

Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club

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Bulletin



Just what did Harry say at Macclesfield College?



The floating restaurant that was our reward for canal work



The annual Christmas walk took place this year at Etherow Park in Compstall



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A warm
welcome to
Abi Jenkins



Silence at the Brandenburg Gate

A Room of Silence is located in the Brandenburg gate in the busy centre of Berlin. The gate was conceived about 200 years ago as a Gate of Peace, a theme which was the basis for the **Rotary Global Peace Forum** which I attended recently with David Rose – and about one thousand other Rotarians from around the world.

Although the Brandenburg Gate became the symbol of a divided city and a divided world, it has once again become the symbol for a peaceful future for both Germany and Europe. Its Room of Silence picks up on the idea of the Gate of Peace in accordance with its original spirit.

This room, therefore, is a continuous reminder against violence and xenophobia – a small step towards peace and spiritual unity according to the prayer of the United Nations:

“Our planet Earth is only a small star in space. It is our duty to transform it into a planet whose creatures are no longer tormented by war, hunger and fear, no longer senselessly divided by race, colour and ideology. Give us courage and strength to begin this task today so that our children and children’s children shall one day carry the name of man with pride”.

The Rotary theme this year is “Peace through Service” and the conference motto was “Peace without borders”. Berlin was a salutary reminder of what the world still needs to do – and the part Rotary can play in meeting our commitment to the above prayer.

Geoff. Hunt

Meeting Reports

12/12/12 The Christmas Dinner



VP Sue took the meeting which was very well attended indeed, to the point where there were more people than places, which was swiftly sorted out with extra tables and chairs. Grace was performed by David Rose and then Lorraine presented us with a superb array on the buffet – Turkey & trimmings, gammon, Salmon & crab, Scampi and delicious vegetables.

Michael Lacey became our very own record breaker by conducted the EGM with next year's Club Officials being named, all in a 20 second, start to finish, blur. This reporters writing became quite indecipherable at this point and so I cannot report further. Well done Michael for letting this business occupy so little time on a splendid evening with our guests.

Gordon had no trouble getting volunteers to distribute copies of his fine Bulletin to absent members.

Gill told us that when 'bus driving', she heard that a lady called Jean had no central heating as she couldn't get a plumber to fix it and her husband was in hospital. Gill 'phoned Harry and John T., 'kidnapped' this lady and took her home, where Harry and John re-pressurised the system and restored her heating. Very definitely 'Rotary in Action'.

The evening's guest speaker was Jack Glenn, introduced by David Rose, with a talk entitled '*A light-hearted look at public speaking*'. Jack, a Rotarian himself with the Chorlton Club, told us his life story intertwined with his love of public speaking. Jack is very definitely a Scot, hailing from Glasgow. In 1969 he was an insurance agent, collecting premiums door to door and very happy with that position.

One day he was walking past a library in Glasgow, when he decided to go in. Inside, he spied a copy of the Glasgow Herald and on opening it, saw an advertisement where an insurance company were looking for a Branch Representative – a step up from where he was. He successfully applied for this and it came with a car. After 18 months his boss asked him if he would like to 'seek his fortune in England' and so he found himself in Fallowfield. As a 'stranger in a strange land' he accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the RC of Manchester South and found himself with 50 posh men wearing collars and ties. He commented that in Scotland, if you were a Rotarian, you had really arrived!

If he were to join Rotary he thought he had better learn how to speak in public and so joined Stockport Speakers Club with 35 members and told us of the impromptu speeches, where you had to speak for 2 minutes on a subject that you had just been given. One chap, who could barely walk, had the subject 'How I became an Olympic Pole Vaulter' !! Jack went on to become a speaker of note, winning numerous awards.

One day he was asked to act as Toastmaster at the Deanwater and several years later he received a call asking him to do it there again, at a wedding there. The following day in 1988, the Deanwater's M.D. 'phoned him to ask if he would become their resident toastmaster. Jack told us of the humour he has encountered in this role, citing one time where the speaker asked "what would an occasion like be without the guests", to which someone in the party called back "Cheap"! A very good talk indeed.

Sue asked us for any baby clothes that she could take out to Uganda. Gill mentioned that the collections had also netted a 'Napoleon III' coin, which John T volunteered to take away and research. There were two Raffles on this festive occasion and then Dennis proceeded to fine us, finishing with a 'catch-all' to ensure no one escaped.

