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ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of the bumper fun book. After the June monsoon it is nice to see the sun again and the start of a new Rotary year. At club level, a year full of promise with a very active programme envisaged by our various committees.

It is also a significant year at District level, since a new District 105 has been launched with our friend Jack Hewitt of Poynton duly installed as District Governor. We wish Jack every success and happiness in his year of office.

Henry

and now ...

He's back, complete with suntan and a West Indian intonation ...

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Rotarians (and other readers !!)

My apologies for not subscribing last month and I am sure my reasons are totally inexcusable - basking on the silver sand of a tropical island where the palm trees shaded the water's edge and dusky maidens fanned my brow and continued to ply me with cool refreshing Pina Colodas - then Mary woke me up !! However, an excellent resort - I can highly recommend same - I did have a pang of conscience one evening and I took myself to Barbados West Rotary Club. An interesting evening. We had the Secretary and Treasurer with the hors d'oeuvre, Community Service with the fish and the Speaker with the main course, pudding and coffee - I can't remember when he ate. It ended at 8.30 - quickly brought to a close by one member saying "If this meeting does not end soon my wife will be onto the President tomorrow asking where I have been tonight !"

Which brings me to the Great Debate to be held this Wednesday on "Does this house consider ladies should be allowed in Rotary" or is it the negative form of the motion which is in debate, I am not sure, but we are fortunate in having four excellent, erudite orators who, I am sure, will not only entertain us for the evening but will put forward their case for and against the motions with such conviction as to make the final vote a very difficult decision. I hope it will be an evening of levity and enjoyment but at the same time there is a certain seriousness to it, especially as we now see our American cousins with Unisex Rotaries (I think there is a cure for this). If this is printed before the evening I hope every member will take this opportunity of expressing his feelings, and convictions, preferably in words, to the assembly as it is one of the those rare occasions when anybody and everybody can speak. If this is not printed before the evening I hope they did.

President John

LAST MONTH

Bulletin reporters have been out in force to bring you the latest run down on the meetings last month.

First Rob Moulton reports:

Speaker on 3rd June was our own Alan Knight, whose firm, Industrial Hygiene Control, design and sell a range of insect killing equipment, hand dryers and other sanitation products.

Alan revealed an impressive array of machinery commencing with an ultra-violet unit, which electrocutes flying insects, after, apparently, hypnotising them with 3,700 "malabons" or was it "angstroms"! We were informed that these, or similar machines, are now installed in every Kentucky Fried Chicken shop in the land, which is presumably why all the flies are at MacDonalDs.

The demonstration continued as we were shown a hot air hand dryer with the ability to recognise human flesh and other variations on the insect killing theme, with the notable exception of the rolled up newspaper, all of which were expertly marketed by Mr. Knight (discounts available on orders of 5000 or more).

As anticipated, an extremely polished performance, the like of which we have come to expect from Alan.

Unfortunately we were understaffed on the 10th June and in your Editor's absence there was no one to report. It was, however, a Committee Night and most Committee reports were to be given at our Club Assembly. It was, however, a most important night for the club and Mike Barr, who was inducted into membership in two episodes by Vice President David. Welcome Mike and we hope that you have long and happy times in Rotary. Personal details are given elsewhere. Mike has a further claim to fame in as much as he claims the quickest fine of all - 4 minutes after being made a member he was fined for making his induction speech too long ! Rotten I call it.

Martin Robinson reports;

Our speaker on the 17th June was Shirley Cawthra J.P. recounting her experiences aboard the QE2 assisted by our own globetrotter Dennis Allport demonstrating his skills with an epidural.

A packed floor was treated to a riveting discourse on the elite's maritime activities involving flower arranging, bridge classes and gastronic aerobics illustrated with an impressive display of baggage tags, menus and a little German toy boat which was of particular interest to Jonathan.

If all this wasn't too much Shirley regaled us with a potted history of her experiences on the renowned Orient Express.

