retirement later some people still ask me if I am doing any consulting, or if I am working part-time. When I respond that I don't work at anything full-time, part-time or any time, my comments are usually met with surprise! I try to explain that I have mastered retirement very well and I am quite good at it! I have a busy social life and many lunches and dinners out with friends and colleagues. Bob and I enjoy walking in the hills and countryside and take lots of interesting holidays to exotic places. Sri Lanka in February was lovely, New York and Georgia in May was exciting and Spain in June was hot! We are making plans for a 'granny gap' to exciting places in the new year. I have more time to spend with our expanding family and two little grandchildren. I read for pleasure, contribute to a book club and have developed a renewed pas-

sion for gardening. I grow vegetables and lots of beautiful flowers in our new greenhouse, visit places of culture, go to the gym, regularly attend the Royal Exchange theatre, play bridge and do a little writing now and then ... and I don't have to worry about split infinitives! We have joined U3A walking groups, are members of the National Trust, and now have the time to thoroughly enjoy our beloved cottage in Maentwrog, North Wales, hiking through Snowdonia. We have become active members of the Rotary Club and spend lots of time on community events! I was recently invited to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and we seized the opportunity to have a great couple of days in London, despite the rain. Frankly, I don't have enough time for a job or indeed to do all the things I want to do. Sunday nights are so relaxed, no anxiety about preparing for inspections and packing a suitcase, no deadlines or hundreds of emails to be read and answered. However, I have recently been asked to do a 'little bit' of paid work and I am seriously considering it ...it is always nice to boost the holiday fund and assuage the guilt of getting my hair cut at Tony & Guy instead of the local hairdressers – but I don't know where I am going to find the time!!!

Other people ask me what is the hardest part about retirement. I thought it would be the reduced income but that is not so bad. I no longer need to buy expensive outfits for work and our outgoings, apart from holidays, are less. Intellectual stimulation comes from many and varied sources. I am always so busy boredom is never an issue. My biggest concern has been the loss of the Ofsted IT help desk! I always thought that my IT skills were good but, once set adrift from the support I was used to, I realised I was not as competent as I thought. A new lap top with Word 2010, when I had been used to older versions in Ofsted, nearly drove me to distraction! I treated myself to an iPhone 4 to impress my children then found that I had to keep ringing them up to ask for help – my street cred in tatters!! I lost contacts and almost deleted my iTunes library but things are getting better, and I am learning the hard way to do things for myself. So for anyone still in work, love and appreciate your IT help desk – you'll miss them sorely when you leave.



The honeymoon period of retirement is over now and it is still great, the beginning of another exciting chapter in our life which I pray will long continue. So for anyone contemplating this situation I would highly recommend it but 'don't simply retire from something; have something to retire to'.

### Ten steps to Happiness

1. *Giving*— Do things for others – volunteer to work for a charity in your spare time.
2. *Relating*— Connect with people – get in touch with friends with whom you have lost contact.
3. *Exercising*— Take care of your body – go for a run or walk the dog
4. *Appreciating*— Notice the world around – take time to appreciate wildlife in your area
5. *Trying Out*— Keep learning new things – learn a new language
6. *Direction*— Have goals to look forward to – make resolutions and stick to them
7. *Resilience*— Find ways to bounce back – learn from defeats to do things better in the future
8. *Emotion*— Take a positive approach – focus on the happy moments of your life rather than the sad
9. *Acceptance*— Be comfortable with who you are – do not dwell on your flaws
10. *Meaning*— Be part of something bigger – join a society or club

**Submitted by Geoff who found it in the Telegraph**

### Committee night - 4<sup>th</sup> January

Grace from Rev John Knowles

John Meeus informed the club that Manchester Rotary were celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with an event on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Bridgewater Hall, he will be sending round an e mail with more details for people interested in going.

Also – John will bringing the tickets along to next weeks meeting for the Theatre night, 27<sup>th</sup> January at Chad's - Tickets £10 each.

Gordon bought along a very nice lady guest called Janet who may be interested in joining Rotary

#### Reports

Treasurer Michael confirmed that the Christmas party after expenses made a profit of £82.18. Raffle £190. Charity account now stands at £1,700 available.

#### Ways and Means

Trevor reported that up to now he has had 15 replies to the Santa float



survey. Any one else who would like their views registered should respond ASAP.

Snap shot of Comments so far:

Should we keep the float? 13 say Yes 2 say no.

Would you help again? Yes but mindful of the age profile. Depends on help from the Round Table.

Should we replace Woodford collections for the Float? NO

Could we do it better? Start earlier perhaps. Better and louder music.

Reminder that on the evening of Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm the club is hosting the talk on 'Canine Companions' – see e mail from Michael Lacey for details.