Chris

16th Dec—Work on a canal and get fed



An invitation went out from Hazel Mayow, who gave us a talk last month on canal preservation, that those who had worked on the Macclesfield canal could come and get free food. Needing no other encourage-

ment, a few of us were chauffeured by Harry to a canal basin in Whaley Bridge where we went on board The Judith Mary, a well appointed floating restaurant complete with tablecloths and cutlery. Those of us unaccustomed to eating with knife and fork were duly instructed and after a very funny safety talk (the life rings on top of the boat are totally useless as the water is not deep enough to need them) we travelled through some delightful scenery on the Peak Forest canal whilst enjoying hot pot and apple pie. There were quite a few others present who had all worked on various stretches of the canal and included Americans, New Zealanders and a range of other nations who had made England their temporary home and decided to help out with restoration work while they were here. A very nice crowd and good food made the 2.5 hour trip well worth while.

Gordon

"Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people."— W. C. Fields, American humourist

Beware of the scam

We frequently see emails of the type that end 'Pass this on to as many people as possible to warn them' and I often send a reply out saying 'This is a scam, ignore it'. The following is how to determine how much truth is in these chain emails.

1. They claim to give information that *others* are trying to hide. An example is the one that states that microwave ovens break down the molecular structure of water and render it ineffective in nutrition (so warming baby's milk in a microwave means baby is getting no food value). But the manufacturers don't want you to know this. The text is usually in capitals with lots of exclamation marks.
2. They claim that a terminally ill child is trying to collect emails/postcards/bottle tops etc.
3. They appear to be from a genuinely heart rending source like just after Madeleine McCann went missing. These are much harder to detect as it is just possible they may be from worried relatives.
4. They ask for money. Sometimes they come from a hacked email account of someone you know and say they are stuck in an airport as their wallet and passport have been stolen.
5. They ask for your bank details so they can transfer money.
6. They warn of a supposed attack on a lone motorist in an isolated place and claim you can attract the police by dialling a certain number on your mobile phone.
7. They say that if you are threatened at the cash machine, type your PIN number in backwards and the police will arrive within seconds.
8. They claim your bank account will be suspended unless you change your password.

The usual way to see if these are genuine, is to type the details into the web site **www.snopes.com** where you can be pretty certain that someone else will have questioned them before you. For example, typing 'Reverse PIN number' into Snopes tells you that a system like this was patented in the US but was only advisory and so never implemented due to cost and false alarm possibilities.

All of these are either after your money or want you to pass on the email so that when they get to criminals, they contain a list of thousands of active email addresses to which they send more scams.

If you do find an email is genuine and want to pass it on, put your own address in the Sender box and everyone else's in the **BCC** box (Blind Carbon Copy) not forgetting to remove all other email addresses in the body of the email. This way, they don't appear on subsequent emails. If you can't see the BCC address line on your email, press function key 1 (labelled F1 at the top of your keyboard) and type 'show bcc field' into the help box that appears.

Telephone scams are many and you may get a call from a nice person claiming to be from Microsoft who tells you that there is a problem with your computer. They ask you to go to a website that gives them access and then install a virus for which they demand money to remove.

A different scam is a call supposedly from a police officer saying your credit/debit cards have been stolen and they need your details to trace the culprit. They may ask for your PIN number

or just the security number on the back of the card and in some cases have conned people into parting with their cards to a bogus 'courier' who turns up at the door.

Telephone nuisance sales calls can be partially stopped by entering your details with the Telephone Preference Society (get there via Google) but they are purely advisory and have no teeth to deal with repeat offenders. They may refer you to the Telephone Marketing Service but they are useless too as they just refer you back.

The most effective way I have found to stop them is to install a small device called 'CPR Call Blocker' between the incoming socket and the phone. This contains a pre-programmed list of 200 nuisance callers, plus you can add more as they arrive just by pressing a button on the top. They aren't cheap (£40 to £60 from Amazon) but they are worth it.

There are many other scams out there and doubtless criminals will always find new and ingenious ways of parting people from their money. The police do not appear to act on email and telephone crime so the only way to avoid getting stung is to be very careful.

Gordon

"I am ready to meet my maker. Whether He is prepared for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter."— Winston Churchill.

"If you live like there's no God, you'd better be right."— Anonymous

"Be yourself--everyone else is taken."— Oscar Wilde, British author

Fame at last for Sue

Dear Rotarian Preece and Rotarian Muhwezi,

I am happy to share with you this month's Rotary Service Update which announces your Rotary Miles-winning RFE. This newsletter reaches nearly 25,000 subscribers. Thank you again for the photos and information! I will keep you up to date with any additional promotion.

