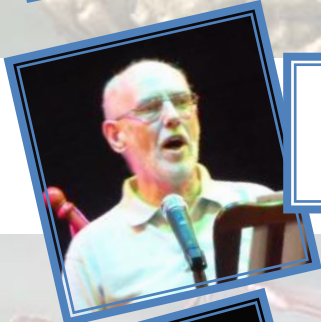




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Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club



The
Dragons'
Den





Infectious enthusiasm from the children of Pownall Green helped make the International concert a great success.



Harry's Homily

My word, we are a busy lot!

No sooner have we had our first (surely not our only) Dragons' Den than we are clapping and dancing to Mediterranean rhythms. A slightly delayed Charter Night is next on the calendar and a couple of weeks later we have the Fashion Show.

Charter Night is a bit of an indulgence for the members of the club, but the other events put our club firmly in the public eye, and none more so than the Mediterranean evening. The inclusion of Pownall Green School choir, which won the singing contest at the Duck Race, meant that the church was full of young parents (and the occasional grandparent) who were clearly delighted at the amount of fun we were having. I believe that this will make it much easier to involve the school in future events, and will help to change the public perception of Rotary in general.

In the background I have been making slow but steady progress with Stockport MBC regarding the Walled Garden at the Hall. I strongly believe that we should be involved with Bramall Hall, partly because it is a wonderful place and it's on our "patch", and also because it has so many visitors. If we can get our name and logo prominently displayed it will really stimulate interest in us. There is still a way to go, but watch this space!

Harry

I am not a number

To replace the Sgt@Arms, we have increased our meal fee to £12 and holding a weekly draw. We will draw a number in the range 1 to 36 and the winner will get a free meal when they next attend. To win you have to be present at the meeting. Then all we need to know is our individual numbers. To avoid a boring alphabetical allocation I suggest we use the list below (sequenced by last letter of surname, 3rd letter and first letter of forename!!!). Alphabetical will not work for new members and we will probably want to re-use any number that becomes available from leavers. Michael keeps the master list.

Dennis Allport	tnD	30	Abida Jenkins	siA	27
Bruce Bissell	luB	13	John Knowles	shJ	23
Tony Burch	hnT	9	Michael Lacey	ycM	35
David Burstow	wvD	34	Neil Loveland	diN	1
Vida Chattington	ndV	15	Ron Malabon	nnR	17
Gill Critchley	ylG	36	John Meeus	shJ	24
Sid Davies	sdS	22	Chris Monkhouse	erC	6
Dev Dev	wvD	32	Alan Newsome	eaA	2
Ian Dobson	nnI	16	David Poizer	rvD	21
Brian Dougal	liB	11	Bob Preece	ebB	3
Jan Edmonds	snJ	28	Sue Preece	eeS	4
Caroline Egan	nrC	18	David Rabone	evD	7
Bruce Farrow	wuB	33	Peter Richardson	ntP	20
Maggie Hill	lgM	10	David Rose	evD	8
Harry Hill	lrH	12	Trevor Saville	eeT	5
Pat Holmes	stP	29	Bob Stevenson	nbB	14
Geoff Hunt	toG	31	John Sykes	shJ	25
Gordon Jackson	nrG	19	John Thewlis	shJ	26

Committees 7th August

The appearance of wine on the table, always a welcome sight, was provided by our President Harry and Maggie to celebrate their Ruby wedding. John Meeus proposed a toast to them both. John Knowles welcomed our guest Kevin Bell from Poynton Rotary Club.

Jan Edmonds announced she had sold the signed Manchester United football for £258.00. Well done Jan!

Harry allowed Maggie's table to go first, both for dinner and pudding. I suspect if he hadn't it might have been a case of, wait 'till I get you home!

International

John Thewlis said that there was to be a Mediterranean Evening at Ego's followed by a concert at the Methodist Church on Thursday September 25th in aid of the Red Cross. Cost £24.00 for Meal and Concert, £6.00 for Concert alone.

Chris Monkhouse has some old school uniforms, John T. Suggested we send them to Africa as previously.

Trevor stated that we had received an award for Membership and Development, having the highest retention rate in District 1050. He also said that there was to be a Gala Ball at the Etihad Stadium for Disaster Aid.

Community Service.

Tony Burch said that the response to Dragons Den was poor, so far only 4 applicants. We require at least 15.

Dragons Den will take place at Woodford Community Centre, this has been booked for Weds 17th September at a cost of £80.00. Tony proposes that we now use posters and e-mail some of the numerous charities of which Dennis has a record. The start time for Rotarians is 6.45pm. Applicants presentation should last 5mins each, commencing at 7.30pm.

Social.

Brian Dougal said that Charter Night will be on Wednesday

15th October at Piccolino's. Cost will not exceed £20.00.
There will be a Theatre night on Friday 23rd January at Chads Theatre- "No Sex Please We're British." Price £10.00.

Communication

Ian has e-mailed that he and Jan visited Poynton Rotary. He proposes that next year's Duck Race should be on Saturday and Sunday. Choirs and dancers on Saturday and Duck Race on Sunday.

Membership

Gill proposes to run a challenge event for people over 55 years. Teams of four will walk and cycle. Proposed name is Silverthon, it will commence in Poynton next June.

Ways and Means

Maggie is arranging another fashion show on Thursday 6th November at the Deanwater.

Help is required at Hillbrook Grange on Thursday 14th August at 10.00am to sort out the garage and remove the float decorations.

Treasurer

Michael Lacey said that Barclays have still not provided the promised cheque, they will be contacted again.

