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My dear fellow Rotarian Preece:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your outstanding video depicting the recent Rotary Friendship Exchange between Rotarians from Districts 1050 England and 9200 Uganda, the official winner of the *2012-13 Rotary Friendship Exchange Video Contest*.

Thank you for creatively presenting how participating in the exchange with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kasese, Uganda, has contributed to your Rotary experiences in such a meaningful way. By participating in Rotary Friendship Exchange you strengthen Rotary's international network, enhance international service collaboration, advance world understanding and goodwill, and build friendships to serve our neighbors in the community, at the workplace, and around the globe.

Your depiction of the Rotary Friendship Exchange program promotes international service partnerships and inspires our fellow Rotarians to reaffirm their commitment to fellowship and friendship as we work towards *Peace through Service*. Your video portraying service endeavors through RFE exemplifies *Service Above Self* as a way of life and embodies our presence in a community. At home, at school, at work, in our countries and around the world—we share our lives with others.

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I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities that Rotary Friendship Exchanges present and maintain a strong bond with your exchange partners. I wish you all the best as you continue to strengthen and grow your world understanding and international friendships.

Yours in Rotary,


Sakuji Tanaka
President, 2012-13





Lt Col Temminck
of the Mercian
Regiment



Sue displays the trophy for being
the International Exchange winner



Albert & Milly at
the welcome
party at Sue &
Bob's



I've got a
great
big gun



More canal restoration took place on the 19th of April (Sid, Harry and Abi are out of picture and Maggie is at the back, hiding).

It was Abi's first try, and she loved it. Hazel was keen to identify plants and such, and Abi just lapped it up!

We've done almost all the clearing that we need to do and next time we'll be fixing plaques to posts, and possibly planting a couple of posts as well. Hazel is going to get some plaques ordered and we can help design them. After that, we may well get involved in taking groups of people and doing a bit of education. Abi is sure that Scouts and Guides will be keen to come along because a lot of stuff is directly relevant to badges. Hazel would also like to get ecologists and other experts along to log the flora and fauna, and a Bat Evening is a distinct possibility.

I hope that the change of emphasis might attract some of the less nimble members along.

Harry

Meeting Reports

Mystery objects - 20th March.



The trouble with being at a 'certain age', memory, or the lack of it, is a problem with which to cope especially if one does not make notes at the time of the event on which one is reporting. However not so the case for last Wednesday which was an evening difficult to forget. On arrival in the bar one was confronted by some 80% of Club members and several guests making an excellent attendance for our Guest Entertainers or Inquisitors June and Alan Corner who had come all the way from the Wirral.

Following aperitifs the whole assembly, of some thirty five diners, went to the dining room only to find seating for thirty one. This situation was quickly repaired by the insertion of an additional table. This, unfortunately, gave an imbalance in table groups for the Quiz following dinner. Fortunately Lorraine always over caters and there was enough to go round. However there is something to be learnt here in that it would be a great assistance to the House Team, not least of all Lorraine, if details of 'extra' guests be notified in the same manner as apologies.

Following dinner we had a quiz the like of which had not been enjoyed by many before. It took the format of fifty objects of everyday life from the 19th and early 20th centuries which had to be identified. These were circulated in a very efficient manner by June and Alan and ranged from the relatively simple household gadgets (Ladies hair tongs) through to farmyard instruments (horn straighteners nasty!) to military ordinance (Ball maker for muskets). Fifty in all. It provided much discussion, guessing and entertainment and many quotes such as "you would know that you're much older than us". An interesting facet was that the answers by all the tables were in the range of 50% of the objects under question.

An excellent evening enjoyed by all so much that it went on until 10.30 leaving no time for Reports and Sgt @ Arms. Ahhhh!

John M

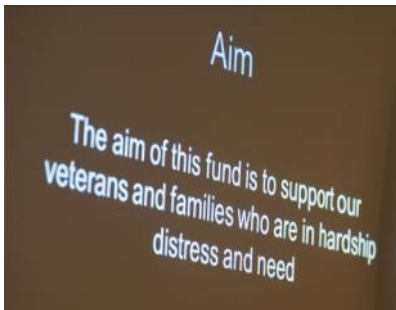
John's meeting report on 'Mystery Objects' would have been enlivened by excellent pictures of June, Alan and some of the objects concerned had Harry, Ian and myself all not forgotten to take our cameras.

Duuuuh!
Gordon



27th March 2013

Mercian Regiment Benevolent Fund Update



7.57 We had an attempted early start this evening. Some thirty fellow members and guests were present to hear a witty four line Grace delivered by Mr Rabone.

8.01 Mr Thewlis stood up, asked about collecting buckets and immediately sat down having got an answer.

8.06 Mr Meeus handed out Duck Race tickets to sell

8.09 Dinner is served – and it is it's usual wonderful array of tempting goodies (Mrs Hill adds to my notes at this point 'Ian cheated and went for his dinner before me! – observant members will have noted the reason why!!!)

8.27 Mr Lacey – NTR as secretary

8.32 Guests and visitors superbly delivered by Ms Egan. Greetings to Lt Col Bill Temminck and Paul (guest of Mr Monkhouse.) Apologies were boring with only five communicating.