Best regards,

Kathryn Nichols

Winners of Rotary Friendship Exchange/Twin Clubs contest announced

Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Bramhall &Woodford, England, and Kasese, Uganda, for winning 150,000 miles from United Airlines for their next Rotary Friendship Exchange! The clubs implement a model village project in Lhuhwahwa, Uganda, that helps residents generate sustainable income through vocational training in sewing, tailoring, and knitting.

Club members will build on their existing partnership through their upcoming Friendship Exchange visits.

Actuary:

- *an English actuary can predict the number of people who will die next year.*
- *a Scicilian actuary can name them.*

*Intelligence is when you spot a flaw in your bosses reasoning.
Wisdom is deciding not to point it out.*

Comparison of money raised by Santa's float

2012		Day		2011	Day	Variance
Sat	08/12/2012	£442		Sat	£418	£25
Sun	09/12/2012	£718		Sun	£647	£71
Mon	10/12/2012	£214		Mon	£331	-£117
Tues	11/12/2012	£356		Tues	£401	-£45
Wed	12/12/2012	£454		Wed	£392	£62
Thurs	13/12/2012	£229		Thurs	£387	-£157
Fri	14/12/2012	£342		Fri	£383	-£42
Sat	15/12/2012	£424		Sat	£476	-£52
Sun	16/12/2012	£520		Sun	£471	£49
Mon	17/12/2012	£359		Mon	£367	-£8
Tue	18/12/2012	£396		Tue	£380	£16
Wed	19/12/2012	£480		Wed	£313	£167
Thu	20/12/2012	£431		Thu	£428	£3
Fri	21/12/2012	£347		Fri	£363	-£15
Totals		£5,714			£5,755	



A group of us congregated for Envelope stuffing at Walthew House and after detailed instructions, we got it all wrong until Trevor took command and organised everyone properly. Apparently we save their staff many hours of repetitive work by doing this so it is undoubtedly a true community action. Riding my bike home in a snowstorm however, was not.

Gordon

Rotary

“End Polio Now” Campaign

Some facts about polio and a brief story about this amazing campaign



I saw this image on Facebook recently and was amazed at the serious money that's been ploughed over the years into this campaign and it set me wondering what the Rotary background story to all of this was? For more than 25 years Rotary International has contributed an enormous total of US\$1.08 billion, as well as encouraging many volunteers to work towards a world free of polio. But why did Rotary International decide to work for this long-term and demanding challenge?

First of all what is polio and what is its impact?

It's a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. Poliomyelitis still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia and Africa.

It can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.

In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.

Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$9 billion global investment in eradication.

The campaign started in 1985 with a huge multi-partnered worldwide effort to end this devastating disease by bringing immunization to the global community and consequently polio numbers since then have declined rapidly - but the fight isn't over. The programme to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, with its partners: Rotary International, UNICEF, the World Health Organisation, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and governments throughout the world. In 2012 they are now on the very brink of eradicating this tenacious disease but a final push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

The story of how Rotary became involved started in 1972 when Dr. Albert Sabin, an American medical researcher who had originally developed the vaccine of choice against polio in 1961, gave Rotary, in a humanitarian gesture, strains of the poliovirus vaccine. RI then donated these to the World Health Organization to increase their availability to developing countries. As a consequence of Dr. Sabin's gesture Rotary was inspired in 1979 to make its first 5-year pledge to immunize six million children in the Philippines against polio.

In 1985 Rotary's PolioPlus initiative was launched and RI

pledged US\$120 million to this programme - but in fact raised \$240 million. What must have been quite a dramatic event, and to give impetus to this launch, Dr. Sabin, an honorary Rotarian, demonstrated the ease of administration by giving himself drops of the vaccine. The following year Rotary provided a \$2.6 million grant to India for a pilot vaccination programme.

Rotary International had started the polio eradication ball rolling which inspired the World Health Organization to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988 with the goal of eradicating the disease within 12 years, however, this timing proved to be too optimistic. In 1988 there were approximately 350,000 polio cases in 125 countries.

For the next 20 years hundreds of millions of children worldwide were immunized. Just in 1995 there were 165 million vaccinations in China and India in a single week! Reported polio cases diminished rapidly and by 1996 the number of nations declared polio-free was 150.