Activities on a train are obviously a bit limited, however, we were amazed to learn that one can partake in clay pigeon shooting, a golf clinic and even a brothel (or was that the boat?)

There was a fine example of a shopping bag on display, however, this was of no interest to Jonathan who was still captivated with the little toy boat. Our erstwhile President was looking particularly well tanned and rested after his own exotic trip to the Bahamas or Barbados (he didn't seem to be too sure himself) whilst our eminent Treasurer appeared neither tanned or rested after his visit to Bangkok (leads one to think.....) John presented the club with a banner and Ken presented him with a mallet.

Committee business was dealt with in the usual brisk and efficient manner.

Vocations' Dennis Smith reported that he has already placed some young girls and boys with members of the club and our President said that he might be able to do something with one of the girls.

Community's Noel Smethurst reminded everyone that he would be reminding them the next meeting of the Cheadle Royal Fete. That will be on Saturday 27th June if you need reminding.

Houses' Ron Malabon said that he was going on holiday and that all apologies should be made to Bruce Bissell. Bruce apologised to everyone and requested that apologies be made as early as possible. He apologised if he was not available to receive apologies.

International's Doug Murphy said something I missed but I'm sure it was good.

Social's Mike Drew, attending the meeting late again, informed all those who said that they might be attending the barbeque to let him know if they will definitely be attending or they will be assumed to be attending; the entertainment will not be attending but there will be free flowing wine for all those who do attend.

Speaker's Henry Barker stood up, reported nothing very nicely, and sat down.

Vice President David Dewhurst woke up for "Any Other Business" and made another plea for tables for the barbeque.

President John, now bored with playing with his new hammer asked for volunteers for the forthcoming "Women in Rotary" debate. It was quite moving to see Simon Smith's obvious delight when he was allowed to take part. Simon's interest in womens' activities is renowned and I'm sure that we shall be in for a most illuminating evening.

Sampath took the floor in his (thankfully) temporary role of Master at Arms and instigated a rather profitable, if not popular, medical quiz. Simon capped off the evening by walking off with the raffle hooch yet again - how does he do it when he doesn't even buy a ticket?

Jonathan went home happy and Mrs Cawthra J.P. was left looking for her little toy boat.

Our first Club Assembly on 24th June was conducted with business-like vigour and good humour by President John in the presence of "District Vice Chairman, Geoff Bentley, who conveyed greetings from Jack Hewitt and from his own club Wilmslow and Alderley Edge. We were also honoured with the presence of Bryn Owen from Poynton who was accompanied by honary member, Mike Webb.

After merfically brief statements from the Secretary and Treasurer came the Committee Reports outlining the proposed activities of the club for the next 12 months. Here are the highlights:-

Community Service

Noel reported that the list of items mentioned at District Assembly had been considered and further consideration would be given to some of these. Money raising events planned are:-

1. Cheadle Royal Fete on June 27th
2. Polio Plus - September/October.
3. Charity Evening with champagne reception and supper at Chads.
4. Cheese and Wine Tasting in May 1988.
5. Bramhall & Woodford Festival - 16-19th June 1988.
Events planned are:-
 - 16th June Dance and Miss Bramhall competition.
 - 17th June Gentlemen's Evening - Manchester Football Club.
 - 18th June Saturday Carnival to Bramhall Park with demonstrations by Brass Bands, Police Dogs, etc. Side shows organised by other service clubs. Fireworks Display.
 - 19th June NSPCC Fun Run
Church Services
Music in Bramhall Hall
Craft Fair.

Although this will be a money making event the prime object is to provide a focal point for uniting the community.

It is hoped to raise about £2800 from these events which will be spent on local charities, further support for Stepping Hill, and the Kath Lamb Appeal (see April and May Bulletins).

Foundation/Vocation

Dennis outlined the committe's programme which is mainly centred on Bramhall High School.

1. Places are required for seven youngsters in extended work experience.
2. It is proposed to have a re-run on the video with children who are still at school.
3. Help for four students who have difficulty in finding employment. This will be in early Summer next year.