There is about £3,700. Left in the Charity Account. £5,100 is required for Dragons Den.

The meeting ended with Rotary Peace and Harry blamed everyone but himself for the late finish.

Neil

The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent full of doubt.

Bertrand Russell

Community Emergency Support 13th August



President Harry is away on holiday for a few weeks so we were in the hands of Vice president Gill who started the evening rather heavy handed with the bell, it improved over the night. I noted that Maggie was present at the meeting, so not on holiday with Harry; after 40 years married a separate

holiday is justified I suppose.

As a change to nominating which table should go first, Gill allowed a few minutes discussion then tables had to justify why they should go first; these justifications ranged from “we’re starving”, “Vida’s on our table” to “seniority of people on the table”. The latter won the argument which prompted Vida to spot that there was a spare seat on that table; oh for a sergeant at arms to fine her.

Guests included David Wheeldon, a former colleague of John Knowles; Roy Bullen our speaker and Julie Williams to help Roy.

After the usual excellent food from Loraine, time for our speaker. Roy made a short but effective presentation on Rotary Community Emergency Support with the intention of encouraging members to join this group. The aim of the group is to provide assistance to the Emergency Rest Centre Manager. An Emergency Rest Centre would be set up in the event of a major incident in the Cheshire area which requires that people are evacuated from their homes for a period. The rest centre would exist for 24 hours before alternate provisions would be made to accommodate people and Rotarians would give whatever time they could manage during this period. During recent years there has been one call out – fire at Chester Shopping Precinct; and one “stand-

by” – possible flooding in Northwich. The “Cheshire” area includes 17 high level COMAH sites (Control of Major Accident Hazard); 1 nuclear site; airport and extensive railway and motorway networks. The possibilities exist for significant problems. Other well known organisations have defined roles within a Rest Centre; Red Cross and St John’s; Samaritans, WVS, Churches Together, Salvation Army.

Before any Rotarian can help at a Rest Centre they must undergo a short (2 hour) training session which is what Roy was helping to promote. The next session is Saturday 27th September at Middlewich Masonic Hall CW10 0JE 10am until noon. John Thewlis promoted the idea that the whole club should enrol which seemed to get significant approval from the Club. Roy is to get back to us if this could be arranged for a meeting night when we might start at 7pm, have a lighter meal and still finish at a reasonable time.

With prior knowledge that Roy’s presentation would be short, Michael Lacey gave a short presentation on Rotary Foundation for the benefit of newer members. He explained what it does, how it is funded and how we can get a grant to make use of the money. Any Rotarian can decide to make a regular contribution to the Foundation if he so wishes – have a word with Michael. Earlier today Michael has issued an email on the subject so I will not repeat here (but there is a printed version opposite).

In AOB a certain person observed that the Union flag was missing from the stand, he offered to provide a Belgian flag as a replacement if so desired. I think the offer was turned down. Winner of the “free next meal” draw was number 14- Bob Stevenson, but since he was on holiday it cannot be claimed. Hard luck Bob.

There being no further AOB and no SaA, Gill closed the meeting at 10.23pm

John Sykes

Every Rotarian, Every Year

Rotary consists of about 30,000 clubs like ours and so you would expect that when they combine to take action, some pretty special things can happen. The way they combine is through our own Charity – The Rotary Foundation. Virtually all clubs and many many members donate funds to the foundation. How the combined funds get spent is also decided by the clubs who compete for grants. These grants can cover educational scholarships, sand dams, eye camps, library stocking, water supply and purification, flood and disaster relief and so many projects where clubs from different parts of the world combine to achieve near miracles.

But the best known project, led from the centre this time, is the eradication of Polio from the whole world. This started around 1985 and since then polio has been erased from 150 countries and now the whole world is polio free apart from three countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria) – all of which could have been but for political problems. 2.5 billion children have been immunised, millions now walk who would have limped or lived in an iron lung or even died. It may take a few more years yet but Rotary is committed to finishing the job with the final part of the project being called End Polio Now.

As a club we try to meet our "Every Rotarian Every Year" target of \$100 per member to assist Foundation. We achieve this by voluntary member donations. Voluntary means just that and by no means all members do it. However it is an option which members should know exists and it is done by standing order - typically £5-10 per month. It is done through the Treasurer (me) and kept in confidence - so much so that I think we do not even have a record! So if you do not contribute, and wish to, then get in touch with me and we'll sort it

Michael

If you're over 50 (and who isn't?)

A computer was something on TV,
From a science show of note.
A window was something you had to clean,
A ram was a kind of goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend,
Gig was a job for the nights.
Now they all mean different things,
And that really mega bytes!

An application was for employment,
A programme was a TV show.
A cursor used profanities,
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something you lost with age,
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3 inch floppy
You hoped no-one found out!

Compress was something you did to garbage,
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped in public
You'd be in jail for quite a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire,
Hard drive was a long trip on the road.
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And a back up happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife,
Paste you did with glue.
A web was a spider's home,
And a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper,
And the memory in my head.
I hear nobody's dead from a computer crash –
But when that happens...

They wish they were dead!

The Dogs' Meeting

The dogs once held a meeting, they came from near & far.
Some came by bus, some came by rail & some by motor-car.
Once inside the meeting hall, before it's seat it took,
Each doggy took it's backside off, & hung it on a hook.
They'd all got nicely settled, each mother, son & Sire,
When a dirty little yellow dog burst in & shouted `FIRE!'
They all jumped up & ran pell-mell, - they hadn't time to look,
So they just grabbed at random a backside from a hook.
That's why you'll find that any dog will leave a juicy bone,
To go & smell a backside - it's looking for it's own!