By 2003 only 7 countries remained endemic and in 2009 Rotary made a further pledge to raise \$200 million to match the Bill and Melinda Gates' Foundation's funding. Many new programmes and strategies throughout the world were introduced during the following few years by various agencies, including huge vaccination and monitoring initiatives in India - and earlier this year India was declared polio-free.

By 2010 only 1,352 cases were reported and now in 2012 there is, at last, a 99% eradication..... leaving 3 countries - Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan to continue the fight.

“High levels of vaccination coverage will continue. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high”.

(Rotary International)

Olive *(information researched from various websites)*

Committees January 2



The evening started well and all seemed pleased that there was no turkey for dinner! For grace Reverend Knowles suggested we just spend a minute to think about our many blessings and those less fortunate than ourselves. *I noted that 24 members were present, nine*

sent apologies which left a substantial number of Rotarians who neither replied nor turned up!

President Brian thanked everyone for their valiant efforts with the Christmas float collections and Woodford collections. It was noted that we now have inherited three Father Christmas outfits and the ex-Tablers have been astounded at the new high quality float. All had had a good time at the Christmas 'Thai' dinner and at Presidents drinks. Vida presented Lorraine with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her high quality food and to wish her a very happy New Year. The remainder of the evening was devoted to committees as follows:

Membership There will be an Open Evening on April 10th and all members were asked to bring along a potential Rotarian to this evening. Discussions also focussed on creating a separate category of friends/partners/associates/ etc... of B&W Rotary so that we could call upon people, who may not want to be full Rotarians, but would be willing to help with our activities.

Finances will be managed by Michael L while Gill is away on holiday in India.

Foundation Michael explained about the new system of grants and Future Vision.

Ways and Means was chaired by Bob P as John T was away. Again all were congratulated on the very successful float. This committee are discussing ways to improve things for next year. Unfortunately Waitrose will no longer allow us, or anyone,

to collect in the shop anymore. It was suggested that we try the new Asda in Cheadle Hulme.

Community Service is going well and Harry explained that we need the use of power tools to continue with the excellent work being done on the tow path.

Communications, there is now a district 1050 Facebook page and all were encouraged to use it. A press release will be sent to thank local people for contributing nearly £8½K to our collections.

The next **Social** event will be the Chads Theatre evening.

International was keen to support the request for mosquito nets, gum boots and latex gloves as requested by Kasese Rotary Club Uganda.

Sales Vida is sending off for Rotary caps etc..

The S@A was Tony B who as usual did an excellent job of managing to fine everyone in record time and the meeting ended later than usual at 10:43pm

Sue Preece

Medical Equipment Loan

Red Cross Medical Loans (used to provide a wheelchair for Henry), based in Marple, provide equipment to help people return to their homes after a hospital stay and promote independence by offering short term loans of wheelchairs, backrests, bath seats, walking aids, commodes, bed pans and urinals.

Should you know of anyone who needs anything, their contact details are (but check the web too):

British Red Cross Medical Loans
16 Derby Way
Marple, SK6 7AH

There are also two branches in Stockport and one in Sale.

Lifebox Responds to Cyclone Bupha in the Philippines

During December a major disaster, Cyclone Bupha, devastated some parts of the Philippines and over 1,000 people lost their lives and thousands were left homeless. Volunteer teams from Disaster Aid were soon on the ground transporting 100 Life-boxes and 100 family tents and organising more to be shipped out later.



Efforts were concentrated on one community of 5,000 people, providing shelter, drinking water, warmth and a temporary school complex to replace this one hit by the Cyclone.

Working closely with Balay Mindanaw, a local disaster response agency, 4 DARTs

(Disaster Aid Response Teams) were quickly flown over to work for this community over Christmas and New Year (2 from Britain, 1 from New Zealand and 1 from the US) to help try to get this small town back on its feet. DART members are highly experienced volunteers and professionals who give freely of their time and their skills to help those in desperate need. Entire communities had been wiped out with hectares of coconuts, bananas and other trees fallen. Power and communication lines were down.

Disaster Aid is still only a relatively small charity – but it is OUR charity and deserves our continuing support. The LifeBox idea was conceived in our District by the late Arthur Bowker, a founder member of the Manchester South (now Chorlton) club and later a member of the Ashton under Lyne club. John Steward of the Poynton Rotary Club is now one of its Trustees and the Chairman of Disaster Aid UK and Ireland. The focus has always been to get survival systems to those in most need as quickly and as safely as possible.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE (a suggestion for debate from our newest member)

I find that problems from unruly teens seem to cease once the warm, patient, support from older members of society come into play. Teenagers, or young adults, want to take control of their own lives, reaching out for independence, into the wider community, taking on some of the responsibilities of a job, but without the burdens that a full job would bring.