Should be an excellent event, everyone is encouraged to bring along as many friends as they can as we would like to fill the room next door which holds 100 people.

### Communications

Gordon reported that they were successful in getting an article in the Cheshire independent on Gill and Sue's visit to the Gambia. All club members listened to a recording of an interview that went out on Imagine FM where Malcolm from the Round table did a good job of promoting the Santa Float and he also put out an appeal for anyone in a position to help out by donating the use of a garage to store the Santa float.

### Sales

Vida reported on the success of flower bulb sales kindly donated to the club by Woodford Park. She still has plenty left though. Contact her if you would like a carrier bag full for £1, Bargain!

### Club Services

Ron reminded everyone to make a push for recruiting new members ideally between the ages of 55 – 65 and active if possible! Harry announced that he has 3 potential members interested.

### International

Sue informed us that she had been in contact with her friend in Uganda and discovered that she would be in England at the end of this month. There is a good possibility that she would be able to come to our club meeting and give a talk.

### Social

John reminded us that the President's night is on 9<sup>th</sup> March; put it in your diary.

The evening ended with the extraction of 50p from most members all done graciously by our S@A Bruce Farrow.

**Caroline**



A married couple had been out shopping for most of the afternoon, suddenly, the wife realized that her husband had "disappeared".

The somewhat irate spouse called her mate's mobile phone and demanded: Where the hell are you?

Husband: Darling you remember that Jewellery shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money that time and said 'Baby it'll be yours one day!'

Wife, with a smile blushing: Yes, I remember that my Love.

Husband: Well, I'm in the pub next to that shop.

### On this day

#### February

5<sup>th</sup> First rubber hot water bottle (1903). 8<sup>th</sup> Reign of Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> started (1952). 19<sup>th</sup> Edison phonograph patented (1878). 22<sup>nd</sup> Cloning of Dolly the sheep (1997). 28<sup>th</sup> Nylon invented (1935). 29<sup>th</sup> Leap day

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> CDs and players went on sale (1983). 9<sup>th</sup> Barbie Dolls go on sale (1959). 10<sup>th</sup> Telephone invented (1876). 13<sup>th</sup> Ear muffs invented (1873). 14<sup>th</sup> Contact lenses invented (1888). 18<sup>th</sup> Apartheid voted out of South Africa (1993). 24<sup>th</sup> Tea bag patented (1908). 26<sup>th</sup> Driving tests became law (1934). 27<sup>th</sup> Launch of Viagra (1989). 28<sup>th</sup> Alka Seltzer on sale (1931). 30<sup>th</sup> First general anaesthesia (1842). 31<sup>st</sup> Eiffel tower inauguration (1889).

## *Pam Malabon*

*tells us about the Rotary Wives recent get together*



*On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January eleven of us went out for a meal together for a chat and some good food. Kathleen Batty and Pauleen Newsome had arranged that we should meet up at the Three Bears on Jacksons Lane. This pub restaurant has recently had a complete renovation and we partook of a delicious carvery at a very reasonable price. The atmosphere was very pleasant and we were not hurried. We discussed a few ideas for future meetings and we may go to a pub quiz in February and an afternoon visit in March. Further details will be forwarded in due course.*

*AG Geoff was recently given a rotary magazine written almost 60 years ago. Here is an extract which you might find interesting and it shows that despite its formal language the focus remains constant.....*

***The magazine of the Rotary Club of Stretford  
“The Busy Bee”  
March/April 1953***

**Community Service Committee**

The third object of Rotary is the application of the ideal of Service by every Rotarian in his personal, business and community life. It is the responsibility of every Rotarian to give Community Service through personal service whether by membership of any statutory, civic body or voluntary organisation and the growth of our State services does not minimize the greater opportunity for Community Service.

The State, with all its new social services could never make us love our neighbour, and this is the great advantage of voluntary organisations over State services, and Rotarians as members of statutory bodies or voluntary organisations are in the unique and happy position of bringing these together to a better and mutual understanding for the good of the community as a whole.

It is, too, a wonderful thing to see members of Rotary give their services to their fellow countrymen – often by members who do not shine in their Club, members who do not ask for praise but do the work of the Club.

Our (luncheon) meetings count for nothing without Service being put to a practical use, but we must always be sure that these Services are of the right quality and purpose and, above all, given in the right spirit.