8.33 Mrs Preece announced one definite visa approved for our May visitors. She is still appealing for a complete 'care' package to be in place in time for their arrival.

8.37 Mr Hill appealed for labour at the canal side next Friday 5th April

8.38 Mr Dobson & Mrs Hill quickly mentioned fruit bowls and tee shirts

8.39 Mr Davies talked about the possibility of a proposed trip to the John Lennon Airport. A goodly number of hands were raised as being interested.

8.43 Pud and coffee together

9.05 Introduced by Mr Farrow Lt Col Bill Temminck told us about the aims and work he does with The Mercian Benevolent Fund. He started by showing a video made about a year ago by A Company 2nd Battn in Afghanistan. Very powerful and thought provoking because he said at the end of the video that, of those shown, 2 had been KIA and 26 injured with 3 of those being double amputees.

The aim of the Fund is to support the whole familial unit of a soldier. And they also have vital links with other charities (Royal British Legion, SSAFA, Army Benevolent Fund, and the Regimental Assn) Now for some mind numbing statistics:- The Mercians have been present in Afghanistan for the last three years apart for one six month period. There have been 27 Killed in Action (3 officers, 4 senior NCO's, 7 junior NCO's and 13 Privates) that has created 46 bereaved families. For every death approximately 10 soldiers are injured. Of the injured there has been 1 triple, 8 double and 10 single amputees. Soldiers face many threats. In the field they have to contend with IED, sniper attack, ambush, suicide bombers and 'green on blue' situations. At home they may suffer and experience isolation, alcohol abuse, violence and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

We then experienced another powerful video clip put together by Bill from photos taken whilst he was on tour.

Bill explained about the ways that the Fund helps the soldiers. Such things as rental deposits, priority debts, amputee retraining, helping older veterans, PTSD referrals, and funeral costs were mentioned. It has been noticed that there has been an increase in the number of requests for help in the recent past

particularly from under 30s. The recession has had an effect on increasing debt. Plus others.

Consequently funding is going to be continue to be a problem which will be exacerbated when 3 Mercian go in 2014.

Mr President presented a cheque donation to the Fund from the club.

Questions came and went and Mr Farrow gave a warm and heartfelt vote of thanks to our speaker.

10.05 Mr President did not bother with the raffle (second week running!) and handed over the raffle prize to Lt Col Temminck who accepted it gracefully.

10.15 Mr Dougal showed the video he has masterfully created about the Uganda adventure of our three intrepid members. Go to the website for a look if you have not seen it already.

10.24 Mr President Dougal closed with final Toast.

Ian Dobson

Committee Night April 3rd

Another month, another committee night! A well fed group (no guests and a few members missing) congratulated Brian and Sue for a very well deserved award for their winning video on the partnership between our own club and RC Kasese, Uganda. A splendid trip to Los Angeles, courtesy RIBI, is the prize for two (but it was only a joke more's the pity)

Sue (Membership) still needs help with the forthcoming visit of Ugandan Rotarians Millie and Albert. Please contact Sue if you can help with accommodation for Millie or with help in filling a daytime slot. The planning is well in hand for the open meeting on April 10th when potential members are to be invited. The more visitors the better!

David Rose (International) had a thank-you from the village coordinator in Uganda for David's medical help whilst he was there.

Caroline (Club Services) did very well with the Easter Festival at Bramhall Hall. A record attendance led to a profit for Stockport Council of about £3000.

Caroline outlined the future club programme and asked for volunteer talks from less recent club members, (i.e. 'oldies') on their life stories/jobs at future meetings.

Gill (Treasurer) summarised our financial position from memory, which was the best she could do having left her data at home! We were coping financially, despite losing £280 on President's Night. Any excess from the profit from the theatre evening would be passed to the Charity Account at year end once the General Account was finalised.

John T. (Ways and Means) reassured us that all was under control for the Duck Race event on 19 May, but somewhat alarmed President Brian by outlining his possible duties, especially talking to Imagine FM.

Harry (Community Services) warned of a likely envelope stuffing session at Walthew House, sought help for canal clearance on Friday 5 April and discussed the role of Club Almoner (Sid). Harry outlined the needs of Henry and told us of the improved situation whereby in future a District Nurse would visit Henry to take blood for warfarin testing, removing the need to take Henry physically to the clinic periodically. Several members of the club were providing much needed help to Henry, but all felt that this could not be a viable longer term option for Henry's well being. Occasional visits to Henry by members would be appreciated.

Two 'no reports' were welcomed – from our Secretary (Michael) and our Communications person (Ian), thereby allowing us to close the meeting at 10.35. A bit late, but not too bad!