Society now offers unpaid internships (eg Tesco's) and costly hobbies such as Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes, but if you weren't lucky enough to have had a higher education or to have taken part in award schemes, what's left for you? The time for young adults in this recession must be a daunting prospect.

At last week's visit from the Councillors, we heard that one of the biggest problems in Stockport is teenage alcoholism. This is the generation that we need to support and it's something, as Rotarians, we could do best. The number of tired, vacant shops in Stockport could surely be used to bring in young adults... For them to have a base from where they can find additional support for their ideas, for us to point them in the right direction etc.. There are plenty of young adults coming out of university facing unemployment, we could offer a network of community posts or small, temporary positions in the interim, ensuring their portfolio of work experience increases, the demands of the community is being met, and reducing the number of NEETS (not in education or employment) wandering about aimlessly.

Rotary can offer direction and patience and within it's structure, the wealth of knowledge and vast amount of experience begs to be supporting this. The community service that Rotary provides is fantastic. There is much to be proud of, and young adults would love the opportunity to support the network if it were available.

Abi Jenkins

My Travel Plans for 2013

I have been in many places, but I've never been ***in Cahoots***. Apparently, you can't go alone, you have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been ***in Cognito***. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been ***in Sane*** a few times. It doesn't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I've made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would really like to go to ***Conclusions***, but you have to jump, and I'm not too keen on physical activity anymore.

I have also been ***in Doubt***. That's a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been ***in Flexible***, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes, I'm ***in Capable*** and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is ***in Suspense!*** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been ***in Continent*** but I don't remember what country I was in. I suppose it's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there!!!

9th Jan - Maggie's Life Story



Harry reported that Henry was reasonably OK and thanked everyone for their efforts in getting him to and from the hospital and health centre. Gordon is in the process of fitting a key safe to Henry's house. John Meeus thanked members and their wives for the support they had given to Mary. He reminded everyone that the meeting on the 23rd Jan is at Macclesfield College Catering Dept. It needs 40 people to attend if we are to take over the room for ourselves. Vida said that the sale of the bulbs

should raise about £120. Between dinner and pudding Brian inducted Abi Jenkins to the club. This now brings our female membership to 20%.

After coffee, members were ordered back to the room by a very stern looking Maggie who made everyone feel they were back at school being taught by a very strict teacher. She then proceeded to entertain us with her life story. Maggie started life in Knottingley but soon moved to Pontefract, which is famous for its liquorice of which Maggie grew up eating large quantities. She attended Pontefract Girls High School and at a get together with the local boys Grammar School met Harry. After school, Maggie went to Ripon College to train as a teacher, her main subject being art. Her first teaching practice was in Northallerton and she travelled to Manchester at the weekends to see Harry. Her first job was in Pontefract and one of her jobs was to look after the animals. Male and female gerbils were kept in separate boxes but unfortunately Maggie got them mixed up at times with resulting chaos! She enjoyed looking after the gerbils and guinea pigs but not the grass snakes and spiders.

After marrying Harry they left for their honeymoon and went camping in France. There, a good friend of theirs decided he ought to join them on their honeymoon and sought out their tent. She then moved to Manchester and got a job teaching at a school on the Colshaw estate in Handforth. Despite its reputation, she found the kids very good but the same could not be said of the parents.

She left work to have four children. When the children were older Maggie returned to work, teaching art right through the school and later did supply work. She also did voluntary work, mainly teaching art and often walked home through Bramhall covered in paint and ink.

At the end of her talk, being a teacher, Maggie felt she had to set everyone a task and gave out paper and pencils for everyone to sketch the person opposite. There will be a competition later to try to identify the person sketched. Michael Lacy as S@A and did a good job of fining everyone in a very short time.

Bob Preece



Anybody seen these?

Access to the Media is a difficult area to overcome and the way I have approached it is to try to form a relationship with the key players. As you remember, Matt from MENMedia came along to the club last year and I believe that has helped get many pieces in the Stockport Express and Times. Cheshire Independent also do us proud as does the SKBramhall magazine.

Did you hear the radio?

Coming up to Christmas is one of our busiest times and I am sure that pieces on the radio have helped with the profile of our collections. The soundbites can be found on both our website and in the News section of District 1050's site.

Have you 'googled' our events?