Peter

Psychology of WW1 Soldiers AUGUST 20

Dame Gill of Hr. Poynton is resident President for 3 weeks. Elegantly dressed in Chelsea Blue trousers she made a short non-deity grace. The order for dinner rested on the table giving the best good deeds of the week. Most of the 22 members had watered neighbours' plants, collected parcels etc, but Ian had helped 12 people in the Enterprise Ambulance and the elite went first!

Dennis said there has been more interest in Dragon's Den contestants, Tony B had given a live telephone interview broadcast with Pure Radio. Peter offered bags of plastic forks-duh!

Our lovely Caroline attended in her new capacity as boss of 7 Stockport attractions. She announced that B/Hall renovation starts at the end of September and is arranging a GALA OPEN afternoon to close the building!!!

Vida's apology list included several émigrés to France, what's wrong with Angleterre?

Trevor announced that both car parks at the Resident's club are covered with CCTV AND the emergency entrance has to re-

main clear. I admit I am a regular offender. Gill related with glee that Altrincham RC have just inducted their first LADY member. Apres coffee and a very short introduction for speaker-Ret. Captain J.M. Thewlis who gave his treatise on the origins of WW 1 tactics employed and the psychological effects on soldiers.

He brought some memorabilia, 3 medals (including a DCM) a vase hammered out of a 16 lb shell by a relative. A box that was given by the Queen at Xmas containing cigarettes, chocolates and finally a book of advice about warfare conduct.

John asked us to picture a huge map of Europe in 1914 by signalling his arms to Russia, Turkey and Balkans on our right and Belgium, Germany and France on the left,--.



Yes no slides, no PowerPoint!

He explained the state of opposing powers, Neutral Belgium (John M approval) and fledgling Germany determined to conquer Europe and beyond. He went on

to discuss strategies of the Generals that went wrong and mentioned the lack of enthusiasm in Britain for getting involved in Europe and eventually we were dragged in.

Captain John, then explained the camaraderie that developed in terrible conditions and soldiers becoming immune to death and destruction -a condition termed “learn helplessness”.

The effects of “shell shock” caused by explosions was later recognised as a true psychological condition and not a cowardly excuse. I must digress as, at the mention of explosions, Sid asked John to speak up as he couldn’t hear a “B==y” word because of his noise induced deafness. Eventually John came to a halt and Gill gave a vote of thanks for an extremely detailed talk.

Brian D won the draw no;11 and as he is speaking next week he will have a free meal and save the club money. The meeting ended at 10.29pm.

David Rose

According to the Daily Mail

Things which cure/prevent cancer

Cloudy apple juice, tea, spicy food, a Mediterranean diet, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, E-coli, apples, peanuts, soya, your blood cells, evening primrose oil, the "energy" from crystals, red wine, breast milk (provided it's **never** consumed in public), white bread (see below), a fibre-rich diet, measles, watercress, coffee, eating at least 19 portions of vegetables a day, chocolate, kicking immigrants out of our sanctuary of aryanism, reading the *Daily Mail* and voting Conservative or UKIP.

Things which cause cancer

Reading the Guardian, cloudy apple juice, tea, spicy food, answering machines, being tall at 14, oral sex, watching the BBC, not eating immigrants, swine flu, Tamiflu, being fat, being thin, cooking oil, immigrants, IVF, being female, salt, immigrants, vaccines (particularly MMR or Swine Flu), being male, ethnic minorities, fizzy drinks, alcohol (but not wine), being poor, being sexually active before 28, crisps, immigrants, homosexuals, chips, teachers' strikes, biscuits, immigrants, breakfast cereals, remaining sexually active beyond the age of 29, baby food, drugs, asylum seekers, immigrants, euthanasia, The European Union, immigrants, Prince Philip, Russell Brand and Jonathan Ross, having children before 26, not having children before 27, immigrants, WiFi (whatever that is), voting Labour, immigrants, white bread (see above), water (except when it's expensive and from a plastic bottle), immigrants, Energy saving light bulbs, plastic, "chemicals", immigrants, mobile phone masts situated near schools (masts elsewhere are fine, as are the phones themselves) breast milk (when consumed in public), the nanny state, the Labour Party, immigrants, eating food, driving when you're under 24, wheelie bins (the risk increases the less often they're emptied), unemployed people, Facebook and of course immigrants.

Choosing a Password

Cabbage **Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.**

Boiledcabbage **Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.**

1 boiled cabbage **Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.**

50damnboiledcabbages **Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.**

50DAMNboiledcabbages **Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.**

50DamnBoiledCabbageshovedUpYourBack-Side.IfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessImmediately **Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.**

NowIAmGettingReallyAngry50DamnBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourBackSideIfYouDontGiveMeAccessImmediately **Sorry, that password is already in use.**

TIPS TO PASSWORD LENGTH AND SECURITY:

- Whenever possible, use at least 14 characters or more. The bare minimum is 8 characters.
- The greater the variety of characters in your password, the better.
- Use the entire keyboard, not just the characters you use or see most often.
- Test your password with a password checker.
- It is okay to write passwords down so they can be remembered.

A SIMPLE TRICK:

- If you're concerned about being able to remember the code, here's a little memory-jogging trick: Take a sentence and turn it into a password. Something like "This little piggy went to market" might become "tipWENT2m."

HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT PASSWORD

WHAT TO DO

EXAMPLE

- 1 Start with a sentence or two, about 10 words total.
(Think of something meaningful to you.) → Long and complex passwords are safest. I keep mine secret.
- 2 Using the first letter of every word, turn your sentences into an acronym. → lacpasikms
(10 characters)
- 3 Add complexity.
(Make only the letters in the first half of the alphabet uppercase.) → LACpAsIKMs
(10 characters)
- 4 Add length with numbers.
(Put two numbers that are meaningful to you between the sentences.) → LACpAs56IKMs
(12 characters)
- 5 Add length with punctuation and/or symbols.
(Put a punctuation mark at the beginning and end.) → ?LACpAs56IKMs"
(14 characters)

27th August—The train standing at platform 2 is for

Vice-President Gill again set a challenge to see which table would go first for food. The triumvirate appeal of Messrs Allport, Burch and Malabon found favour with the VP over the lyrical tones of the Celtic Bard. The next challenge was to decide which of the four main courses to choose!!

Tony said he had now received 21 applications for Dragons Den and was certain that more were in the pipeline so the sub-committee would be called into action next week to select the ten finalists. Ron gave an early warning that the time was approaching when we would have to clear the footpaths again and also repair one of the stiles.

Before the main event we listened to a recording of the broadcast Tony made on Pure Radio promoting Dragons Den. Thanks were due to Ian for yet another publicity plug for the evening. We were then treated to a video and still presentation by Brian and Jan on their three week Inter Rail trip around Europe. Inter Rail allows you to travel all around the continent but not in your country of residence for a fee. (In their case £600 for 1st class) The journey covered 9 countries, 27 train trips, 101 hours of travel and in all that time only one (Italian) train was late. They took 1200 photos. Among the things they liked were high speed trains in Italy and Spain and the cities of Venice and Lisbon. On the down side were Naples which is dirty and full of crime, the outbound Eurostar, a sleeper train from Palermo to Naples without air conditioning and a restaurant in Venice (don't eat at a place with a view). Various members were able to say "I've been there" as we travelled through Cologne, Chur, St Moritz, Innsbruck, Venice, Naples, Sorrento, Palermo, Nice, Girona,

Madrid, Lisbon and Bordeaux. Part of the track in Switzerland which spiralled up the mountain to gain height was washed away but fortunately there were no fatalities. One journey in Italy covered 750 kilometres in 4 hours 15 mins which gave an average speed of 110 mph. In Spain one train showed a speed of 188 mph. Several shops caught their attention one selling ecclesiastical garments and wooden phalli. (Brian they are used as a symbol of regeneration) Another sold bottles of alcohol containing creatures such as mice or lizards. Brian's purchase was slightly less exotic – Cannabis Absinthe. Judging by the photos building regulations and health & safety rules do not apply in Portugal. Driverless trams in Bordeaux were powered by a third rail set in the ground between the running rails an attempt to avoid the use of overhead cables. However, problems with the system of activating the power for just a short distance in front of the tram have meant that they will have to revert to the traditional way of using pantographs and overhead lines.

Would they do it again? Yes, in the not too far distant future as the trip involved quite a lot of walking and living out of a small suitcase.

Gordon won the draw for a free meal and Gill called for the final toast at 10.25 pm.

Ron Malabon

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't."— Pete Seeger, American folk singer

More on the eradication of Polio



This is a topic dear to all our hearts, but particularly mine for obvious reasons. I remember, when Michael and I were in Lucknow to help with their polio vaccination campaign a few years ago, asking why drops were preferred to injection, as the drops had been withdrawn in favour of the injection in the UK. I didn't get a reply, but the obvious answer is that it is much easier to administer and does not require any special training. Frequent dosing

(maybe four or five a year for most children) is pretty effective, and easily accepted by most Indians.

According to this news report ([link below](#)) it seems that giving an injection along with the drops is much more effective and does not need regular boosting. I still think it will be less acceptable to the populous and is likely to require more skilled workers, but if a single dose does the trick it means that those working in hostile areas will only have to visit once, thereby reducing the risk of being attacked.

We *will* eradicate polio, and then we'll have to think of the next target. Measles is the obvious one, found only in humans and killing and maiming lots of people in less well-developed regions, but malaria is much more of a health problem, even though it's much more challenging to defeat.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-28872763>

Harry

Committee night. Sep 3rd

Repeated ringing of the gong eventually brought the desired silence! President Harry said that the staff at Hillbrook Grange could not find the keys to the garage since we used them to tidy up. John M explained that he had returned them and he would provide details of the time so that they could check who was on duty. Sid was deafening those around him with the feedback from his personal amplifier until John T explained the problem. Tony reminded everyone that the Dragons Den was in two weeks and circulated an attendance sheet. Photos of the rock garden at Bramhall Park were circulated showing the condition both before and after the all hard work.

Community Services – Tony stated that after a slow start to the Dragons Den appeal they had had a very good response with a total of 38 charities applying. Many were charities that were not previously known to the club, thus providing some good contacts. Ten charities had been selected by the committee to give presentations. The evening, 17 September, will commence at 6.30 and finish at 10.30 pm.

Ways & Means – Bob P reported that the Deanwater was booked for the fashion show on 6 Nov. Modiste, SOS, What Lyes Beneath and Crissan have all agreed to take part and shops were being approached to have stalls and it is hoped to get a sponsor. Woodford Park has been booked for the Xmas collection for six weekends starting 16 Nov. The Santa float needs redecorating and a new cover is needed. It is thought that the renovation work to be carried out on Bramall Hall will not have too much effect on the 2015 Duck Race but this is to

be clarified with Iain Bate as soon as possible so as to fix the date. It is aimed to hold it on 17 May.