Dennis

District report

1 Report from Trevor Meesh – feedback on the Public Image & Awareness Campaign (much abbreviated) – Phase 1 has now finished and Phase 2 will start shortly. The campaign included ads in Police, Fire, Ambulance publications (because they retire early) also ads in the National press – Telegraph, Times and Irish Times; There were also Radio Days which featured interviews with the RIBI President.; 78,000 leaflets were distributed – These leaflets are now available at £5/100 from the District Shop if any club wishes to use them. There was a noticeable increase in enquiries as a result of the campaign – the slide was too detailed for me to note specific numbers. A banner was prepared for the campaign “We’re for Communities” – a proposal to purchase one banner for each club with the club name on was agreed –Cost £3000 from District funds. Banner should be available in about 2 weeks- just too late for our open night. One of the buzz words used in search engines was “volunteer” this encouraged enquiries from people who were out of work and looking to add something to their CV. RIBI are looking at altering this buzz word for phase 2. According to District records of those people who contacted us there are 9 actively attending a Rotary Club.

2 RIBI President John Minhinick is on a short visit to the district and attended the Council meeting. He spoke quite briefly.

- a. His emphasis was on membership.
- b. Last year we lost 1200 members
- c. He highlighted Horsham RC where they have Club Associates – Young Professionals who do not want to join the club but are willing to help out at events (sounds familiar). Horsham also have a local council who have a monthly event – the Club are represented at most of these events and are the lead organiser in one or two of them – all part of Awareness of the Club in that area.
- d. A familiar story re membership – since 2004 – average age has increased; percentage of retired members has in-

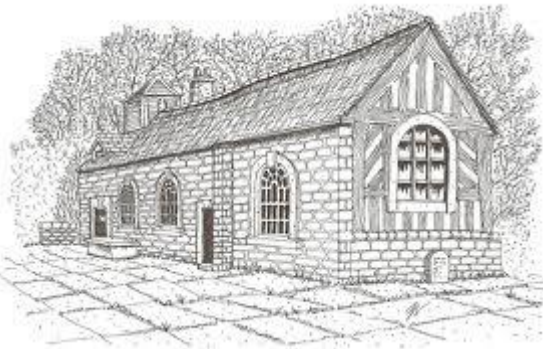
creased to 70%; lady membership has increased.

e. John emphasised “Any Rotary activity is not the sole concern of one committee” – a concept I believe we are very familiar with.

3 District Budget – Council approved the recommended subs for 2013-2014 at £15 pp provided they are paid before 31st August. (£17.50 after that date)

4 Reminder that District Conference this year is a combined event with 1280 – Llandudno 4-6 October. There are Hotel rooms available but book early.

John Sykes



Sunday 28 July Chadkirk Festival & Well Dressing

The 17th Chadkirk festival promises a day of live music with fantastic shows and demon-

strations. A large variety of stalls including crafts and hand made goods. Chadkirk's picturesque setting provides the perfect backdrop for an amazing family fun day out.

Chadkirk Chapel and Country Estate.

Suitable for all ages

12 noon – 5pm £2 Adults £1 Children (5 – 15years)

Free under 5 years

Contact 0161 474 4444 for further details

As a Senior Citizen I was having a problem with my computer so I asked my neighbour, 10 year old Charlie, for help. He sorted it out in no time & when I asked him what the problem was he said "Oh it was just I.D ten T." When I asked what that meant he told me to write it down & I'd see. So I wrote it down as IDIOT.

I used to like young Charlie, the little sod!

Peter

Stories from around the Rotary World

Mexico



A Rotary Club in Mexico likes to aim high! The District Governor recently flew over the historic Pyramid of the Sun in a hot-air balloon emblazoned with the End Polio Now logo. The Pyramid, one of the largest buildings in Mesoamerica and surrounding archaeological sites are popular tourist destinations.

World Rotaract Day

March 13th was World Rotaract Day and Rotaractors around the world celebrated 45 years since the first club was set up in North Carolina. Rotaract is a global network of over 220,000 young people aged 18-30 in more than 9,500 clubs across 179 countries. In the UK and Ireland there are about 700 members. One of their most recent projects was swimming and assisting at the Rotary Global Swimathon which raised over US\$100,000 for local and international charities.



Making progress in Kenya

Members from the RC of Biggleswade Ivel have recently visited Kenya to check how charity projects that they have set up are progressing. Close links have been forged with the RC of Karen in Nairobi who hosted their visit. They were keen to check on progress of the supply and distribution of insecticide treated nets to help fight malaria. They also went to the Great Rift Valley region where the club had helped provide a source of safe, clean water and training in healthcare to members of the Maasai. One of the visitors reported that one of the schools they had visited had bought in new computers but they unfortunately didn't have any printers. So the Rotarians were pleased to be able to take over a new printer.

Polio Eradication stats

At the beginning of April this year there had only been 11 cases of polio compared to 31 at this point in 2012.



Scuba enthusiasts dive deep for adventure in New Zealand

On a dive trip in 1991 in New Zealand, members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers decided to take a special group photo – under water! They practiced their pyramid formation on deck, then dived in and took the photo recalls

Judith Kaufman, one of the original members of the Fellowship, “I suggested the caption for the photo should read “Surface Above Self” and the motto stuck!”

During the 1990s membership was about 10 people, but now with the addition of members from the US, Brazil, Germany, Italy and Spain the Fellowship has since grown to 117 members.