Fred Walters  
Rotary Club of Stretford  
1953



## *Vida's Tulip Extravaganza*



Perhaps the word “extravaganza” is slightly exaggerated but Vida has recently been quite overwhelmed with hundreds of packets of tulip bulbs and has been trying to sell them, give them away, or donate to any unsuspecting individual and to every park and spare piece of land in the area, to bring some extra colour into our lives this coming Spring. Just before the Christmas break Woodford Park Garden Centre made a request..... “if anyone from the Club could pick them up they had a few packets that they hadn’t sold during the autumn to give away”. Expecting to pick up perhaps a black sack full Trevor Saville went along 2 days before Christmas and was met with 2 CAR LOADS. Of course, Vida in her dual roles of club’s official Sales Lady and Gardening Guru was the obvious person to hand them over to – hence the deluge of sprouting bulbs. To say that Vida was filled with horror is an understatement! The challenge was to dispose of many hundreds of budding bulbs in a responsible manner 2 days before the holidays.

Obviously, time was definitely not on her side. Each and every bulb was showing emerging signs of life and they all had to be planted immediately or all would be lost. Neighbours and friends, strangers, club members and park volunteers were all persuaded to have some. So, look out for the results next spring in Oak Meadow and South Park and tip toe through the tulips. 300 have been planted in Bramhall Park as well as some at the Bramhall War Memorial, not to mention all those many local individual homes that will have added colour in their garden tubs and beds. Through Vida’s dogged efficiency (with the help of Alex of course) and her persuasive tongue, by the day of the Prezzie’s Drinkies on January 7<sup>th</sup> all had been successfully disposed of.

Despite the almost give away prices, Vida made over £100 on this venture, which of course adds to the amounts she made last year by selling apples and books (by the way she continues to have lots of books to sell.) Hopefully, Spring will be even more colourful in Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme this year because of Woodford Park’s generosity and Vida’s tenacity.

**Olive**

*The following article appeared in 'About My Area' in January* thanks to Ian (Accompanied by the picture below and the one on the front page)



Over 300 pieces of medical equipment that cannot be reused have been collected and stored by Disability Stockport over recent months. With the able assistance of Peter Ablett and Kieran McMahon from that charity members of Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club loaded the items, such as crutches, commodes, walking frames and wheelchairs, on to a van, kindly donated by County Van Hire, for delivery to Bury St. Edmunds in Suffolk.

The van was then driven by two members of Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club who undertook the long 180 mile drive to a charity called Aid To Hospitals Worldwide (A2HW). They will send these items, plus others collected from around the UK, in a container which could be dispatched anywhere in the world where medical equipment is needed. **Disability Stockport** is a voluntary organisation that assists and supports people with physical disabilities and/or sensory loss or impairments. They provide a range of services for Stockport residents including Information, advice, advocacy, counselling and care support services, including Primus Plus - a day care centre and Connect Plus - an out of hours leisure activities group, through friendly and professional staff.

**Aid To Hospitals Worldwide (A2HW)** is a charity dedicated to sending free medical equipment to the developing world. It works closely with donating charities and the NHS collecting decommissioned equipment and then sending it to the most medically deprived areas of the world. It has sent aid to over 50 countries. It is a young (10 years old) active charity with lots of success and recognition winning many awards. Also, in addition to the equipment taken they currently obtain all types of unwanted items including bandages, dressings etc. and a vast range of hardware such as medical and surgical tools, monitors, defibrillators, computers etc,

For further information contact [ldobso@totalise.co.uk](mailto:ldobso@totalise.co.uk) or visit the website [www.bwrotary.org.uk](http://www.bwrotary.org.uk)

## 11 Jan Alzheimer's Disease



The meeting was very well attended with about 36 present including some wives and four potential Rotarians. The Vice President officiated until President Bob arrived after attending a District commitment. The usual excellent meal was enjoyed and when "more chips" was announced there was a stampede to the front led by VP Brian. Vida announced that the previous Saturday in Bramall Park she, and four other Rotarians, had planted the 300 tulip bulbs donated by Woodford Park garden centre. The sale of bulbs had raised £102 and Vida suggested that a prize could be awarded for the best display. Tony announced that he and Trevor were driving down to Suffolk at 6 am the next morning to take the collected disability equipment for onward transport to Africa. John Meeus reported that the sale of tickets for the Chads theatre night on January 27<sup>th</sup> was going very well and there were only 12 tickets left.

The speaker was Peter Dunlop who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at the age of 55. Peter had been a consultant obstetrician at Macclesfield Hospital for 22 years. In autumn 2008 he experienced three worrying episodes, forgetting such things as the names of medication and phone numbers.