International – John T said that he needs member's choices for the Mediterranean Evening supper but only half the places in the restaurant had been taken. It was thought that the price was too high and he would try to negotiate for wine to be included in the price.

Communications – Ian reported that club services calendar was on the web site. He emphasised that he needs the dates of events as early as possible so as not to miss various publications dates such as for SK7.

Club Services – Vida said that Ladybridge Club are offering to pay towards the cost of a new flag. We need to write to them detailing the cost.

Social – Brian stated that there are 41 names down for Charter night on 15 Oct and the cost will be less than £20. A visit to Chads is planned for Friday 23 Jan. to see 'No Sex Please We're British'. Chads are holding an open day on 1st Nov. and Brian asked if members were interested in going as a group. The web site needs the publicity for the fashion show. President's night will be Friday 13 March.

Sue P said that she and Bob were about to buy tickets to see the Jersey Boys at the Palace Theatre and she would check on ticket availability and email any interested members tomorrow.

Bob Preece

Roscoe's DIY September 10



The meeting began at 8:06pm with all looking forward to Teflon Sid's talk. John S asked for more help with the blind run as now two cars are needed most weeks. After lots of ringing of the gong President Harry broke with tradition by inviting all the lady members to get their dinner first as opposed to the top table. After the usual excellent fare Vida requested people to eat quietly when she read out the apologies. A warm welcome was given to Dev, newly returned from a conference in Berlin. Sue volunteered to write the bulletin for the International Evening. Michael asked for support to make up three teams for the Hazel Grove Rotary quiz on October 14th.

Geoff brought greetings from Stockport Lamplighters and we were all quite envious of their club's ability to attract new people, they now have 46 members. In Tony's absence Ron provided more details of the Dragon's Den evening which is will take place on Wednesday, September 17th at Woodford Community Centre.

Sid began his highly amusing talk by stating he should have been a rich man but alas it had not happened! Sid was born in 1926 and at the tender age of 15 he went to sea on HMS Conway. He intended to make the sea his career but by the end of the war he was unfortunately diagnosed with TB so instead he got a land job. Sid met his wife Sally, who was a radiographer, in Liverpool. They had intended to immigrate to New Zealand

but instead there was a last minute change of plan. Sid worked in a timber yard for 13 years gaining lots of valuable experience which he made good use of throughout his working life. Sid then became a manager in a builder's merchant, Roscoe's in Cheadle. He also mastered flying a plane and occasionally navigated across the Atlantic with his nephew.

Sid spoke warmly and humorously of the many funny incidents and practical jokes he had with his staff and customers while he was at Roscoe's. He had club members in stitches as he related tales of his antics. Sid obviously had highly tuned management skills and the shop flourished under his leadership. Sid distributed several amusing adverts and photos relating to Roscoe's which had been in the free Cheadle Post, all dating back to the 60's and 70's. For example, 'Roscoe's the one stop DIY Supermarket which had parking spaces for 400 cars - 250 at a time'. Sid loved his practical jokes and was amazed that he managed to get away with many of his more elaborate ones, eg; an advert for the demonstration of a DIY cremation kit – only one performance! Sid had many battles with a local councillor called Len Singer. Over the years Len had had a lot of publicity in the Stockport Express and went on and on about dog fouling, little girls riding on grass verges and aircraft noise over Gatley. He also arranged sing-alongs at old folks' homes. Eventually Len left his wife for a young woman and went off to Tenerife to manage a block of flats. Sid then sent a poem to the Express thinking that they would never print it - but amazingly they did.

ODE TO LEN

The feature by Rosie Bailey on Councillor Len Singer's departure for Tenerife, permits me to submit the following on this sad occasion -

No more an Open Day at Stockport Crem
Organised by Councillor Len
No more will girls on vicious gee-gees
Be stopped despoiling Cheadle's verges
Great big doggies doing their "jobbies"
Will foul or parks and streets and lobbies
Big loud aircraft low o'head
Will disturb our tranquil beds.
No one will go and that's a fact
Hotfoot to London to pay his tax;
O don't go with your young Birdie
To the shade of big Mount Teidi
Stay and save us from now on
With your lovely sing-alongs
You should be a Parliamentarian
Joining all those comedians
In Westminster

(With apologies to the Poet Laureate)

After Sid's delightful talk, the funniest we had had for a very long time, President Harry called the meeting to a close at 10:20pm

Sue

Mathematics

- There are 10 types of people in this world - those who understand binary, and those who don't.
- There are three sorts of people in the world, those who can count and those who can't.
- Five out of four people can't do fractions.

Dragon's Den



Yes, it took place on Wednesday 17th September after months of planning, hard work and several worried moments! And what an evening it turned out to be! Ten finalists presenting their claims to part of £5100, all excellent charities meeting local needs in their own ways.

The winners were

First:	Pure Insight 1628	£1500
Second:	Stockport Food Bank	£1000
Third:	Ladybrook Valley Scouts	£500

The remaining seven contestants, Transport for Sick Children, The Furniture Station, North West Blood Bikes, Society St Vincent de Paul, St Gabriels Cameo Project, Stockport Car Scheme and the Mill Youth Centre all received £300 each.

The event took place in the Woodford Community Centre in front of a splendid audience of about 65 people: Rotarians and spouses, supporters of the contestants, friends of Rotary and two Rotarians from RC Worsley, who had been so helpful and supportive in sharing their experiences of running their own Dragon's Den events.