Two dives a year are organised in exotic places like the Caribbean, Curacao, and the British Virgin Islands and on each dive the Fellowship makes donations to charitable organisations in their areas and it is estimated that donations have exceeded \$100,000.

The Philippines

At the Southern Philippines Medical Centre in Davao City, impoverished children with cancer often stop receiving treatment when their families cannot afford to stay nearby. The RC of Waling-Waling in Davao now funds accommodation for up to 25 pediatric cancer patients and two caregivers each. This programme has helped more than 1,800 patients since 2007.

The Ivory Coast

Since 2004 the RC of Jarez de la Frontera, Spain, has vaccinated more than 50,000 children under the age of 10 in Cote d'Ivoire against meningitis B and C and typhoid fever. Twenty-five additional clubs joined their effort and raised close to US\$262,000 for this project in the West African nation.

and finally.....The Vatican

Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now called Pope Francis, is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Olive

April 10th New Member Meeting



After a short delay due to unexpected numbers of members and guests President Brian asked us to remember the passing of prominent people in the news and then asked David Rabone to say a suitable Grace. The normal splendid repast followed al-

beit in a somewhat slower manner than normal – it seems Lorraine was let down by her helpers at the last minute. This slowness did not affect Bob S who was like greased lightning to the table.

Caroline welcomed guests and announced the absentees list, apologising for the mundane nature of the excuses – no exotic adventures to report.

VP Sue introduced the topic of the evening and outlined the format, thanking Harry for his pictures that brightened up the room and gave insight to what we do. Looking ahead Sue pressed members to attend the District conference at Llandudno advising of hotel accommodation and also indicated her preference for the next Presidents night location. Harry made note that the next canal clearing date is 19th April starting at 10 o'clock at Lyme Breeze car park as usual.

Following coffee, a James Bond (Tony B/Caroline E version) was shown to settle members and guests down and to show we can have fun. This was followed by VP Sue's video which has won a prize through RI.

Then on to the main topic of the evening: **Chris M** began with a short synopsis of 'What is Rotary' outlining its' origins and bringing it up to date by telling all of the 1.25Million current membership and the ethos of the club being 'Have fun helping others and Service before Self'.

Harry H took over to explain the function of the **Community Service Committee**. It is in two parts; International and help to local people and organisations. CSC distributes the monies raised by the club but also has a very hands on role in the area – clearing towpaths on local canal, maintaining a nominated footpath, helping partially sighted people by picking them up and taking to a local centre – also helping at the centre by doing some of the clerical tasks, not to mention accepting a challenge to 10 pin bowling by partially sighted members and getting soundly beaten in the event. CSC also helps schools and the GM fire service – all in all varied and fulfilling.

Gill C took the reigns to explain about International service, explaining that through RI we provide Shelter boxes, contribute to the effort to eradicate Polio. Some members have been to risk areas to administer immunisations, Repair faulty equipment, help children with learning difficulties, assist in the setting up of a Model Village project and many other similar activities. Through International spectacles are recycled to poorer nations and these can be handed in to Barradells opticians in Cheadle.

John T was next up explaining that Ways and Means Committees objective was ‘Doing good by Raising Money to do good’. The team sets up activities and relies heavily on the rest of the club to help man them. As a Club B&W work with smaller Charities where our contribution can make a significant difference. Examples of events include A Duck race/Tin rattling at Christmas/Charity float. Details of the Duck race were enumerated with the disclosure that the club retain 20% of funds raised for a given Charity in order to be able to help other people in immediate need. In essence the objective is to ‘put the Fun in Fundraising’

Ian D stepped up to explain the role of PR and Media within the Club. While the activities were fragmented the aim is to spread the word through any possible means – Local Newspapers/free booklets/local Radio/Our own and District Websites. This to-

gether with internal sales of flower bulbs/apples/other goodies lends itself to a club rather than individuals. He also expressed the view that as a club we help each other when needed as well as outside Charities.

John S explained the role of Social Committee which is to help members and partners enjoy themselves with various social events such as Visit to the House of commons/Theatre nights/Crown green bowling/and other more formal nights - this being in keeping with the original aims of Fellowship as well as Charitable activities.

Tony B was asked to sum up what had been said. He indicated he had been with B&W for 19 years and held most of the offices taking the view 'that the more you put in the more you get out'. Each committee relies heavily on the experience and assistance of all club members giving of their time and talents. Strong friendships develop and these are translated into such events as travelling with the Jubilee Sailing Trust to help disabled people experience the thrill of 'proper' sailing. Finally he invited guests to think about Rotary as something worth joining and if further information was required to come back and ask. The evening ended with appropriate thanks to Sue for a worthwhile evening and the raffle being won by a guest saving any embarrassment.

President Brian closed the meeting dead on 10.30

Trevor

Heaven and Hell

Heaven is where the Policemen are English, the engineering is German, the cuisine is French, the lovers are Italian and the whole place is run by the Swiss.

Hell is where the policemen are German, the engineering is French, the cuisine is English, the lovers are Swiss and the whole place is run by the Italians.