4. Help with careers advice.
5. Entering a High School team of 3 for Youth Speak.
6. Assisting Hazel Grove at a French evening to finance polio plus collection.

House & Membership

Ron had left the country in case the Deanwater burnt the spuds (not that they have yet) but left written notes:

1. Collection of meal money is still to be made by cash at each meeting.
2. In future attempts will be made to have members seated well before 8 pm so that the meal and, therefore, the meeting will get underway promptly.
3. Current membership is 31. Average age is 48%.
4. Still in need of more members - our target is 40.
5. Classifications in Dentistry, Medicine and Retailing are particularly sought.

International

Doug announced that Water Aid would again be the main charity event of the year. This again will have a travel theme with the committee still considering a number of schemes.

There was a question on exchange schemes but this boiled down to the fact that Jonathan Sheard wanted a French girl for the summer or breakfast or something.

Social

Mike's programme so far is:-

1. Bar B.Q. at Vice President David's ponderosa on Saturday, 27th June.
2. Debate : Women in Rotary - 8th July
3. 6-a-Side Cricket Competition. Teams at £10. Spectators at 50p per head. Profits to Polio Plus. At Offerton, 9th August.
4. Cricket v Poynton - 13th August 1987.
5. Quiz - 30th September.
6. Jazz Band Evening at Woodford Community Centre - 23rd September 87
7. Christmas Dinner with wives 16th December 1987
8. President's Night 13th February 1988.

Speaker/PRO

The mixture as before of speakers of all varieties and a monthly bulletin.

Polio Plus

Ken Chadwick referred to details in May Bulletin. The main thrust will be the house to house collection from which it is hoped to raise the bulk of £3000 we are required to donate.

There was a question of envelope distribution. It is hoped that this will be done by 3rd year students of Bramhall High and to motivate them by showing the Polio Plus video or slides.

Car stickers are also available at 20p each.

The President

Congratulated Committee Chairman on production of reports. He commented on each report with kindly words and gestures.

District Vice Chairman

Congratulated President John on doing D.V.C.'s job.

He said that it was refreshing to find a club that does work. He found it significant that there were visitors from both outside and from Poynton Club.

He then commented on each report with kindly words and gestures.

Bryn Owen

Congratulated the club on the Assembly and the ambitious but practical programme proposed. Poynton, he thought, tended to be introspective and he would like to see more fellowship between the three local clubs. To aid the liaison he would provide a full calendar of Poynton's events. We have promised him a Bulletin if he is very good.

Poynton have a Quiz evening on 8th October for Polio Plus.

Our Speaker on the 1st July was Jack Dodgeon who brought greetings from Manchester and reminiscences of the time when he and your editor were resident on Tyneside. Most of these were inexpertly remembered particularly those in which your editor was pictured as being (a) wrong, or (b) stupid. On the other hand his comments on Treasurer Ken's first year driving abilities were confirmed as being accurate. Jack then came, in his roundabout way, to the subject of his chat which was his experiences on an Outward Bound course in 1974. He was talked into this by a fellow he met at a Manchester Rotary Club weekend in the Lakes. Dragging two other members into the action, one of whom was his friend Duncan with the flat feet and the splayed walking action, they set off on Friday 1st October 1974 for Glenridding. With the knowledge that no smoking or drinking was allowed they tanked up at Pooley Bridge on scampi, cheese, gin and tonic and port and arrived at their spartan accommodation well content. We were then regaled as how:

- on the first night, having just settled into bed, they were roused for an emergency on the peak. Jack carried a heavy lamp up the mountain and part of a stretcher down on a dark cold rainy night and then found the "casualty" spring lightly to his feet and was told the whole thing as an exercise.
- the doctor was after his blood.
- they canoed in wet suits and had to pee whilst so ensconced.
- he dangled at the end of his tether whilst rack climbing.
- he survived a night out on an island on the lake.
- he pitched a tent in snow and ice and found a flood at 3 am.
- the words Car Park meant a visit to the pub.
- to row 7 miles after a lunch time session.
- four young Glaswegian lads chose the course instead of Borstal and found they'd made a greivous mistake.