Tony Burch did a fantastic job in organising the event with his cohort of helpers from the Community Service Committee. Tony was MC for the evening and marshalled the speakers so effectively that we actually finished ahead of schedule at about 10.20!

The Dragons had an unenviable task in deciding which three charities should compete for the top three prizes. All Rotary Club members present and the Dragons then voted for their

choice of the overall winner, with second and third places going to the two charities with less votes.

The Dragons were chaired by President Harry, and his task was shared by Aniliese Riley (Barclays), Nick Mosley (Mosley Jarmin), Sue Preece and Ron Malabon. All five had been previously supplied with copies of all the ten applications and so were able to ask supplementary questions based on the presentations themselves and the written submissions. Michael Lacey was in charge of our bell to keep contestants to a strict time limit of five minutes maximum per presentation.

The hall was decorated with Dragon posters, the stage had a projected PowerPoint display of the contestants' charity as they spoke, and we had Rotary displays and promotional literature available to give wider prominence to visitors and to attract possible new Rotarians. Brian Dougal videoed the whole event. Brian and Harry took hundreds of photos of everyone and everything! I don't think anyone escaped! ! Rotary wives, led by Pam Malabon, provided tea, coffee and biscuits, free of charge at the event, to all who fancied a cuppa! Many thanks to them.

With so many good causes and such enthusiastic presentations, it would take several Bulletin reports to cover it all adequately. For the time being, we congratulate the winners, Pure Insight 1628, presented by Sarah Sturmeay and Mary Campbell-Wharam. These two ladies had set up a new charity to help and support children in Stockport who were ending their period in care and were moving on to life without care, with little experience of what to do and who to turn to for help and advice. We were told that Stockport has more children in care than similar boroughs in all the rest of England. A truly terrible statistic, the result of broken homes and much else besides.

A very important legacy of the Dragon's Den is the information that we now have on a large number of needy causes in the Stockport area, many of which are completely new to us. There

is much food for thought for our club in the future. The charities themselves were interacting and sharing ideas - another big plus for the event. I know that at least one bright new idea was generated during the evening to help the work of a local good cause. Hopefully, more will follow.

We hope that the winners will update us from time to time about their progress, and we will certainly wish to know how the awards are making a difference!

All in all, it was an important evening with great club support. It was worth all the hard work. Congratulations to all who contributed to make it such a success!

Dennis

And from Tony

Dear B & W Rotarians

Thank you most sincerely for your kind words and comments about the DD event. I had the honour (I think that's the word) of being project leader, but it was very much a whole hearted CS event. It would not be right of me to sing the praises of the individual members of the CS committee, but I cannot let the moment pass without giving proper recognition to Dennis. He together with Trevor in last years committee undertook a great deal of preparatory unseen work for this project. Dennis followed this by unceasing efforts through all stages to culmination, including an excellent bulletin report of the event.

Also, thanks to non CS members; President Harry for presiding so well during the evening and for undertaking a range of other aspects prior to the event and of course his role as "Head Dragon". Thanks also to artists Maggie & John T for creating our Dragon image/poster, Brian for recording the event, Michael for being technology master and timekeeper, Ian for being his normal PR master and last but by no means least Gordon for all the printing undertaken often at very short notice. Thank you all.

Tony

25 years ago

Volume 3 Number 2 starts with thanks to the retiring editor (Don Brisbane). "It is quite a task hounding members for their copy, editing it, correcting the spelling, adding his comments and then arranging to get it printed in time for your dinner table." So, Gordon, not a lot has changed, although we do now have lots of coloured pictures.

District Governor Eric Harrison said his main theme was fellowship and he was impressed with that in Bramhall. It was noted that Wilmslow & Alderley Edge were having another fashion show sponsored by Hoopers Store at the Wilmslow Leisure Centre. A cricket match had been arranged against Poynton for later in the month. Sid (Roscoe Roundabout) Davies stood in at short notice for the non appearance of the speaker and gave a talk on advertising and the marketing of DIY products with his previous company. There was a formal debate on the motion that "English cricketers should not be allowed to play competitive cricket in South Africa". Hypocrites, the right of an individual to work wherever he wished to pursue his career, Nazi Germany, the ANC and Marxism all received an airing. The motion was lost by 4 votes to 10 with 4 abstentions. Maybe we could have a debating evening again. (Possible subjects for debate to John Knowles) Dennis Allport was about to go on a trip to Nigeria. Seventeen members went on an interclub visit to Glosop. At that time the Gamesley House restaurant had an excellent reputation for food and drink. The reporter commented that the space and facilities made us somewhat envious.

A personality to open Bramfest 1990 had to be booked. Suggestions were Frank Bruno, Brian Redhead and Suzie Mathis. I am not sure why Frank (y'no wot i meen 'Arry) was on the list. Brian was, I suppose, a fore-runner of John Humphreys on Radio 4. He used to live in Rainow and often referred to Macclesfield which is where he caught the train to London or Manchester to do his BBC broadcasts. In the end Suzie performed the

opening ceremony. Our third Charter Anniversary was held at the Alma Lodge and the guest speaker was Danny Blanchflower one of the Busby Babes. David Poizer read the Charter. The Foundation committee stated its intention to get involved with Youth Speaks and Youth Presents Music. (The present Community Service committee has similar intentions). Two children would be sent on the Christmas Santa flight.