17th April - Not in front of the children

The thirty people present heard Sid say Grace and joined Michael in a toast to the Rotary Club of Rosanna, (suburban Melbourne, Victoria, Australia) who had informed us that they were toasting us as a result of the Uganda video. John Thewlis circulated more duck race forms. The visitors were: Rtn. Brian James from Ambleside Rotary, Kornelia Cinkotai (guest of D Rose) and Rtn. Barbara Sherlock (Lamplighters).



Derek Slater gave his talk “Not in front of the Children” without hesitation, repetition or notes! There was an impressive amount of historical detail with names and dates. The theme was censorship in the theatre from the time of Shakespeare to about 1968 (when censorship was more or less abolished). Initially the open air theatres were places where people met and discussed politics but later moved indoors. They were such breeding grounds of political discontent that Cromwell closed them for 18 years. Charles II, a theatre lover, reopened them and allowed women on stage for the first time. However only Covent Garden and Drury Lane theatres were allowed to perform plays – the rest could do ballet and opera and the like. Everything eventually went into decline until massively revived by the Beggar’s Opera – a strong satire on political corruption. By Walpole’s time theatres were banned from covering anything to do with Royalty, politics or religion (CofE). The second Theatre Act of 1845 introduced the Lord Chamberlain as the censor – anything could be performed if approved. In Victorian times the Goodies had to win and the Baddies lose! There was a very gradual reduction in silliness until in 1968 the Act was repealed and “anything goes” became the norm. Our speaker felt that this was better than it used to be.

Derek is producing a play at CHADS “Red Hot Lover” and it was suggested that we should arrange a visit (7th September)

John Knowles, as Sergeant at Arms, fined everybody in an amusing and creative way.

Michael

What is Rotaract?



Rotaract is a dynamic and unique International organisation for young men and women aged 18-30, offering a wide range of activities that will enable them to try something



new, whilst having a great time, and also giving them a chance to meet other people. The clubs are either community or university based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club which makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

This offshoot of Rotary originally began as a Rotary International Youth Programme in 1968 and has now grown to over 9,000 clubs in 170 countries spread around the world. It's one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programmes and has become a worldwide phenomenon. "Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action", and it focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces.

Clubs hold formal meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, special outings, social activities, discussions and visits to other clubs. Members meet on designated days for service project work, social events or professional/leadership development workshops. There is a wide choice of social activities as well as projects that actively support the local community, raising money for charity, and offering members the opportunity of developing personal skills and gaining new life experiences in the UK and abroad. Sometimes joint events amongst several clubs are organised such as themed discos, quiz nights or a dinner dance.

To join a club prospective members must be aged 18-30, show

that they are committed to Rotaract, and demonstrate they are of good standing in the community.

The UK and Ireland have about 100 clubs with a total of around 3,000 members and there is one Rotaract club in our District – ***The Manchester International*** – founded in 2008 and holds its meetings at the Manchester University and has 119 members. Judging from their very busy Facebook page they not only correspond with each other via this medium but also organise their meetings and events. Just a few of the things they've been up to so far this year have been.....

A Freeze Mob this is apparently similar to a Flash Mob. Most of the members arranged to meet at a specified time outside on campus, and at the sound of a whistle they stopped what they were doing and froze to the spot for 2 minutes. It was well advertised before hand and many hundreds of people were there to watch them. This event was to support International Peace and Understanding.

A Rotary club in Romania have invited members to visit them with organised accommodation and discounted travel expenses to support a "Youth in Action Programme" which aims to inspire active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among Europeans.

They have heard a speaker talk about Rotary Disaster Aid and also assisted a collection at Manchester Airport for this charity.

They have also had a Quiz Night, met a French Ambassadorial Scholar and organised a "Know your Blood Pressure Day".

Their main project is the "International Book Collection". The goal is to collect academic, fiction books and encyclopaedias to send to libraries, schools and universities in Bulgaria and Romania. They work with other Rotary clubs in these countries to raise awareness and promote reading and education.

So there you have it! Rotaract in action, and with a pretty dynamic club not too far away from Bramhall and Woodford.

Olive

Cycling and more on 24th April

An unusual start. A Latin grace from Jan E., which only those with a certain education understood! The other Jan (H) received well deserved praise for a magnificent visit to her partner's collection of military vehicles. A video and pics confirmed the great size of this, and left some longing to be tank drivers, always assuming that they could afford the fuel bills! £210 was collected by the visitors for Help the Heroes. Splendid!

Sue proudly showed the rotating globe award from RI for the B&W video on the Ugandan project. Well done again to all concerned.

The forthcoming Duck Race day received attention, with rota gaps to be filled, and chairs for tiring collectors to rest their weary limbs.



The main event was a whistle stop talk by Michael (Mick in an earlier existence apparently) who combined a potted version of his life story with an amusing and entertaining slide display of bicycles usual and very unusual.

Michael was born a Cockney, and has lived in several places around the UK. He is on his third Rotary club and we hope his last. He loves cycling, a pastime he has indulged in far too many countries to list here. Many will recall his Lands End to John O'Groats ride with friends which raised funds for our charities and earned him many plaudits. He is fascinated by bicycles and has a remarkable collection of slides on the ingenuity that the world's population has put this ubiquitous machine to. Beasts of burden, so overloaded that the rider is barely visible. Taxis for some and opportunities for ingenious engineers and novelty designers also. A splendid talk!