The musical evening, Santa's post box, collecting on the float and at the garden centre all had a mention on the internet. It does not take long to get these things on to the worldwide web – it is all in the setup. And they are not primarily on our website!

Did you know....?

We have posted our logo on several community notice boards around the village during the last year

Result?

Nobody knows!

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Bigotry that kills

“Pakistan’s Islamist radicals are willing to kill teenage girls for going to school, or cast acid in the faces of their teachers. The murder of seven local aid workers on New Year’s Day shows that vaccinating children against polio has entered their litany of capital crimes. Even by the depraved standards of the Pakistani Taliban and its allies, the cold-blooded execution of these innocent people – six of them women – was a profoundly wicked act.

If anyone believes that conspiracy theories are harmless fantasies, consider why this outrage took place. The Taliban and its friends think that polio vaccines are a Western plot designed to make Muslims infertile – or perhaps give them Aids. This peculiarly paranoid conspiracy theory, which tends to vary with the teller, has taken hold in areas of Pakistan, Afghanistan and northern Nigeria. Consequently, these countries are the only places where polio remains endemic.

Humanity is quite capable of eradicating polio, just as smallpox was wiped out by 1979. Last year, Britain contributed £25 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. All that stands in the way is medieval suspicion of the two drops that protect a child.

Some might object that the CIA fanned the flames by using a hepatitis vaccination programme to cover its surveillance of Osama Bin Laden in 2011. But the polio conspiracy theory has been around for years: in 2003, all immunisations were suspended in three Nigerian states, causing a new outbreak.

There should be no tolerance for the obscurantist bigotry that allows polio to survive. Anyone who entertains conspiracy theories is helping to create the climate for this evil to persist. After all, campaigning against polio vaccinations is the same as campaigning in favour of crippling children.”

16th January, Cheadle Councillors

The meeting started with a short update by Bob Stevenson regarding Oriane's accident; she fell in the snow at Waitrose car park and has damaged her hip - chipped bone as I remember. She is in Wythenshawe Hospital awaiting key-hole surgery to remove the offending piece. The best wishes of the Club were sent. Harry advised that the blind bowling against Walthew House would be early February' he also gave advance warning of further envelope stuffing.

After the usual excellent meal we had the pleasure of listening to three speakers – all are Cheadle Ward Councillors.



Councillor Lisa Walker is involved with the Licensing sub-committee whether that is Taxi licenses or Pub Licenses. She is a member of the GMFRS committee; as four of the Club are involved with GMFRS there was a small discussion as to what we do.. She is also involved with corporate parenting particularly care homes for children aged 4 to 16. Lisa is also involved with committee meetings regarding pot-holes, wheelie bins and anti-social behaviour. Lisa had accompanied a police drugs raid which she said had opened her eyes.

Councillor Alanna Vine is a governor of a local school, her area of concern within the council is adult special care, social isolation; she also has an interest in ex-offenders and their rehabilitation. Stockport has adopted a practice whereby ex-offenders meet with the people they have offended against to understand the impact of their crime. Alanna has a particular interest in restoring Parkside playground as a place for young people to play and as a meeting place for teenagers. A substantial grant has just been received



from Viola the waste reclaim company. She would welcome support from the Club and I know Harry has some detail but is seeking clarification as to exact needs.



Councillor Linda Holt is Chair of Children and Young People Protection Committee, which apparently has a very wide remit. She is involved with young offenders and also has an involvement with obesity in the young which is an increasing problem.

So, three very busy councillors on what I think is a part time activity. One wonders how they fit anything else into their schedule.

An excellent evening completed by John Thewlis volunteering as S@A and managing to extract a fine from everyone present.

John Sykes

23rd January—Macclesfield College Training Restaurant

A cold Wednesday evening saw a convoy of Rotarians driving aimlessly round Macclesfield college bravely clutching John Meeus' instructions on where to park. We all found somewhere different and were duly welcomed into the Silk Room Restaurant where we found a light, airy atmosphere for our evening.

We had all chosen our meals in advance and the photos at the back of this bulletin do not do sufficient justice to the presentation of the food. The choice was (see inside back page):

1. Baked rump of lamb with hashed potatoes, spears of asparagus and ribbons of orange scented carrots

2. Sole Caprice, pan fried and garnished with fried bananas, mushy peas, new potatoes and Robert sauce (?)
3. Field mushrooms & goat's cheese Pithivier (?). Puff pastry filled with roasted field mushrooms and creamy goats cheese with a wild mushroom sauce (I had this and it was excellent).



