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The Club meets at the Millington Hall Restaurant, Station Rd,
Cheadle Hulme, (061 485 2175) each Wednesday at 7.30 for 8.00pm.
When there is a fifth Wednesday in a month then the Club may
meet elsewhere

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMHALL AND WOODFORD

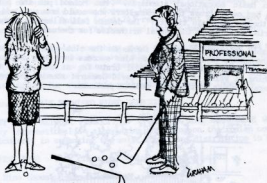
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I feel sure that if the President could write
he would have sent you all his best wishes. - Ed



"If you kept your head still, Miss Partridge,
your hairpins wouldn't fall out!"

MEETING REPORTS

Meeting 15th July 1992

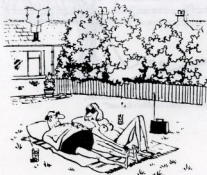
Reported by Geoff Hunt

It was a hot and sultry night. The President wore his special sultry jacket but bade everyone follow his example and removed the offending article pronto. Yes, hot and sultry it certainly was and the beer went down particularly well. We were all given our attendance records. Hugh Thompson wanted to know where he'd lost 2%. Can you imagine what he must have been like at school? However, he forced us to mix the grain and the grape to celebrate his 60th birthday - and so is exonerated.

Our guest speaker was Alan Newsome and his subject was "Business in the Community" (BITC). Alan had spent thirty years with ICI in the marketing and sales and, like any good manager, had delegated the preparation of his speech to his PR department. It was very interesting. Set up ten years ago, BITC helps organise and oversee business ventures around the country and is sponsored by 350 major organisations including ICI. With a budget of £5 million (£2 million of which represent sponsorship), BITC is now helping to tackle homelessness, urban decay and the hopelessness expressed by many young people. There is great co-operation between business and education and some 500 companies commit at least half of one per cent of ~~profits~~ profits to support the venture. Corporate philanthropy clearly led to greater business involvement with the community. This has led to Enterprise Agencies being established, economic regeneration, environmental improvement and educational influences for students seeking employment.

This latter point was clearly a hot potato! Several members felt strongly that students were ill-prepared for real work. It was felt that not enough emphasis was placed on basic educational standards. Mac McLeod put the point in a nutshell: he had come across three youngsters who could not even add together the price of three £90 train tickets! The debate fell silent as members self-consciously tried to work out the mental arithmetic for themselves!

John Handley ably delivered a vote of thanks on the club's behalf. The subject is close to the club's heart and we wish Alan success in a very difficult task. As the entire membership suffered communal brain fog at this point there was virtually nothing of value to report and David Dewhurst rounded the evening off by fining several members on the usual dubious pretexts.



"Mr Taylor is reading his newspaper on our bit of roof again, dear."

FUHRER-PROKLAMATION UND DIKTAT

Reported by HAUPTMANN NACHT - July 22nd Meeting

NUMMER: Ein Hundert Drei und Zwanzig

DAS DATUM: Juli 22, 1992

DER FUHRER decrees:

"Zat tonight zere vill be much jollificationals und jokings und zat as ze Englischer untermenchuns say ve vill be very 'laid back' und informal und haf a different type of ze meeting mit many laffs und joy vill be unconfined. In short, allus Rotarians vill enjoy zemselves or zay vill be punished ... or your Fuhrer vill 'av ze tantrum and chew ze carpet! "

In this spirit of typical teutonic gaiety DER FUHRER announced a fun-packed evening. He told of treats to come that evening - feasts of action-packed videos to delight and titillate the senses. Immediately, an over-excited club watched enthralled as Mac valiantly fought back an advancing mass of wires and controls twist video and screen. This distraction apart, the club was first entertained by most-welcome visitor HARRY BARKER (no, not him - HARRY Barker), of Stockport Club, who having already that evening addressed Lamplighters, delivered a heart-wrenching plea for B & W club to take responsibility for one carriage of the Autumn train to London. Choking back tears DER FUHRER promised to give this very real attention at the next Reichstag meeting.