Ron

International concert evening – September 25th

The event commenced early with an excellent dinner for Rotarians, partners and friends at Ego's in Bramhall. There were a few absentees at the last minute and some late comers due to heavy traffic/work commitments but overall it was a very enjoyable start to the night. Having made our way over to the Methodist Church opposite we were all welcomed by compare Rotarian Ian Dobson and Clare McManmon, senior community fundraiser for Greater Manchester & Cheshire British Red Cross, the recipients of the fundraising event. The evening began with Pownall Green Key Stage 2 children's choir, who had won their first competition at our Rotary Duck Race last May. They were extremely good and vastly increased the size of the audience with the presence of parents and family members. Their lovely singing was not their only valuable contribution of the night! The next presentation was by Costas the Greek and he was accompanied by Vessy, also a Greek female vocalist. Their lively and catchy music was much enjoyed by all present but particularly by the Pownall Green school children who spontaneously began to sway and clap to the music, much to the merriment of the rest of the audience. Vessy capitalised on their enthusiasm by encouraging the children to join her at the front and to copy her Greek dancing movements. Their youthful enthusiasm and enjoyment was infectious as the audience entered fully into the

spirit of the wonderful Greek music. Costas played lots of famous and popular musical hits and rhythms from his Greek musical repertoire. The finale was ever more delightful and boisterous as a sea of 'yellow jack-in-the-boxes' sang and danced, all having a very enjoyable time!

After all the excitement there was a much appreciated break for tea and delicious Greek cakes and biscuits, kindly organised by Rotary wives. With the children's choir and their parents now departed the audience for the second half of the concert was sadly depleted to about a quarter of the size it had been earlier. It was opened with Tocha Duo who performed well known Spanish and Latin songs including Guantanamara, La Bamba and a selection of gypsy music which was enjoyed by all. The finale, and some would rightly say the best music, was performed by Hollie-Anne Bangham, a mezzo soprano from the Royal Northern College of Music. She has sung in choral and operatic performances in the College and in Europe and the Ukraine. For us she performed famous Neapolitan songs, and well known operatic arias. Her voice was powerful and amazing and much appreciated by the now small but highly enthusiastic audience. The International Committee and all involved are to be congratulated for organising such an enjoyable and lively evening, much appreciated by all present.

Sue Preece

And from Maggie

Did anyone else who went to the concert last night think that it was an amazingly good night?

We had a lovely meal at Ego followed by a superb concert with just the right mix of fun and brilliant musical talent.

Many of us were treated to loads of excellent feedback from people attending our concerts for the first time, encouraging us to carry on next year and make the night even better.

Obviously it would have been better if the whole audience had stayed for the second half but that can easily be cured by either an earlier start or moving the event to a Friday night.

We were definitely building a good relationship with the younger community last night and helping to dispel the image of a stuffy organisation.

We can definitely build on this year's format and hopefully have a full house next year.

Well done David for persevering to make these concerts successful.

Maggie.

And from David

Hi Maggie, Rotarians and their partners –A BIG THANKYOU for supporting the event. A special thanks to Maggie for gaining sponsors and publicity and keeping me on track. Thanks also to John and Gordon for the art work and encouragement and the International Committee. Gratitude to Ian for publicity and relieving me of the compere job.

I agree with Maggie that this must be a hit with the Bramhall community and hope it will bring in future members. The musicians were fantastic and certainly of a high standard. A final thanks to Maggie for her personal kind words.

David



Helpful Hints

High blood pressure sufferers: Simply cut yourself and bleed for a while, thus reducing the pressure in your veins.

Heavy smokers: Don't throw away those filters from the end of your cigarettes. Save them up and within a few years you'll have enough to insulate your attic.

A sheet of sandpaper makes a cheap and effective substitute for costly maps when visiting the Sahara desert.

Nissan Micra drivers: Attach a lighted sparkler to the roof of your car before starting a long journey. You drive the things like dodgem cars anyway so it may as well look like one.

Tape a chocolate bar to the outside of your microwave. If the chocolate melts you will know that the microwaves are escaping and it is time to have the oven serviced.

A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep.

Bumper stickers

CONSCIOUSNESS: that annoying time between naps

Do what you did when you were a kid: fly a kite, go fishing, hunt a dinosaur

LIFE is what happens to you while you're making other plans

WARNING: dates in the calendar are closer than they appear

If I'd known grandkids would be so much fun, I would have had them first

You're only young once – but you can be immature for ever

If things get better with age, then I'm approaching -

"Magnificent"

AVENGE YOURSELF! Live long enough to be a problem to your kids

Young at heart – slightly older in other places

Scams and how to protect yourself. 3 Ransomware

Malicious code is used to seize control of the victim's computer and hijack the files, these are then encrypted and all of a sudden, files are in a format that is not readable by humans! The scammer then demands payment in exchange for the decryption key. The amount of ransom can vary quite dramatically. Scammers may ask \$10 or \$2000 and payment is often demanded through some type of online currency, such as Webmoney or eGold, although wiring money via Western Union is not uncommon.

Ransom.A is one program that claims it will destroy one computer file every 30 minutes until the victim pays the ransom. (In this case, however, Ransom.A doesn't actually delete or encrypt anything -- it's a hoax. Nonetheless, it's probably a very effective hoax).

Another ransomware program, Trojan.Archiveus that password protects files and then asks the user to pay the ransom to get a password that unlocks the files. In this case, the virus writer made the critical error of placing the password in the code.

According to Symantec, the password is: mf2lro8sw03ufvns-q034jfowr18f3cszc20vmw

Ransomware is currently a PC (and not a Mac) problem.