Peter attended the memory clinic at Wythenshawe Hospital but continued to work. An MRI scan of his brain was initially reassuring but he later consulted a neurologist at Hope Hospital who diagnosed Alzheimer's disease. He decided to retire immediately upon receiving the diagnosis. Peter finds great difficulty remembering numbers and cannot cope with the coins given in change. He manages this successfully by just using plastic as much as possible. He also has difficulty telling the time and now has a speaking watch. Peter auditioned for an Alzheimer's awareness programme and has spoken on the radio, the House of Lords and appeared on television. He has joined 'Educate' in Stockport which supports Alzheimer's sufferers and educates people about the problems of dementia. He is still able to drive with the aid of a sat nav but he has to be re-assessed annually to renew his licence. Although he can cope with things about the house, objects have to be put in their regular place if they are ever to be found again. Peter spoke well and was very open and witty about his condition. He answered a large number of questions and stated that there was not much treatment for the condition, although Aricept can give some improvement as does regular exercise. In the raffle Peter won the wine but did not recognise the winning number!



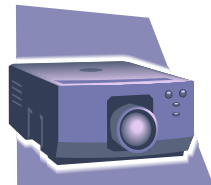
Brian said that the club had not got a team together for the Xmas float quiz night but urged members to get involved. President Bob announced that on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb the RIBI president would be at the meeting at Royal London Insurance in Wilmslow. On the 15th March the

President of RI would be at Old Trafford to celebrate the centenary of Manchester Rotary Club's charter. Sergeant @ Arms was Alan Newsome whose fines were well received.

**Bob Preece**

## Using the Club AV Equipment

Just to clear up a couple of points - please make certain that any speakers you have invited understand what they will need and that I am informed well in advance:



We have the following:

**Projector** capable of being connected to either a laptop or DVD player.

**Laptop.** I usually use my own but if the guest is bringing one, that's fine. If, however, they are bringing a Macintosh computer, they must also bring a VGA adaptor or it will not work. This has only happened once so it is not a major problem.

**DVD player** with remote control and connection instruction sheet.

None of the above items have a sufficient sound level to be heard so we also have **Amplified speakers** which can be connected to either the DVD player or a laptop.

**Screen.** This is kept at the club with our **projector stand** (both these items were obtained from Stockport Freegle).

When at the club, I use their extension leads to supply mains to the above but if we are using equipment at a remote location, a 4 way extension must also be included.

If your speaker intends to give a presentation using Power-Point, they will need the laptop and projector. If their presentation contains sound, they will also need the amplified speakers.

If they are bringing a DVD, they will need the DVD player, the projector and amplified speakers. DVDs do not always play well on laptops so it is vital that they know the difference.

**Gordon**

## 18th Jan, A grand day out



The meeting opened with President Bob telling us that the target of 200million US Dollars to help rid the world of Polio had been exceeded and that Bill Gates family had donated

a further 50million US dollars to the fund. He also advised us that with the help of our very own Harry Hill that no new cases of Polio have been reported in India in the last 12 months. Altogether a good news story.

Tony Burch gave a quick overview of information gathered about A2HW (Aid to Hospitals Worldwide) on the visit to Bury last week. The Charity there collects, cleans and repairs donated items of medical equipment from simple crutches to computers, oscilloscopes and even defibrillators. Last year they distributed for reuse around £2.6million worth of equipment.

Between courses, Sue Preece introduced Carol Nsubuga a Rotarian from Uganda. Carol told us a little of the joys and problems of District 9200 which covers 5 countries, not least the distances involved in meeting other clubs – the nearest club being some 50 miles away. Uganda is a country about the size of the UK with a population of around 28 million people with the main commercial activities being Coffee and Cotton growing. It is now in the Lonely Planet

Guide and has several National Parks for the growing number of visitors. Carol said that Rotary in Uganda are planning and implementing a large Sustainable Impact project in line RI guidelines which is to improve the life of a village for the long term. This includes collecting rain water for drinking, creating kitchen/vegetable gardens to provide good basic food stuffs and much more. The village was selected due to its recent success with a livestock project with Rotarians who now have experience of running projects and live in the area. Carol asked the club to consider if it could offer any help in the implementation.

After the break, Michael Lacey introduced Peter Owen to give us a talk entitled 'Peru, a good day out'. Peter is a retired police officer and lapsed Rotarian of 25 years standing with Poynton club, where he held most club roles.

The trip he described was initiated by the fact that his son decided to 'Do' South America, backpacking his way around and Peter arranged to meet him there. Having taken his wife to Mexico and left her there with a credit card – brave man – he flew to Peru and met up with his son in Cusco where they enjoyed the entertainment relating to the Festival of the Winter Solstice. A tour of the town showed the skills of the ancient builder who created stone block walls linked by metal rings – not mortar – which allow movement in the event of an earth quake without deformation. No mean feat for what was considered a primitive civilisation. There is

still evidence of the 18K miles of surfaced roads built by the Incas which were built with service areas for water, prayer and other necessary things. They next visited a Holy site which was originally 6 layers tall but had been raided by the Spanish to build a Cathedral in Cusco leaving only 3 layers. The new building is endowed with Gold and Silver taken from the holy site where it had covered all the stone walls.