It was next the turn of the Obergruppenfuhren to report:

1. Thankfully Henry Barker (aged 103) had very little to say, but what he did say was of such little consequence that your correspondent promptly forgot it, and fortunately it was forever lost to posterity.
2. Attractive David Polzer (aged 24) reported that he had been entertaining exchange personnel from Oklahoma and that he had done it very efficiently, thank you.
3. The Treasurer mumbled something about rotten ***** who had not yet paid their subs, and shrank back into his seat amid a wild chorus of hisses and boos (mainly from the rotten ***** who hadn't paid their subs.)
4. At this point David Dewhurst woke up, and muttered something quite unintelligible for which this publication is deeply indebted.

Then came the FUHRER'S PROMISED VIDEO SELECTION.

1. ROTARY NEWS NETWORK PRODUCTION: FEATURING THE REMARKABLE WORK DONE BY Rotary International in alleviating suffering on the Indian continent, and particularly in enhancing the water supply and distribution in Bangladesh.
2. BRAMFEST 1992 this cinematographic odiosus featured:

Nine thousand Round Tablers

Two Rotarians

David Dewhurst's bush hat

Rt Hon. Steven Day MP

A demented motor cyclist

Sir John Meeus and a nubile young lady

A large American car dripping with chrome

Hugh Thompson broadcasting to the nation in English

and Another three thousand Round Tablers.

cont.

DER FUHRER decided that it was time to close the meeting. The meeting closed.

FOOTNOTE:

1. DER FUHRER did not chew the carpet, but he DID despatch Bob Batty to invade Poland.
2. Mr Henry Barker is now appearing in "LET'S HAVE FUN" at the National Westminster Bank, Neasden.

(Hauptmann Nacht is not related to Heilige Nacht - ED)

Meeting July 29th

As July 29th was the fifth Wednesday of the month we had a day out. Members, some with their wives, and totalling 22 in all visited the Silk Museum at the Macclesfield Heritage Centre where later we had a meal before going on to Providence Mill to have the story of silk in Macclesfield explained to us in some detail. The museum has a lot of exhibits as well as a slide presentation, where we learned about the early silk manufacture, the Silk Road from China to Europe and how silk was made in the many mills which previously existed in Macclesfield (now unfortunately only one).

A good evening out. We should do more of these visits.

Council Meeting 3rd August 1992

Reported by Doug Murphy

The following reports were made and discussed by your Council who were entertained by that evening by the Malabons:-

Community Service: The returning Oklahoma Group Study Exchange group will make a presentation to the club on Wednesday, September 9th.

Six of the new GSE team from Oklahoma will be taken to the Royal Exchange Theatre on 7th October to see "Loves Labour Lost". Nine tickets will be provided out of club funds. There was some discussion about the venue for this new GSE team's presentation on Thursday October 5th and it was decided to opt for Bramhall High School. Mesdames Sheard and Mould will arrange the catering.

On Wednesday, November 25th a Foundation Scholar (opera singer Penelope Davies) will visit the club.

International: Bob reported on his visit to Plonsk, their Rotary Club and the Hospital grounds (as far as he could get). Low wages in Poland make everything very dear when sold at Western prices.

Some Emergency boxes are with scouts and guides. A list of items which the boxes are short of is included in this Bulletin.

Community Service: Henry wants to create a Rotary Wood in Bramhall and would have done last year but we were short of money. He would also like to support a local charity "Beacon" - a counselling organisation.

Ways and Means : The siting of the Galleon for a Christmas collection was discussed and it was agreed that we would go to Woodford Garden Centre so that we don't interfere with Round Table's collection in the Bramhall Precinct.

There was a long debate on accepting Stockport's offer of a carriage on their Rotary Train to London. It was agreed to put it to the Club.

General: Richard Taylor is to have six weeks leave of absence.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1st
The DG will not attend our Charter Night.