Rhona Herraiz with students

Pudding was even more tempting:

- A. Poached Pears in Mulled Red Wine Syrup and Vanilla Ice Cream
- B. Fruits of the forest crème brulee (superb)
- C. Tropical bread & butter pudding with rum and banana & creamy custard sauce

Harry kept going on about whether the bananas were as good as the ones he'd grown and Ian asked the waitress for full details of the wine that was being served. We suggested that she beat him around the head a bit but she tactfully declined.

After what I can only describe as a superb meal, our guest speaker arrived having just returned from a meeting in London.

Dr Kristian Spreckley from UK BioBank gave us an insight into a remarkable facility whereby biological samples from 500,000 volunteers are stored for medical research. A massive computer and robotic system can retrieve any of these samples for use in research around the world but has the advantage that a high degree of data about the source volunteer is known.



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Kristian said that he could organise a future visit to their main facility in Cheadle to view the resources they have at their disposal. I'd like to see that.

Many thanks to John Meeus for arranging the evening.

Gordon

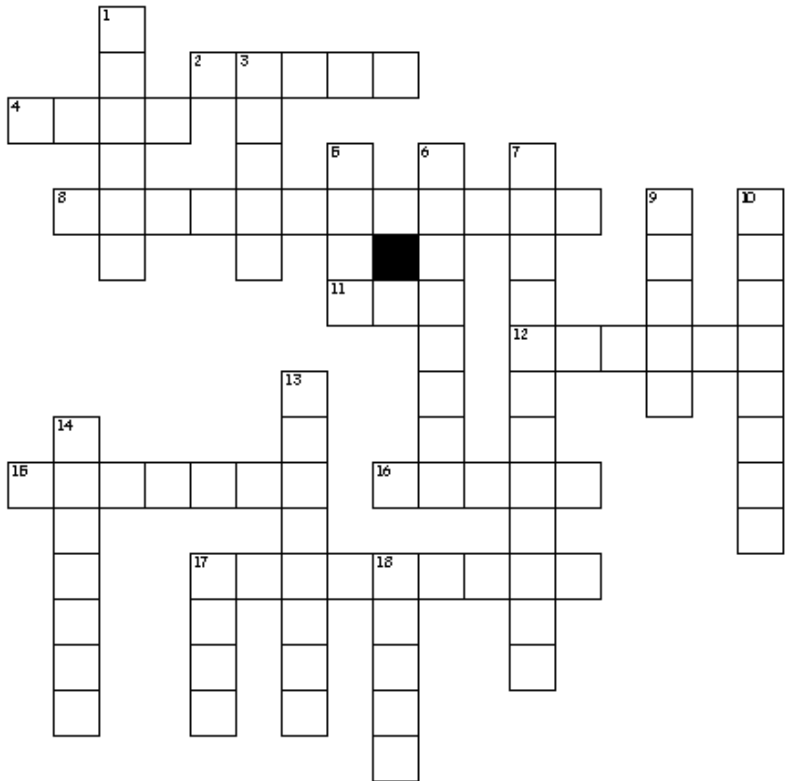
Crossword Clues Across (see next page)

2. 'Shall we?' said Anna
4. Queen promised to do this to you.
8. Sad people in the French revolution
11. Curry and Rice make for great viewing.
12. Only here do we find fiddlers on the roof.
15. The brothers who wrote many musicals, including the one of the flying car.
16. Mentor to the pickpockets.
17. The Phantom's leading lady in his Opera

Prize Crossword.

A £20 Asda voucher is on offer for answers to this 'musicals' crossword. Please pass your completed entries to Abi Jenkins. The winner will be drawn from correct solutions at the club on 27th Feb.

Your name



Down

1. The story of a misunderstood witch.
3. The little orphan girl.
5. Face eviction if not paid on time.
6. Stereotypically, Italians remark in this way.
7. The millionaire business man who adopts the little orphan girl.
9. 2 player game of strategy on a 64 square grid.
10. A state in South Central America.
13. This family employ Maria for her nanny services.
14. The windy city.
17. With an infestation of mice, these surely will help you.
18. The lion king.

25 Years ago

From the Bulletins for December 1987 and January 1988

Millington Hall, now The John Millington, was to become our new venue in the New Year. It was run by two Spaniards, Maurice was the chef. (For those who went to Macclesfield college last week the lady in charge in the blue jacket is Maurice's wife Rhona.) President John Meeus said we should increase our membership from 29 to three score and a bit. (Bear in mind that City of Manchester Club then had over 100 members.) Various members brought greetings from other clubs they had visited. It was suggested that a prerequisite for membership of the Warrington club is a walking frame. (At the time our average age was about 48 so nearly everyone else in Rotary looked old.) One member gave a talk on his time in a bomb disposal unit – no examples were shown.