The next destination was Machu Picchu via the Vista train travelling along perilous tracks next to the river which has been known to flood and wash the rails away. The Machu Picchu site has a Rotary flag at the entrance - they get everywhere. Peter showed pictures of the terraced site which, whilst now grassed over was where the town grew its own food stuffs. Chinchillas and llamas are used as the lawn mowers for these terraces. The site was built with the local geology rather than into it with many examples of original rock forming major parts of the building work and stairways cut into it. The area was formed as the Summer Palace for the Inca Kings and was ahead of its time in terms of buildings and infrastructure with all buildings having pitched thatched roofs. There is evidence of a University on the site for the local population whilst not entertaining the Kings. At the highest point of the site a square stone block stands perfectly set with the corners indicating North/East/South/West.

Never one to stay in one place, Peter took the Pan America highway by luxury coach to visit the Nasca De-

sert and see from the air the Nazca Lines – a unique set of figures and lines which have withstood the test of time – nobody knows why they are there but photo's show outlines of whales, dogs, monkeys and many more figures all created using small rocks laid together. On again and a speedboat trip took Peter and Son to the Ballestas islands where marine and bird life abounds with the main export being Guano. Tourists are only allowed to view the island from the sea to protect the residents but spectacular photos show the grandeur of the island.

Returning the 'Candelabra of the Andes' was viewed from Pisco Bay – a large three pronged Candelabra cut into the hillside with estimates of it size varying between 180 and 240 m high and 80 meters wide. Finally Peter returned to Mexico and found his wife and credit card intact before going off to visit Chichen Itza where the Kukulcan pyramid is to be found. Its unique feature is the staircases found on each of the 4 sides having 91 steps each which taken with the top step relates to the 365 days of the year.

A short session of club business was undertaken with 4 people putting themselves up for the quiz team. Ian and Gill advised that they were taking their test on the enterprise bus on Thursday. Henry allegedly won the raffle and Geoff Hunt managed to find 'good' reasons to fine everybody in the room – including himself.

The meeting formally closed at 10.33

**Trevor**

## **A report on charitable giving from the Manchester Evening News:**

More people are giving money to charity, but the average donation has gone down.

Women aged 45-64 are most likely to give, while people aged 16-24 are least likely.

Data gathered by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealed that an additional 1.1 million people donated money to charity in the year to February 2011 than the pre-vious year, taking the total to around 29.5 million. However, the average amount given per month fell from £12 In 2009/10 to £11, so the total value of donations, £11 billion, remained the same as the previous year.

The most popular charitable cause is medical research, to which more than 11 million people, or 38 per cent of the giving population, donate on a monthly basis.

A quarter of those who give to charity donate to hospitals, while 24 per cent support children's charities.

The ONS surveyed more than 300 adults aged 16 and over on behalf of the Charities Aid Foundation and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations



### **Spotlight on a Rotarian.....**

**Bulletin Editor  
and Past President  
Gordon (IT wizard) Jackson**



Gordon joined Rotary in 2004 after being invited to Denton Rotary Club's "open evening". He was initially intrigued by the many different aspects of Rotary work and then he heard a talk by David Rabone on how Rotary puts the fun back into fund raising and he was hooked.

A good old Stockport boy, born and bred in Stockport, he actually took his first breath in 1950 in Stepping Hill Hospital. He tells me that "his mother was not shown where the help buzzer was and so she delivered me on her own" (oh that explains everything!)

During his childhood his father was a plasterer by trade and at that time plaster couldn't be used in cold weather so every winter saw him out of work.

Gordon has always been fascinated by anything and everything connected with technology and he built his first electric motor at aged 11, his first radio at 12 and by the age of 14 was building carbon microphones out of old tobacco tins and making crude telephones – so the talent was there at a very early age.

As a teenager, a holiday job saw him working at John Horne's toffee factory in Stockport at £3.50 a week.

Very dull and repetitive work - but all the toffees you could eat! At school he managed to scrape a few GCEs and A levels and then obtained Higher National Certificates in both electrical and mechanical engineering but didn't have much confidence of a future in academia until he passed the entrance exam for Mensa. This surprise success spurred him on to try for higher things and eventually, at age 40, he received top marks in an M.Sc. electronics degree. One of his first jobs was a student apprentice in a power station and he loved the variety of work and the practical nature of everything. He later moved into electronics and vibration technology (working with David Pozizer). He then worked at ICL on mainframe computers, but with the demise of the big computers went into teaching at Wythenshawe (enjoyable) and Manchester Colleges (hated with a vengeance). Finally, he moved to Tameside Hospital to run their computer training and met some great people.

He and Jenny have been married for 40 years, have two daughters and are proud grandparents of one granddaughter (Freya Jayne aged 1). Both daughters live nearby - Lynn is a clinical data manager and Gail is manager of a children's nursery.