Watch the birdie

COMPETITORS in the US PGA championship may be interested to know that the *Survival* Special team at ITV have finally cracked one of life's great mysteries - where do missing golf balls get to? Tomorrow's programme "Birdies on the Green" reveals many of the balls are taken by birds. Magpies and crows are the main culprits but



even oyster catchers have adopted golf balls, mistaking them for eggs. Star of the show is likely to be the magpie at the Rolls course in Monmouth, which delights in picking up balls from the green and dropping them into the holes.



"I won't tell the Unions that you're a private patient if you won't tell them that I'm a bogus doctor."

Committee Night - August 5th 1992

Reported by Ed.

Thank God I'm not House Chairman this year. No sooner had Ron sat down for his meal, tucked his napkin into wherever he tucks it, picks up some butter and looks round for a basket of bread than he is commanded to rise to his feet again to give apologies, visitors and guests. Quite why we need to know this before the meal I can't imagine, unless it we get more food if there are plenty of apologies and no guests. Perhaps a competition for the best answer might be arranged. A competition will be arranged, however, and presumably judged by the President for the years best vote of thanks to our speakers - the library is already out of books on etiquette. Out of ten marks - four will be for staying sober, three for correct dress (that lets DO out) and three for some understanding of what the speaker has been talking about.

Following the break for committee the various chairmen reported back :-

Community Service : Will nominate next month the charities to receive our largesse.

Foundation : Five evenings are arranged, a visit from the returning GSE team, the District Foundation Officer will talk to us, Gooff Hunt will give a Job Talk and we will have the presentation for the new incoming GSE Team along with Poynton and Hazel Grove Clubs.

Social: announced a Hallowe'en Party on October 31st and 6-a-side Cricket at Davenport Arms on September 13th.

House : Must now have prompt start to meals (so we can get apologies over even earlier - probably as we go up the stairs) We have two potential new members.

International: reviewed the Plonsk efforts and gave a report on his recent visit.

Then came the star of the show, Ways and Means Mould. His act opened with a declaration that we would put the Galleon (dressed overall) at Woodford Garden Centre the weekend before Christmas. A charity is to be decided for this event. Then holding his audience in the palm of his hand he suggested we took up the offer of a carriage on the Stockport Rotary Club train to London on November 14th. We need to sell 64 tickets to make £350. With other goodies such as raffles, Rover tickets etc. we should do much better. After much debate about the risks (following last year's disaster) the club gave it its blessing and asked John to go ahead. Exit dancing to stage left.



"Every time I think
it has bottomed out,
it bottoms out."

A VISIT TO POLAND

By our roving Bob Batty who has just returned

Warsaw is a flat and spacious city, dominated by the former Palace of Culture, now being converted into offices. Although there is a continuous flow of metro-style trams and articulated buses, traffic is still light by our standards. Most of the cars are small, Fiat 125's being very common. All the familiar adverts are there from Coca Cola to Kodak and from Lacoste to MacDonalds but, apart from food, the choice in the shops seems poor. Although roomy inside few shops have large window displays. There are numerous new kiosks on the wide pavements some of which are speciality shops and there seemed to be thriving markets in the subways.

We changed £40 and found ourselves millionaires - 25,700 Zlotes to the £. (The irony is Zloty literally means gold). This of course is the root of their problems. Although food and hotels appear cheap to us, their average wage is only £20 a week - and the state itself is mostly bankrupt. The "Old Town" has been rebuilt in 19th century style and is a popular area for tourists with the usual shops and cafes. A good evening meal cost £5 each.

We drove out to Plonsk along their M1. The dual carriageway ceased after 20 miles but the roads were reasonably surfaced and, in the country, adequate for the traffic - but beware of the traffic cops. We saw both blocks of flats and some quite large detached houses under construction. There was plenty of wheat in the fields - but whether there are enough combine harvesters is a different matter.

After business meetings George Webster had hoped to show me round the hospital at Plonsk. Unfortunately, The Mayor, who is his contact, was away and thus he was only able to take me into the grounds. It is, of course, a cottage hospital rather than a city infirmary and I assume therefore that the doctors etc had probably left by 6.00 in the evening. Certainly it is shabby from the outside, and other people I met confirmed that conditions inside are very poor due to the acute shortage of funds. I am sure therefore that the Club's efforts and our donors generosity will be worthwhile.