The announcements covered several topics. Neil is coming along quite well after his recent operation, Gordon's

granddaughter is still recovering from an adverse reaction to her ear operation and Henry was OK but still struggling. Our Ugandan friends arrive soon and Sue still wanted some more help in looking after them during their visit.

Additional Duck Race tickets were available from John M. The canal clearance party seemed from the visual offerings presented to be more concerned with enjoying refreshments and relaxing on Brian's narrow boat than tackling the canal-side vegetation, but perhaps the pictures don't tell the whole story.

John S. fined several for real misdemeanours before catching all for not observing St. George's day. Bob Preece went home with a bottle of wine from the raffle and the meeting closed at precisely 10.30.

Dennis

Stuffers and Plonkers

The 1st of May saw a dozen determined Rotarians stuffing envelopes at Walthew House. Some were stuffing and others plonking (stamping the return address on the back of the envelope).

Once again I thank the round dozen of dedicated volunteers for this afternoon's excellent work. It seems we really make a difference to the staff at WH, who can get on with their "proper" work, and today we cleared the lot in a few minutes over an hour. The only slight trouble is that success breeds success, and Rachel reminded me as I was leaving that September is just a few short months away!

All the best,

Harry

May 1st—Committees



The evening commenced with the usual excellent dinner and fellowship. The extended gap between courses was seized upon to disseminate information about the duck race ticket sales. John Meeus introduced a cockerel which really was a wine holder which he won at an event by correctly estimating the number of corks in a bottle – well he is a quantity surveyor! Sid kindly bought the bird and but complained the following day that it woke him up cock-a-doodle-doing at 5 am! John Sykes reminded

everyone about Sunday's Victorian tour of Manchester. A photo was passed around of a kestrel with prey but President Brian described it as a sparrow and then promptly apologised for his ignorance. Lots of photos were taken of the revolving globe which was our RI award for winning the Rotary video Friendship Exchange. The AGM was well organised by Michael who did a sterling job despite having lost his voice.

Reports were presented by John Thewlis, Harry Hill, David Rose, John Sykes, Ian Dobson and Caroline Egan thanking the various committee members for their hard work over the year and also outlining their achievements. Treasurer Gill Critchley gave her report, outlining the details of the charity and general accounts. It was unanimously agreed that for 2013 – 2014, in order to cover all our outgoings and retain a margin of comfort, the subs would be increased to £110 per Rotarian.

The AGM elections were swift and all agreeable. As per our new tradition the vice president (Harry) will be responsible for membership.

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| 1. Ways and Means | Bob Preece |
| 2. Community and Vocation | Trevor Saville |
| 3. International and Foundation | Michael Lacey |
| 4. Social | John Sykes |
| 5. Communications | Ian Dobson |

6. Club Services	John Knowles
7. President Nominee	John Knowles
8. District Rep 1	John Sykes
9. District Rep 2	Geoff Hunt
10. District Rep 3	Sue Preece
11. Sales	Vida Chattington
12. Bulletin	Gordon Jackson
13. Health & Safety Officer	David Burstow
14. Child & Vulnerable Persons Officer	David Rose

Sue reminded everyone that our Rotarian visitors, Milly and Albert, would arrive on Friday and that she and Bob were holding a welcome party for them on Saturday to which everyone was welcome. President Brian invited all present to join him and Albert to attend the 19th Annual Macclesfield Beer Festival on Friday night May 10th. Rotarians were reminded to express an interest, or otherwise, in which committee they would like to join so that these could be established by the business meeting in June. Bob Preece did a good job of fining everyone, especially those who had not agreed to do zillions of slots to sell duck race tickets. The evening ended as usual around 10:30 pm.

Sue

From Sue's son, Steve— I work at as a lecturer in gait and rehabilitation at the University of Salford and am currently involved in developing new treatments for knee osteoarthritis. As part of my research I am investigating differences in muscle coordination between knee osteoarthritis patients and healthy individuals. In order to carry out this research I need to recruit HEALTHY volunteers who are between the age of 58-75 and who DO NOT suffer with any musculoskeletal problems?

I am currently looking into different options for identifying potential volunteers and my parents, who are keen Rotarians, suggested it might be possible to forward details of my study to members at local Rotary clubs. Anyone who volunteers for the study would be required to come into the University and undergo some very straightforward (non-invasive) gait analysis testing. The University will reimburse any travel expenses incurred and also give people a £20 gift voucher to compensate them for their time.

If you would be willing to forward details of the study to your members then please e-mail me on s.preece@salford.ac.uk or telephone me on (0161) 295 2273 and I can provide more information.

Rotary Meeting 8th May 2013



The meeting began with President, Brian welcoming our distinguished guests, Albert and Millie, our fellow Rotarians from Uganda and invited Millie to say grace.

Sue told us she had received an email from Carol in Uganda. Recent floods have had a devastating effect on the towns and villages in the region. In response to Carol's plea for help,

Council agreed, with immediate effect, to send £1,000 in emergency aid.