Gordon is now fully retired but his days are busy and fulfilling. With the able assistance of Michael Lacey and Sue Preece he helps to run the hugely popular Bramhall U3A computer group. He volunteers for the local counselling service that is Beacon, "messing around" with their computer systems and writes software to analyse their client data. He also occasionally helps some blind people with computer stuff and of course is always the steadying voice at the end of the telephone or

computer screen to help friends and Rotarians with their computer panics.

I enquired about hobbies, and he tells me that "he's an occasional stand-in for Brad Pitt during risqué scenes; Nobel Prize winner in physics; and part time skydiving instructor, etc. but was ready to admit that he may sometimes exaggerate slightly.

He and Jen love their holidays but he finds the traveling tedious with all the delays and excuses that plague the airlines. Some years ago he went to Turkey for a few months to do some educational development work and loved it, but afterwards returned for a holiday with his daughters who were pestered beyond endurance. Of course his big project for Rotary was his humanitarian trip to Tanzania a couple of years ago and which turned out to be a real eye-opener, thinking he could make a difference and then finding that social inertia was terribly difficult to overcome. However, B&W considered he'd made a huge impact and awarded him the Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his valuable work.

His Rotary highlights?

.....Gordon says he really enjoys the fellowship and the feeling that occasionally he might make a difference. Becoming President a few years ago was, he thought, an enormous achievement. "For someone with my background to be asked to lead such an august group was a real privilege and then being awarded the PHF just capped the honour".

Finally, his considered analysis of his life so far - "it's been a bumpy ride"!

**Olive**



## Saving your digital photos

Whenever you save a digital photo on your computer, it is saved as a file which can be one of several types. Here they are:

### **JPEG (or JPG) The most common.**

Joint Photographic Experts Group. A format that applies a lossy compression to your image (it loses some of the original data) in order to dramatically reduce file size. This makes the format popular because you can get a lot of photos in a limited memory space.

### **TIFF**

Tagged Image File Format. This standard image file format applies some compression but preserves all image data in the process, so in most cases it will be a higher-quality image than a JPEG. As a result, the file size of an image saved as a TIFF will be much larger than the same image saved as a JPEG.

### **RAW, Used in high-end dead posh cameras like wot Harry's got**

Not an acronym, just means raw data. RAW files are images that have not been processed by your camera in any way after shooting. The file has not been converted into a JPEG or TIFF format and therefore contains exactly the same image data that was collected by the sensor during exposure.

### **GIF**

Stands for Graphics Interchange Format. GIF is the most common file format used by web designers. Results in very small file sizes but low quality.

I have kleptomania,  
but when it gets bad,  
I take something for it.

## My favourite hotel

Following on from Olive's 'My favourite restaurant' in the last issue, I thought I'd share my favourite hotel of all time—Overwater Hall in Ireby, Cumbria, a grade 2 listed 18th century country house in 18 acres of gardens and woodland with Skiddaw and Ulldale Fells as the backdrop

The finest food and great service make this an ideal place from which to explore the lakes or just relax in the superb lounge from where you can watch red squirrels raiding the bird feeder on the balcony.



From the moment you arrive and realise that your mobile phone cannot get a signal to the time you leave, you can unwind in luxurious surroundings or use the hotel as a base to explore the area.

Small hotel of the year - twice! Winners of the north-west of England award and the Cumbria tourism award 2010! The hotel was 'mystery shopped' not once but twice last year to achieve these accolades.

Dogs are welcome and mid-week winter break prices are very competitive.

[www.overwaterhall.co.uk](http://www.overwaterhall.co.uk)  
Tel: 017687 76566  
Ireby, Cumbria CA7 1HH  
Gordon

If you would like to tell the club about your favourite restaurant, hotel or holiday destination, please send details to Gordon.

### THE ENGLISH PENNY - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

EU Directive No. 456179: `In order to meet the conditions for joining the Single European currency, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase `spending a penny' is not to be used after 31st December, 2011. From this date, the correct terminology will be `Euronating' .

Thank you for your attention'.

*Tony Burch's eulogy at Bob Batty's funeral received much comment as to its clarity and depth of feeling. Here is the main text of his tribute:*

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What are the words and phrases that spring to mind when one thinks of Bob Batty?

Honest and loyal

Kind & considerate

Calm & interested

Capable and committed

A person I have genuinely never heard a bad word said against

Willing to give advice and usually very fine advice, but only when asked.

A man highly regarded, of great integrity and possessing a generous and giving nature.

I can put it no better than David Poizer when he gave a wonderful tribute to Bob at our Rotary Club the day after Bob passed away-

Small in stature but huge in character.