I found that the Rotary Club of Warsaw Old Town meet in the hotel where we stayed so I went along with my colleague. They seemed to have a membership list of about 50 but only a dozen were present. Several spoke English, including the IPP who had lectured in law at Manchester in the 1980's. We exchanged greetings but as they do not have a meal, there seemed little point in staying for a business meeting in Polish!

Apart from the frustration of not being able to see the hospital or talk to one of the staff, it was most interesting to visit an Eastern European country and I am sure anyone who can join the group going in October would find the trip worthwhile.

EMERGENCY BOXES

We have now accumulated sufficient clothing to fill several Emergency Boxes but we still need the items listed below to finish packing the next two.

If you have - or can beg, borrow or steal - any of the items marked * please let me know and let me have them as soon as convenient.

Bob Batty

Item	Box 3	Box 4	Item	Box 3	Box 4
Men's shorts	*		File	*	*
Men's shoes or sandals	*		Scout type knife	*	
Boy's sandals			Assorted nails and screws	*	*
Girl's sandals			4 plastic soup bowls		
Baby's plastic pants			Hair brush	*	
Small metal pan			Comb	*	
Set of pans	*		Mirror		
Scissors			Roll of waterproof plaster		
2 gallon bucket & lid	*		First aid kit		
Small shovel			Water purification tablets		
Hammer	*	*	2 rolls insulation tape		
Hatchet	*		2 clothes lines		
Pliers			Strong polythene sheet		
Large screwdriver	*	*	3 night lights		
6 candles			2 pencils and writing pad		
Needles & thread					
Whistle					

BLIND ROTA

<u>Passengers</u>		<u>Pick up time</u>
Mr & Mrs Burton (Bert and Edna) 61, Millbrook House, Millbrook Towers	429 6024	7.30 pm
Mrs. Mary Brown 13 Reenan Close, Bredbury	494 1705	7.15pm
Mrs D Birch 8 Redwood Drive, Bredbury.	430 5341	7.15pm
Mr & Mrs Devoy Northenden (return trip from Walthew House only)	429 6024	9.15pm

DESTINATION: Walthew House, Institute for the Blind
112 Shaw Heath, Stockport
Tel: 480 2612

	<u>Mr & Mrs Devoy</u> <u>Mr & Mrs Burton</u>	<u>Mrs Brown</u> <u>Mrs Birch</u>
18th	David Dewhurst	Kelvin Death
25th	John Handley	Mike Drew
Sept. 1st	Alan Knight	Sam Kennedy
8th	Rob Malabon	Geoff Hunt
15th	Mac McLeod	John Mees
22nd	John Mould	David Polzer
29th	Jonathan Sheard	Noel Smethurst
Oct 6th	Dennis Smith	Simon Smith
13th	Hugh Thompson	John Weston
20th	Dennis Alport	Roy Banks
27th	Henry Barker	Ralph Boardman

If unavailable to ply on the allotted night please exchange dates with another member. Don't forget to phone the Burtons and Mrs Brown on the Monday so they know what time to expect you. It is suggested that the Burtons be taken home first as they are reasonably near to Walthew House and then return there to collect the Devoy's as they need time to lock up.

Sid Davies

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Citizens Advice Bureau
Home Visiting Service for Carers
5 Hatherlow Lane Hazel Grove
Stockport SK7 4EP
Telephone 061-456 4611**

The Editor
The Rotary Club of Bramhall & Woodford,
2, Little Meadow Close,
Prestbury
SK10 4NA

6th August 1992

Dear Doug,

May I take this opportunity to thank Dennis Smith for contributing his cooker for one of my clients who could not afford to replace her old one.

Many thanks also to Jonathan without whom the whole thing would not have been possible - he carried the cooker, alone and unaided from one side of Bramhall to the other.

Once again, thanks to all concerned,

Pat.