Altogether an entertaining evening, enhanced by Secretary Geoff's failure to introduce the guests.

Business was minimal.

1. Treasurer reminded members that subs were due.
2. Dennis said that only two youngsters now to be placed in work experience - one looking for joinery and woodwork and the other in hotel work.
3. Mike reported a profit of minus 80p on the Bar BQ night. He was congratulated on an excellent evening and the Club sent their thanks to Kate Dewhurst.
4. Noel reported a profit of about £90 from Cheadle Royal Fete.
5. Hazel Grove appealed for two members for gate duty from 12 - 2 at Capesthorn on 11th July.
6. A Youth Exchange Summer Camp Disco to be held at Rivington Hall Barn, Horwich, on 7th August with 16 guests from abroad.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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| 8th July | The Great Debate on the Big Boob Bang |
| 15th July | Mr. Ben Bensy - Cheshire Conservation |
| 22nd July | Committee Night |
| 29th July | Visit to Brewery |
| 5th August | Visit by and Speaker from Gatley |

CONGRATULATIONS

Belatedly to Geoff Brown on his appointment as Manager of Lloyds, Bradford. He will be taking up his duties in August but will not be moving for at least 12 months.

This should have appeared in last month's bulletin but was missed out due to your editor's advancing senility.

APOLOGIES

To Alison Smith for getting her name wrong in the last bulletin. For reasons see final sentence above.

SPOTLIGHT ON A ROTARIAN

This month the spotlight falls on Sid Davies.

Sid was born at Penmaenmawr (well, somebody has to be) and attended John Brights Grammar School, Llandudno.

He joined an R.N. and Merchant Navy training ship, HMS Conway, at 15 and at 17 was a sea cadet. At 18 he was sailing as 4th mate in cargo ships in wartime convoys.

In 1947 he transferred to oil tankers and finally left the sea as 1st mate in 1952 when he married Sally who is an ultrasonic radiographer. His first job ashore was as a labourer in a timber yard but you cannot keep a good man down and he eventually became a representative and then Sales Manager of this timber yard. It was in 1960 that he became a founder member of Bramhall Round Table. In 1963 he left his job and the area to become General Manager of a company in Shropshire engaged in the manufacture of farm buildings. In 1965 he moved back to Bramhall and became M.D. of Roscoe's DIY Superstore in Cheadle.

In 1978 Sid obtained his private pilots licence and eventually became co-pilot and stewardess (kinky!) in an air taxi firm.

In 1983 he sold the Roscoe's business and sailed round the world. He spent 6 months in New Zealand and did some flying there. His private pilots licence lapses this year but he is kept busy, as he puts it, bumming around geriatric YTS schemes.

Sid has two sons - one in DIY and the other is a chartered surveyor - and two grandchildren of pre-kindergarten age.

He lists his hobby as Amateur Gynecologist which would, of course, qualify him as a stewardess.

ALAN KNIGHT AGAIN

The following letter has been received.

This correspondence, together with Alan Knight, is now closed.

Fishmonger's Hall
4 Cods' Row
Filleted Place

Date as Postmark

Mr. A. Knight VD (and Bar) P.O.P.L
"Much Snorting"
24 Holly Grange
Bramhall

Dear Mr. Knight,

Following our recent nationwide publicity campaign, we have much pleasure in confirming you, Mr. Knight, as the area winner of our "FELLOW WITH THE MOST PERFECT LOOKING TOUPEE" competition.

The ladies who apparently voted you into this auspicious place were of the age groups:

- 1. Under 8 years old.
- 2. Over 86 years old.

You are requested to present yourself at the final of our National Competition on 31st September ULT. The finalists are expected to demonstrate their prowess dressed only in boxer shorts of varied hues and brown army boots with platform soles. May we take this opportunity to remind you that erotic poses using the boxer shorts elastic to gain unnatural advantages will be deemed inadmissible.