Vice President David Dewhurst had obviously taken time off from his architectural practice to work out that two member's names produced anagrams: Michael Drew – Weird Camel and Alan Knight – Thinking Nag. (Maybe we should try this with the current membership) In a joint meeting with our mother clubs, Poynton and Hazel Grove, we ran a Youth Speaks competition. Tickets for the theatre evening in January were to cost £2.50 each. A review of the year 1987 showed: January – our first fund raising event was a travel evening, profits going to Water Aid. April – first edition of the Bulletin. Rotary Wives finally got it all together after many months of toing and froing (their words not mine) and decided not to form an Inner Wheel.

Ron Malabon

Anagrams updated (got these via a web anagram generator)

Brian Dougal—Loud Bargain

Caroline Egan—Genial Cornea

Tony Burch—Tory Bunch

Robert Preece—Beer Receptor

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.

Date	Driver 1	Driver 2
04/02/2013	B Farrow	G Jackson
11/02/2013	J Meeus	T Burch
18/02/2013	G Hunt	J Hubbard
25/02/2013	J Sykes	D Rose
04/03/2013	D Allport	G Jackson
11/03/2013	B Preece	S Preece
18/03/2013	D Poizer	D Walker
25/03/2013	V Chattington	R Malabon
01/04/2013	H Hill	B Farrow
08/04/2013	N Loveland	J Meeus
15/04/2013	G Hunt	J Hubbard
22/04/2013	T Burch	J Sykes

"Talent hits a target no one else can hit; genius hits target no one else can see."— Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher

Diary & Job Rota

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

Date	Diary	Speaker Host	Bulletin	Sgt @ Arms
06/02/2013	Committees		D Walker	V Chattington
13/02/2013	Bissell/Walker	R Malabon	D Burstow	J Thewlis
20/02/2013	Allport/Barker	M Hill	H Hill	B Bissell
27/02/2013	Burch/Burstow	G Critchley	I Dobson	J Edmonds
06/03/2013	Committees		P Richardson	C Egan
13/03/2013	No meeting due to President's night			
15/03/2013	President's night (Deanwater)			
20/03/2013	Davies/Dobson	B Farrow	J Meeus	J Thomas
27/03/2013	Edmonds/Farrow	A Newsome	G Hunt	D Rabone
03/04/2013	Committees		T Saville	J Hubbard
10/04/2013	H. Hill/Hunt	B Stevenson	D Allport	C Monkhouse
17/04/2013	Hubbard/Jackson	J Knowles	N Loveland	T Sheppard
24/04/2013	Knowles/Lacey	T Burch	M Lacey	J Sykes
01/05/2013	Committees		S Preece	B Preece
08/05/2013	Loveland/Malabon	D Rose	A Jenkins	D Poizer
15/05/2013	Meeus/Monkhouse	G Jackson	S Davies	D Walker
22/05/2013	Newsome/Poizer	D Poizer	J Thewlis	R Malabon
29/05/2013	No meeting 5th Wed			
05/06/2013	Committees (New ones)		M Hill	V Chattington
12/06/2013	B Preece/Rabone	D Burstow	B Bissell	H Hill

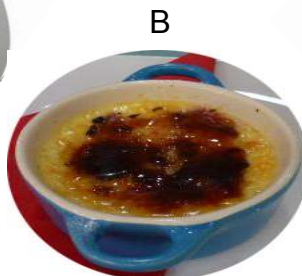
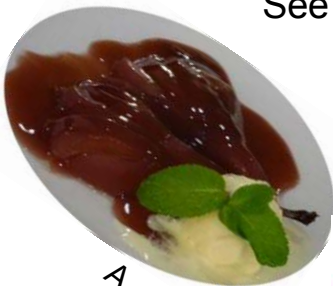


Students
Front of House:
Katie, Megan, Milly, Shane.
Chef: John Parrot.
with: Whitney, Tom, Lloyd,
Nick, Iestyn, Peter, Rachel.
Tutors: Rhona Herraiz
and Julie Williams



Speaker: Dr Kristian Spreckley.

See www.ukbiobank.ac.uk





A few of the people at President's Drinks



Happy Hour with our councillors



A job talk with sweeties
(only if you're good)