Several effects of the flood were highlighted; The local hospital was severally damaged and is closed. Two new mothers who did not evacuate in time, lost their babies; doctors are working non-stop around the clock, performing emergency operations (7 in one night); the nurses quarters were completely demolished; the water supply to the towns and villages is now contaminated; the newly built bridge is destroyed. Millie is extremely concerned for the wellbeing of the children, particularly the 28 babies, at her orphanage. Water supplies could cause serious harm to the health of these babies, as young as 2 months old.

Secretary, Michael added that the events were recorded on the web, Google "NTV" "floods" "Uganda" to see them. Michael has also stated he has approached the Rotary Foundation Committee, who may be able match funds donated. Winchester Rotary Club are looking at matching the funding and Michael is on the case to speak with Poynton Rotary Club to obtain tents for the refugees.

After desserts and a coffee, Sue introduced Millie and Albert. Albert is President of Uganda Rotary Club and Millie, Secretary and President Elect. Albert is a businessman, printing and

selling stationery items. Millie runs an orphanage with her sister, homing 108 children from birth to young adult.

Albert began his talk with grateful thanks to Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club, MP Mark Hunter and the Winchester Rotary Club. Kasese Rotary received their charter in 1991. Uganda received political rest once the current President was voted in but the problems in Uganda are fierce. There is too little land in the overpopulated homes of an average of 10. There is little land to grow vegetation and not enough access to water. However, the money donated by B&W has allowed for their Club to purchase vital equipment to better the lives of the Ugandans. Albert spoke about the developing schools and lack of books and resources. Winchester Rotary is offering support to equip the schools with books and Albert will be visiting them to discuss this further.

During questions, Millie explained that while the main language spoken is English, the President of Uganda is keen the people speak their native dialects, and teach these in their schools.

Millie told us that the orphanage houses the children with 2 'mothers' who take care of children in groups of various ages, from baby to young adult so a family presence is felt amongst all the children.

Albert informed us that the average age in his club is 43 years! Fundraising included marathon runs and mountain climbs, getting corporate support from businesses where they can.

Millie informed us that the river, 4.5km away is the main source of water supply and an absolute

minimum of 3 trips in a vehicle with 3 containers a day. 25k litres per trip was collected, just to supply the orphanage.

We heard about the elephants in the Queen Elizabeth National Park sometimes come into the grounds to steal food from the plots, and destroy what they don't take, Harry compared this to the rabbit in his garden. No one



was convinced that a 500kg rabbit exists in Bramhall. We were also informed that the river was full of crocodiles, which has unfortunately claimed many lives from baby to adult.

Sue thanked Albert and Millie for their talks and then requested donations of lightweight children's summer clothes for Albert to take with him back to Uganda.

Brian stated that next week's meeting is compulsory, being the one before the Duck Race. John Meeus requested (via Gill) all stubs and duck tickets to be returned back sooner rather than later, please.

Abi

Brian's Bale-out Bit for the Bulletin

I have had but one aim for my year as pressy – to make being a member of our rotary club MORE FUN.

That way we will be able to attract & retain the sort of people we need going forwards.

When I joined, I found a club making excellent contributions to charitable works. But it had become all too "worthy". Speakers were far too often from some charity or another, making a sales pitch. These sales pitches should be aimed at the CS chairman/committee. Our meetings should be enjoyable, interesting & fun.

I remain of the opinion that religion, like politics, should not be discussed within Rotary meetings. To that effect I wanted, I would still like, to stop saying grace with its references to some god or another. Nevertheless politics (small "p") is the art of the possible and I had to accept that insufficient people supported me. Accepting this, I am grateful to David Rabone for the good natured and witty graces he produced.

CHUGGING. My personal view is that this is something we should drastically curtail. We put a huge amount of our skill and energy into organising the Duck Race etc events. Great – via the events numerous charities and other organisations benefit. And our local community gets a very enjoyable day out. What I **don't** think we should do however, is provide a workforce of collectors for someone

else. My preference would have been to say to Beechwood, St Anne's, whoever: "we will publicise you on all our material, so that **you** can successfully collect money for **your** charity".

Come Christmas, I am happy to do way more than my "fair" share for the Float. But so far as standing around at Woodford is concerned, I regret I will join those on holiday, or something, at the time.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank my Council. I persuaded Sue to become our first lady president. Her work on international stuff has been outstanding. I am sure she will make an excellent pres, very different from me, but contrast is good. Then the year after we might return to a style perhaps more similar to mine when Harry takes charge? We even know Harry's successor, John Knowles. An excellent, very diverse, line up - I hope everyone agrees.

A year ago there was talk of splitting the incredibly onerous job of W&M. Nevertheless John T took it all on, and did it well. Michael has been my source of advice & wisdom throughout. Gill has handled the treasury admirably despite location & full-time-job issues. Harry has brought freshness to CS. It has been an outstanding year for David R's International committee. All the social events ran smoothly in John S's hands. Ian might have talked much, but he achieves a very great deal too !!!