As I said to Kath I could not help but think; why is it that us Brits only pay these compliments, our honest views and opinions once the person is no longer with us. Do we find it so difficult or embarrassing to compliment that person directly from our own lips or do we believe that by some subliminal means that person intrinsically knows our innermost thoughts and sentiments.

An only child Bob was born in Buxton which goes a good way to explaining his tenacious and committed attitude. I am only surprised that he didn't become a mountaineer or arctic explorer. I also should have included Modest in my earlier attributes. How many of you are aware that Bob attended a very prestigious private school in Cambridge – Leys School. He was there at the same time as the famous Mr. Chips – Yes he is a real person and I am sure Bob would have said Goodbye to him!

As we are all aware Bob was a loving husband to Kathleen and attentive and proud father to Philip and Rosemary. His wonderful wife of 51 years Kath met Bob through a marriage Bureau, Yes a sort of dating agency. A kind of very early pre cursor to internet dating! It was called The Young Conservatives.

I first met Bob over 30 years ago when I joined Round Table by which time Bob had moved on to 41 club. I have got to know him particularly

well in the last 17 years since I became a member of Rotary. A club of which Bob was a founder member and a Paul Harris fellow – for non Rotarians that's a sort of Rotary VC. Bob achieved far too many things in Rotary to list, but one for which he is famed is his role as THE ARCHIVIST. Bob kept immaculate records to whom all club members referred whenever facts were needed. I called him the Club SAGE, the Oracle, the font of all knowledge, the Wikipedia of Bramhall Rotary. Bob could be serious where appropriate and he did not accept weak or ill thought out views and arguments. You had to be sure of your facts to argue with Bob. Many a treasurer has been tripped up – me, included by the polite but penetrating questions that he would throw. I took the view that firstly the accounts had to stand up to Bobs scrutiny and then that of the auditor.

Bob was also game for a bit of fun – one such occasion was a track day at Donnington Park race circuit. Bob didn't want to drive but wanted to be a passenger. He rang me a few days before to enquire if he needed any special clothing for the event. To which I replied just Bicycle Clips. Being the man he was some time later he made great ceremony during our "Bikes for Africa" project of presenting me with – YES a set of bicycle clips. At the race track he selected his helmet and duly got strapped into my car. My aim is to give the passenger a thrill, frighten them a bit, but not too much. We did the laps and he really enjoyed it. However he had a problem when trying to remove his helmet, it just wouldn't come off. So using a colleague to hold him down by the shoulders I yanked it off his head and enquired - are you OK Bob? - to which he replied – fine just look in the helmet and see if you can find my ears will you.

As you know Bob had a very successful career as a Civil Engineer in the water industry and also had very many other interests including his great passion for trains and all things to do with rail travel. Bob, Kath and their children were great touring caravaners and in those earlier years Kath refers fondly to the Batty clan as Gypsies. Later on we know how they developed into intrepid worldwide travellers.

The other great commitment Bob had, was to this very church. He was Chairman of the property committee and devoted many hours every week in sustaining and improving the buildings and services as well as being a full and active member of the church in its day to day life.

He was a one off - a lovely family man, a friend and a true Christian gentleman. Bob will be greatly missed by this church, a lot of other people, and certainly all of us here today

## 25th Jan Gambia Fact Finders



We had a very home-grown evening on 25th January. Our own Gill Critchley and Sue Preece gave an excellent presentation on their trip to The Gambia to give help to a charitable home for disabled children. More of that later!

The attendance was swelled by our ladies and by Janet, visiting us for the third time. We look forward to welcoming her as a member in the future. The aforementioned Gill welcomed our guests and pointed out that this was both the Chinese New Year and Burns Night – a veritable ‘Chinese Burn’, a pun for which she earned a well –deserved boo! This sadly brought out a rash of poor haggis jokes, best left unreported. John Meeus had attended a Burns Night at RC Knutsford, at which the everlasting question of what do you wear under a kilt was apparently visually answered. Not the sort of thing to show whilst eating surely!

Gill and Sue, garbed in traditional dress for the occasion, gave a moving description of their trip. Gill was revisiting a friend in The Gambia (why the ‘The’, I wonder?) who had connections with an English charity ‘Friends of The Gambia’, and their specific objective was to see the children’s respite home Hart House. Gill and Sue had collected many items of clothing and educational supplies from club members and others, and Thomas Cook had generously allowed them extra luggage to carry it with them on the flight. All this was supplemented by £200

raised at a coffee morning held by Sue. The Gambia is a tiny and very poor African country with many parents having difficulty in feeding and clothing their families adequately.