You may be interested to know that you were picked from 251 area competitors of whom:

- 50% were between 62 and 72 and so were transferred to the younger mans' group.
- 30% had only one glass eye.
- 18% used walking sticks with their artificial limbs.
- 2% had forgotten their dentures.

We look forward to seeing you on the above date at our extensive Nissen hut complex in Todmorden.

Yours sincerely,

A.N. Eel
Honourable Secretary

P.S. We have also entered your name in our Boring Snoring competition which we feel you will win by a heavy breath.

FOREIGN DESK

Bulletin reporters roam far and wide in search of stories to titillate and entertain. Recent affinity with the Far East (Ken Chadwick's holiday, Mac Macleod's visit to Singapore) prompted us to send Dennis Allport, at great expense, to those parts. Here is his report ..

Rotary in Penang

Penang (Malaysia) is a beautiful island just off mainland Malaysia. Its sole town of any size is Georgetown and it boasts a Rotary Club chartered in 1930 which is not bad going. The 45 members meet in the Merlin Hotel every Wednesday lunchtime. Malaysia has many races and Penang Rotary has Chinese, Indian and Malay members - there may even be the odd European, though I did not see one. The meetings are conducted in English, thank goodness.

The meeting I attended was rather special because about 40 local school students of limited means were present. We all had the same light lunch - the students eating in an ante-room. The meal of fried rice and pickles cost members £3 which was more than twice its real cost. The profit from the meal went towards a fund to pay the exam fees for the 40 students. Each student received an envelope containing their exam fees in a presentation ceremony. Some Rotarians had set up trust funds (one was in memory of his father - an ex-Rotarian) and the interest funded some particular students.

May is the fasting month of Ramadan for Moslems and they may not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. The Moslem Rotarians present, therefore, just sat and watched us eat - and at least one hungry Chinese member had double portions - just to avoid good food going to waste you understand!

They are a friendly group and I was made very welcome by all. They are looking forward to receiving one of our banners. I warned them that they - like us - will have to be very patient.

Dennis Allport.

DISTRICT MEETING

As previously reported District Governor Jack Hewitt was duly installed in office on 30th June and the new district 105 is up and running. Jack produces a newsletter for Presidents and we summarise his comments as follows:

Membership and Extension

44 clubs in the District have an average membership of 34 members. Jack would like to see 50 clubs (preferably by the end of the year!) with an increase in younger members.

Polio Plus Buses

Are on sale at £5 each. As gift or collectors items being a Special Edition they are well worth the money.

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Foundation Scholar

Karen Reader has been chosen. At present studying at Manchester University, sponsored by the Manchester Club, she wishes to work for a Ph.D in Creative Writing at a University in Iowa, USA.

Group Study Exchange

An exchange has been arranged in the District 313 (Maharashtra, India). Our team will be chosen at the end of August. Any likely nomination to be submitted as soon as possible.

Summer Camp

This year's campers arrive 26th July. Farewell Dance will be on 7th August (see last meeting report).

CHEADLE ROYAL FETE

The day threatened to continue the overnight rain and on arrival one was interested to see Sid Davies being supported up a tree by Martin Robinson, who was hoping that Sid had eaten a bland breakfast. Having fixed his flags (in which that of the Brazil Custom Service was prominent) general stall building was indulged in. By lunchtime all was prepared and members of the Community Service departed leaving their Chairman to hold the fort and promising to return with all despatch with liquid and solid refreshment. They returned some 2½ hours later, well after the fete had opened and somewhat convivial to say the least. Moral: Do not become Community Service Committee Chairman. It was a lot of fun - we could have done with more visitors - we cleared about £90.00.

BAR B.Q.