Singled out for special thanks is Caroline for succumbing to my persuasions and agreeing to do Club Services for the year. Doing any of these roles is onerous whilst working as a full-time-employee, especially in the quicksand of local government. Her emphasis on truly excellent, entertaining meetings was just what we needed.

Thank you all.

Brian.

Duck Race income, the top 6

Fairground rides	£775
Stall rentals	£745
Cold drinks	£675.07
Bouncy Castle	£556.50
Gingerbread ducks and candy floss	£531.35
Tote Large Duck Races	£503.39

B&W Rotary Club Committees for 2013 -2014 DRAFT

President—Sue Preece

Secretary—J Edmonds

VP—Harry Hill

Treasurer—Gill Critchley

Ways and Means Committee – Bob Preece

Dev Dev, Maggie Hill, Abi Jenkins, Ron Malabon, John Meeus,
Alan Newsome, Peter Richardson, John Thewliss

Community / Vocational committee – Trevor Saville

Dennis Allport, Bruce Farrow, Bruce Bissell, Tony Burch, David
Rabone, Bob Stevenson

Social Committee – John Sykes

Gill Critchley, Jan Hubbard, Neil Loveland, David Walker

International & Foundation – Michael Lacey

David Burstow, Sid Davies, Geoff Hunt, Chris Monkhouse,
David Rose

Club Services – John Knowles

Vida Chattington, Caroline Egan, David Poizer

Membership – Harry Hill

Jan Edmonds

Communications – Ian Dobson

Brian Dougal, Gordon Jackson

Hello

We were very pleased with the sketches that Peter skilfully made of us both! Thank you so much Peter, it was a very thoughtful gesture and one which we both really appreciated. You have an amazing talent and we will make sure these sketches will be seen far and wide around Kasese. lots of thanks also to the many Rotarians who are making our 'Friendship Exchange' with B&W so wonderful.

Bless you all

Albert and Milly

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
03/06/2013	B Farrow	N Loveland
10/06/2013	J Meeus	G Hunt
17/06/2013	J Hubbard	T Burch
24/06/2013	J Sykes	D Rose
01/07/2013	D Allport	A Jenkins
08/07/2013	B Preece	S Preece
15/07/2013	D Poizer	D Walker
22/07/2013	V Chattington	R Malabon
29/07/2013	No blind run	
05/08/2013		
12/08/2013		
19/08/2013		
26/08/2013		
02/09/2013	H Hill	B Farrow
09/09/2013	N Loveland	J Meeus
16/09/2013	G Hunt	J Hubbard

Diary & Job Rota

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

Date	Diary	Bulletin	Sgt @ Arms
05/06/2013	Committees (New ones)	M Hill	V Chattington
12/06/2013	B Preece/Rabone	B Bissell	H Hill
19/06/2013	Life & Times of a busker (Richardson)	G Critchley	J Edmonds
23/06/2013	Rotary BBQ at Vida's 12.00 noon		
26/06/2013	Club Assembly/Handover	I Dobson	C Egan
03/07/2013	Committees	B Farrow	P Richardson
10/07/2013	Rose/Thewlis	J Thomas	A Newsome
17/07/2013	Stevenson/Sykes	J Meeus	D Rabone
24/07/2013	Wlaker/Allport	G Hunt	T Saville
31/07/2013	Provisional Bowling event		
07/08/2013	Visit of DG Derek Newman	M Lacey	T Burch
14/08/2013	Committees	D Rose	B Stevenson
21/08/2013	Burch/Chattington	B Preece	S Preece
28/08/2013	Burstow/Critchley	G Jackson	A Jenkins
04/09/2013	Committees	S Davies	D Poizer
11/09/2013	Davies/Dobson	V Chattington	D Walker
18/09/2013	Dev/Dougal	D Burstow	R Malabon
25/09/2013	Edmonds/Farrow	H Hill	J Thewlis



Derek Slater—
Not in front of
the children



A selection of big-boy's
toys that our members
really enjoyed playing with.

So very cute (not Harry)





Candy Floss & Gingerbread Ducks earned £531

The Bouncy Castle earned £556



Team Spirit were superb

Duck race - wow what a brilliant day !!!

You should all be EXTREMELY proud of yourselves this evening - B & W Rotary put on a superbly organised day for our community.

Not only that but we will have ourselves raised a huge amount of money for Beechwood. Numerous other groups, charities & organisations will have benefited.

In a note like this, it is difficult and probably unfair to single out individuals. Nevertheless I will mention a few. Firstly the ultimate combo of John T & Tony. So different but together so effective, synergy in action. Of course numerous people grafted away all day but two stuck at their tasks with alacrity all day - Peter in his stall and Jan making, and getting covered in, candy floss (OK, so tomorrow's job is clearing the shower drain, currently blocked with sugar ...).

Ian - a man made for a Mic - did an irreplaceable job.

Caroline - made it all possible, what would we do without her large garden to play in ???

Gill - poor lady sent home-alone to Poynton to count all the money....

And (in a very pleasant contrast with previous years) the several ladies from Beechwood who good-naturedly really actual worked !!!

Brian.

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