Pat Knight

JOB ROTA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker's Host</u>	<u>Bulletin Reporter</u>	<u>Sergeant at Arms</u>
Aug 19th	Noel Semthurst	Dennis Smith	Simon Smith
26th	John Weston	Hugh Thompson	John Weston
Sept 2nd		Dennis Allport	Roy Banks
9th	David Poizer	Henry Barker	Bob Batty
16th	Ralph Boardman	Don Brisbane	Ken Chadwick
23rd		Kelvin Death	Sid Davies
30th	David Dewhurst	Mike Drew	John Handley
Oct 8th	Sam Kennedy	Geoff Hunt	
14th		Ron Mallabon	Alan Knight
21st	John Mees	Mac McLeod	John Mould
28th	Dennis Smith	Noel Smethurst	Doug Murphy

FOR YOUR DIARY

			<u>Host</u>
Aug.	19th Wed.	Printing by John Handley	Noel Smethurst
	26th Wed	History of Rolls Royce : Ian Beswick	John Weston
Sep	1st Tues	Council Meeting	
	2nd Wed	Committee	
	6th Sun	Concert at Jodrell Bank	
	9th Wed	Talk by returning GSE Team	David Poizer
	14th Mon	Plonsk Collection	
	16th Wed	TBA	
	23rd Wed	CHARTER - Speaker TBA:	
	30th Wed	Geoff Hunt - Meanderings of an ex Colonial (Stephen Day MP to be inaugurated)	David Dewhurst
Oct	5th Mon	Council	
	7th Wed	Theatre Visit with incoming GSE Team (part of club) NO CLUB MEETING	David Poizer
	8th Thurs	Incoming GSE Team from Oklahoma Presentation at Bramhall High School with Hazel Grove and Poynton Clubs (inc. wives) <u>NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHT</u>	
	9th to 11th	District Conference - Southport	
	14th Wed	Committee	
	21st Wed	Plonsk - Assembly of goods (about 6 members) Speaker - TBA	John Mees
	23rd Fri	TO PLONSK	
	28th Wed	Dist. Vocation Chairman : Michael Wood	Dennis Smith
	31st Sat	Hallowe'en Party	
Nov.	2nd Mon	Council	
	5th Wed	Committee	

EDITORIAL

A CLUB LIKE US

The Editor is pleased to receive each month a copy of the Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Urmston which is sent by its Editor Ron Kelly, a previous winner of the prize for the best District Club Bulletin and heading for another winning entry. Ron ploughs a lone furrow in producing his magazine and has told me on several occasions how lucky I am to have people who will make contributions. He writes a piece every month under the title of "KELLY'S KOLLUM" in which he reports all the club activities and has occasionally a good moan. The end of his "Kollum" this month intrigued me and I'm sure he won't mind if I repeat it here.

"There has been a certain amount of talk lately about a lack of enthusiasm within the Club and it has been suggested that the Club is stagnating. Well I feel bound to say there's not much wrong with a Club that can organise a successful Skittle Ball Competition for local schools, run a magnificent Race Night, supervise a week of Mock Interviews, operate a superb Christmas Float and even (dare I say it) produce a monthly Bulletin of anything between 16 and 24 pages.

O.K., so the work falls on the usual few, but you show me an organisation where that doesn't happen anyway. There are two kinds of people in this world - them as does, and them as lets 'em! Fortunately our Club is blessed with more doers than let'ers. And having got that off my chest - "

Sounds like Branhall and Woodford. Perhaps there's hope for us too!



IT'S BASICALLY FISH FOOD

California entrepreneur, Patrick E. Kane, has patented a new line of golf balls which are made of materials that decompose quickly and can be consumed harmlessly by fish and other marine life.

In 1980, the International Maritime Organisation prohibited ships from dumping any plastic waste due to growing concern about threats to sea life. This included the thousands of golf balls which were being sold every month to passengers on cruise ships who enjoyed the pleasure of driving them into the sea. The innovative balls look and feel like the real thing, though they travel only about two-thirds as far and they should cost the same or somewhat less.

So now everyone is happy — the environmentalists, the cruise ship golfers and, most importantly, the fish.