The good news is you don't need special ransomware products to protect yourself or your computer network. Rather, the same methods of protecting yourself that are recommended for your general computer security apply: use firewalls, up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and keeping your browser, system software and other software up-to-date with the latest patches.

Further, you should use a pop-up blocker if you don't already. . And of course, be very careful about downloading software -- games, screen-savers, etc.

Last but certainly not least, it is vital to back up not only your personal computer files very regularly, but your system files as well.

My daughter fell foul of this and all her documents were destroyed. I managed to get most of her photos back but it took me two days (and no ransom was paid).

Latest: just found out that the worst offender, Cryptolocker has been cracked and the damage can be undone at www.decryptcryptolocker.com

Gordon

Club Officers and Committees

2014—2015

President—Harry Hill

Vice President—Gill Critchley

Secretary—Trevor Saville

Treasurer—Michael Lacey

Club Services—John Knowles

Jan Edmonds, Vida Chattington,

International—John Thewlis

Sid Davies, Chris Monkhouse, David Rose

Community Service— Ron Malabon

Sue Preece, Abi Jenkins, John Sykes, Neil Loveland, Bruce Farrow,
Tony Burch, Alan Newsome

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Maggie Hill, Bob Stevenson, Dennis Allport, Peter Richardson, Pat
Holmes, David Poizer, David Rabone, Bruce Bissell, David Burstow,
John Meeus

Social— Brian Dougal

Caroline Egan, Dev Dev

Communications—Ian Dobson

Gordon Jackson

Membership—Gill Critchley

Geoff Hunt

Foundation— Michael Lacey

District Representatives— John Sykes

H&S—David Burstow

Child Protection—David Rose

Bulletin—Gordon Jackson

Apologies

Please let us know if you are unable to attend a meeting. There are two ways of notifying us:

1. If you have enough notice, please fill in the apologies book which is available at every meeting
2. Send a short email to apologies@bwrotary.org.uk

Notification must be by midday on Tuesday or we are charged for the meal and must now pass this cost on.

Please notify Trevor and Gordon of any changes to personal details

Date	Diary	Bulletin
01/10/2014	Committees	V Chattington
08/10/2014	CES Training	D Burstow
15/10/2014	Charter Night at Piccolinos	
22/10/2014	Gill – “What everyone "aorta" know about the heart”	J Thewlis
29/10/2014	Paddy Gallagher – “Photographing wildlife”	P Holmes
05/11/2014	Committees	M Hill
06/11/2014	Fashion Show	
12/11/2014	Rucksack project (not yet finalised)	B Bissell
19/11/2014	Tony Shield, Anchorpoint	G Critchley
26/11/2014	Sue Preece - Peru	P Holmes
03/12/2014	Committees	B Dougal
10/12/2014	Egan/Farrow	J Edmonds
17/12/2014	M Hill/Hunt	I Dobson
24/12/2014	No meeting	
31/12/2014	No meeting	
07/01/2015	Committees	C Egan
14/01/2015		

Address/telephone details are now held on the members' area of the web site. Paper copies will only be issued when there is a change.

Blind Run

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

Mr & Mrs Marshall, 62 Countess St., Heaviley, SK2 6HD. Tel. 482 4944.

Saturday prior to the Blind Run – Phone Cathy Dennison, Joan Goodall, Mrs Marshall and confirm they are going

Monday –

Driver 1- Collect Cathy, then Joan (suggest Cathy at around 1pm) to arrive at Walthew house before 1.30pm

Driver 2 – Collect the Marshall's (suggest 1pm to allow plenty of time for Mr Marshall to get in your car.-, to arrive at WH before 1.30pm or to Our Ladies if required.

Pickup – 3pm at Our Ladies if appropriate, 3.30pm at WH

Let John Sykes know if you get stuck.

If you cannot do your appointed duty, it is up to you to find a replacement.

Please carry your mobile phone in case of problems.

Date	Driver 1	Driver 2
06/10/2014	B Preece	G Hunt
13/10/2014	A Jenkins	D Burstow
20/10/2014	H Hill	J Meeus
27/10/2014	V Chattington	T Burch
03/11/2014	J Knowles	J Sykes
10/11/2014	D Rose	D Allport
17/11/2014	B Preece	A Jenkins
24/11/2014	D Poizer	V Chattington
01/12/2014	R Malabon	D Burstow
08/12/2014	H Hill	J Meeus
15/12/2014	G Hunt	J Knowles
22/12/2014	D Rose	J Sykes

Mr & Mrs Marshall want to go to Walthew House on alternate weeks, the other week they want to go to Our Ladies & the Apostles which is located near Greek Street, so is only a stones throw from WH. The activity at Our Ladies finishes at 3pm, it is run by volunteers and at 3pm all must leave and doors are locked so they must be picked up at 3pm.



Sid's talk through
Brian's fisheye
lens

Not many shopping
days to Christmas as
the float gets its
makeover



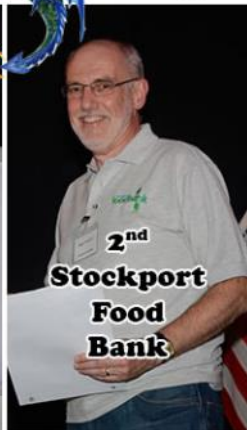
Results



Dragons' Den



Winners
Pure Insight



2nd
Stockport
Food
Bank



3rd
Ladybrook
Valley
Scouts



4 Generations

Peter with son, grandson and great granddaughter Violet



Rotary members in the Dordogne missed John T talking about soldiers in WW1



A European journey
by train and boat.
Or—What I did on
my holidays.