Hart House was home to several children with disabilities. All were well fed and clothed, and the extra supplies were very well received indeed. The new clothes were tried on, then taken off again to eke them out over the forthcoming years! Later, some bikes were bought for the children and provided much stimulation for the kids. A new washing machine was also bought. This was a massive novelty as few were available in The Gambia. Local plumbing was called in and demonstration washes were watched by an appreciative audience and provided clean towels as well!

Our ladies made several other visits in their week-long stay. Several organisations and families received 50kg of rice, and Gill was especially pleased to meet the 4 year old she has sponsored for some time. He was delighted to get clothes and other gifts, and his mother shyly expressed her thanks the next day via the Friend of The Gambia. £15 per month sponsors a child and provides clothes, schooling and meals, all administered via The Friends of The Gambia.

After many questions, Gill and Sue were congratulated on their talk, and for their initiative in this very worthwhile enterprise.

Mary Monkhouse won the raffle and her husband assiduously and comprehensively fined all Rotarians present, many for the flimsiest of reasons. This excellent evening ended at a respectable 10.25pm.

### Dennis

*(It's 'The' Gambia because of The Gambia river running through it)*



## *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
06/02/2012	N Loveland	C Monkhouse
13/02/2012	D Poizer	G Jackson
20/02/2012	D Walker	V Chattington
27/02/2012	J Meeus	B Farrow
05/03/2012	J Sykes	G Hunt
12/03/2012	R Malabon	D Allport
19/03/2012	D Rose	G Critchley
26/03/2012	B Preece	S Preece
02/04/2012	N Loveland	G Jackson
09/04/2012	D Poizer	V Chattington
16/04/2012	D Walker	B Farrow
23/04/2012	H Hill	G Hunt

To try to write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless.

# *Diary & Job Rota*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Diary</b>	<b>Speaker Host</b>	<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Sgt @ Arms</b>
01/02/2012	Committees		J Knowles	T Sheppard
08/02/2012	Tony Baugh - A Sign of the Times	G Jackson	T Burch	N Loveland
15/02/2012	T Nightingale - Bramhall Community Ambulance	V Chattington	D Rose	M Lacey
22/02/2012	Matt Davies - MEN Group	I Dobson	J Thomas	H Barker
29/02/2012	No meeting - 5th Wednesday			
09/03/2012	President's night (Deanwater)			
14/03/2012	Committees		S Davies	D Poizer
21/03/2012	Egan/Farrow	D Walker	J Sykes	R Malabon
28/03/2012	Bramhall High Head (Meeus)	J Meeus	D Burstow	J Thewlis
04/04/2012	AGM/Committees		B Bissell	G Critchley
11/04/2012	Jackson/Knowles	H Hill	I Dobson	C Egan
18/04/2012	Lacey/Loveland	B Dougal	A Newsome	J Thomas
25/04/2012	Malabon/Meeus	B Farrow	D Rabone	T Saville
02/05/2012	Committees		G Hunt	J Knowles
10/05/2012	Canine Partners (Thursday)	M Lacey	T Sheppard	D Allport
16/05/2012	Poizer/Bob Preece	C Monkhouse	N Loveland	J Sykes
23/05/2012	Monkhouse/Newsome	D Rose	B Preece	T Burch
30/05/2012	5th Wednesday No meeting			
06/06/2012	Committees		H Barker	G Jackson
13/06/2012	Sue Preece/Rabone	S Preece	D Poizer	S Davies



David Rose and some other bloke collecting at M&S for the King Edward Macclesfield band (Lorna is on the right)



Geoff receives a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellowship and Graham gets his presidential caricature at the Christmas party



The Mercian Plate presented to Bruce Farrow

# Harry Hill - one very clever monkey!

North Cornwall has a new PR Guru – Harry Hill.

Fans of Facebook may well have seen just how busy Harry Hill has been lately and we were thrilled when he managed to find a window in his schedule and drop by into the Local-eyes offices recently. (Not so thrilled that he ate us out of bananas though! - editor)

Harry was adopted in June this year by Andrew Hill, from Hill's Taxis and Andrew was so impressed with Harry's fundraising skills that he appointed him Promotions Manager for the business. Harry's mission is to help to promote local points of interest, businesses and charities and just by being there, with his bucket, has helped to raise a huge amount of money for lots of local charities including Stepper Point, Guerka Widows and the Padstow Lifeboat. Harry then posts pictures of his travels and antics on his Facebook page where he has nearly 1000 friends



Harry appears to have a new job in his retirement. This advert for a novel method of fund raising was spotted by Dennis.



How to wear a  
Traditional  
Gambian kaftan



Carol Nsubuga receives a pennant from Bob



A good turn out to hear Sue & Gill talk about their visit to The Gambia

Meeting apologies to [apologies@bwrotary.org.uk](mailto:apologies@bwrotary.org.uk) by Tuesday noon please

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