Following on the heels of the Fete the Bar B.Q. was blessed with a fine night and was the followship event it always promised to be. Our cooks turned out a fine repast and wine and beer copiously flowed. Your editor "got the dirt" on a number of stories but by Sunday morning had forgotten most of what he had been told. The evening ended (as most do) in total darkness with singing accompanied by those noted performers Butch Bailey and the Bissell Kid.

HOT FOOT

Having trained on beer and fags John Mould has recently completed the Tyneside Fun Run which covers a course of half marathan distance from Newcastle to North Shields. He has raised around £100 towards a bed at Christies.

PROGRAMME

Ours is to be published shortly. Poynton's is attached.

IN CONCLUSION

Yes, we still need copy. Yes, there will be an August bulletin. More hot news - more astonishing disclosures in your bulletin. Copy by 27th July please.

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Mike Webb

POYNTON AND DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB
PROGRAMME FOR JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1987

JULY

- Thursday 2nd July Handover Meeting
- Tuesday 7th July Council Meeting at 11 Ladythorn Road Bramhall
- Thursday 9th July Speaker Meeting - New Members' "My Job" talk.
- Thursday 16th July Club Assembly
- Thursday 23rd July Speaker Meeting - Adrian Baxter on "Youth Exchange and other important matters of life"
- Thursday 30th July Farewell to Jamie - Organised by Dennis Mann.
(N.B. NOT A NORMAL CLUB NIGHT)

AUGUST

- Thursday 6th August Committee Meetings
- Tuesday 11th August Council Meeting (venue not yet decided)
- Thursday 13th August Cricket Match vs Bramhall Rotary Club. Peter Fletcher is organising this event, because he owns the pads.
- Thursday 20th August Business Meeting
- Thursday 27th August Pitch & Putt. Peter Owen is organising this event.

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 3rd September Committee Meetings
- Tuesday 8th September Council Meeting, venue to be decided.
- Thursday 10th September Speaker Meeting --(Dist.Gov.) Jack Hewitt's Nashville Trip.
- Thursday 17th September Business Meeting
- Thursday 24th September Speaker Meeting (TBA)

OCTOBER (Vocation Month)

- Thursday 1st October Committee Meetings
- ~~Monday~~ 6th October Council Meeting, venue to be decided.
- Thursday 8th October Quiz Night. Joint Meeting with The Wheelies
- Thursday 15th October Business Meeting
- Thursday 22nd October Speaker Meeting (TBA)
- Thursday 29th October No Meeting

November - Foundation Month
February - World Understanding Month

BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD ROTARY CLUB

PROGRAMME 1986/87

September	24th	CHARTER - Please attend by 7 pm	
October	1st	District Quiz	Light
	8th	Walter Allen - Meanderings of an ex Mayor	Full
	15th	International Night - Speaker (s) to be announced <i>Holiday</i>	Light <i>Mae</i>
	22nd	John Hoskins - German Wines	Full
	24th	Theatre Night at CHADS	
	29th	Committee Night <i>Quiz Night</i>	Light
November	5th	Jim Yendley - Manpower Services Commission	Full
	12th	Debate : Topic to be announced	Light
	19th	John Bissell - Atomic Power	Full
	26th	Committee Night	Light
December	3rd	Robin Phillips - Cheshire Homes <i>Oakwood</i>	Full <i>affair</i>
	10th	Mac McLeod - Holidays You Might Take	Light
	17th	Xmas Dinner - with Wives	Full
	24th	Happy Xmas	
	31st	Happy New Year	
January	7th	Penny Young - Kidney Research	Full
	14th	Jonathan Sheard : The Hazards of being Master at Arms and Other Topics	Light
	21st	Alan Vincent : Flying <i>Alderley Edge</i>	Full
	<i>27</i> 28th	<i>Holiday evening</i> Committee Meeting	Light
February	4th	Peter Lake : Divisional Fire Officer	Full <i>Annual Report</i>
	11th	District Speaker	Light
	18th	Dr. Lacy : Paediatrician	Full
	25th	Committee Meeting	Light

13 May AGM

Followed by

Mr. Pres. / John

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