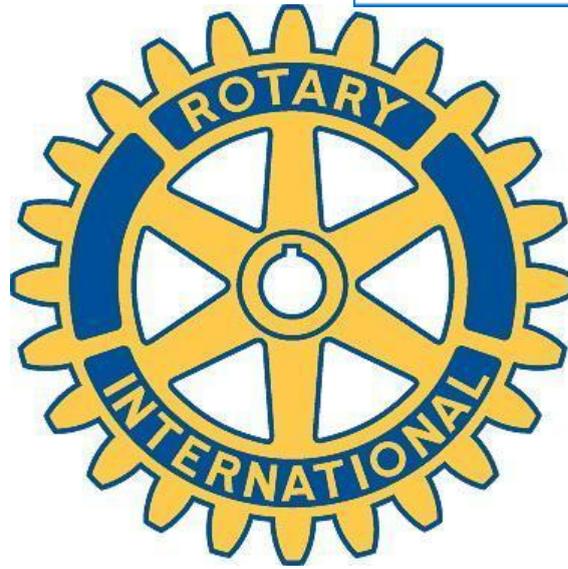


December 2022



Bramhall & Woodford Rotary Club

**1st October to
31st December**

Pat's Prattle - December 2022

Hello Everyone Prattle time again

Autumn, Winter.

The first event this October, our Charter Night was a big success. It was held at The Crown and Conspirator so good food and good company along with Rotarians and friends. This is an annual event celebrating the club's birthday - 36 years for Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club.

We had a talk at our club from Kate Leadbeater who is the fundraiser from Stockport NHS Charity. This was a follow up from our Circus event we held for The Treehouse Stepping Hill's paediatric unit. The Donation we gave of £3k to them was very worthwhile and well received. Jessica Dhaliwal, a paediatric nurse who also came along, gave a talk of her time working in Uganda. They are now working long hours at the Treehouse.

November was a busy month with our fashion show being a big success held at Trunk Restaurant. "Modiste" and "What Lies Beneath" showed their range of designs available for purchase. A good turn out of guests and a fun evening brought the community of Bramhall along to our show, eating Tapas and Paella.

A talk not to be missed was from our well respected member Dr. Dev - Global Perspectives of Covid 19 - what's the Future? The following week A talk from Beacon Counselling was given by Joanne Watson,

On the 27th along with Light up Bramhall we had Santa's Grotto. I spotted an Elf! Guess what It looked a lot like Maggie! At our last meeting at the Club before Xmas we feasted on a scrumptious turkey dinner.

Now in December our float is out and about with Santa. It is a big success and not to be missed by the children of Bramhall. A group of us met up at the new Polish Restaurant and had a very enjoyable meal. On the same evening Sue and Bob took some Afghanistani children along with their families to see a Panto in Stockport. This brought us to our annual Party at Bramhall Park Golf Club which was our last get together before next year.

I do hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year

President Pat

Wed 28th September - Marilyn Shalks – Manchester theatre history

Ed: This report just missed the last quarterly bulletin!

We had a rather select group to witness the induction of Lesley Buckley and listen to Marylin Shalks talking about the history of Manchester's theatres. Lesley has been a keen supporter of Walthew House's blind walking group and was actually looking for a way to expand her charitable work when we mentioned Rotary. She is a distinctly live wire even though she has been rather quiet at meetings so far.

Marylin was a volunteer at Manchester Central Library and had an interest in genealogy which led her to volunteer to digitise records from the Assizes of the 1800s. From there she went onto digitising the collection of theatre posters and handbills ready for display. This seems to have been the spark which ignited her passion for the theatre life of Manchester through the ages.

She had always enjoyed the theatre and remembers many trips to places now long gone. This revival of interest saw her becoming a theatre critic for Salford City Radio, then creating a web page and eventually giving talks.

She took us back to 1750 when Peter Street had no fewer than 15 theatres: the Comedy, the Gaiety, the Folies, the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, to name just a few of them. Some were reborn with new names and others were replaced with new buildings. For example, the Gentlemen's Concert Hall was demolished to make way for the Midland Hotel, but only after it was agreed the new building would host a theatre. This it did, but for a relatively short time. There were some odd pairings. For instance, the Amphitheatre played for the Manchester and Salford Lock Hospital on occasions. The hospital catered for prostitutes, single mothers and venereal diseases, and involved a Col. Lestrangle who ordered the charge on protesters at Peterloo. The hospital was renamed St. Luke's and this immediately caught the attention of the three medics in the audience, all of whom had attended classes there during our medical courses.

We then learned about the scores of famous names who played in the theatres, from Charlie Chaplin to Ewan McColl. Chaplin grew up in Manchester, going to school in Ardwick and appearing as one of the "Eight Lancashire Lads" at the age of ten. George Formby who was apparently illiterate appeared numerous times. Old Mother Riley and Kitty were married to each other, and Wilson Kepple and Betty had four different "Betty's".

We were left astounded by Marylin's encyclopaedic knowledge and enthusiasm.

Next week: (5/10/2022) Committees, with Robert Cryer allegedly writing the bulletin, but that assumes he's back from his hols.

Harry Hill



Wed 5th October - Committees

A very thin attendance of 12 Rotarians enjoyed the usual excellent fare before John Thewlis and Denise joined us for committee night. Unfortunately with so few present there was little evidence of committees forming for deep discussion.

Bob P. gave the apologies including for Dennis and Bob Cryer who have Covid. Blame for their suffering was rightly attributed to Ian. Steve is in New England no doubt cursing the government for the low pound. Satish and Ashok are in Uzbekistan and Chris is tearing up the miles as he criss-crosses the US (excuse the pun). John Sykes has just reported that he is feeling unwell.

Ways and Means

The next event is the fashion show which is well off for models but very short on ticket sales. Rainbow88 may help but Maggie made her usual plea for support. She is also hoping for some "big" prizes, please note.

The Christmas Grotto is next on the calendar which should make some money as we have a lot of prizes left from last year.

Maggie has contacted the 15 charities who have a float night of which 10 have replied. BHS has said they don't want one which may be given to the Crown and Conspirator who are keen and may sponsor the float. It was suggested we find a charity for the Rotary night, instead taking a small percentage of the total income. Charities will be asked if they can provide a team leader as well as a santa and we will insist that they have 8 collectors.

The Christmas card sale is on the 5th December.

Club services

The programme is filled till the year end . Next week is a presentation from the lady who looks after the Afghan refugees at the airport. Bob asked for a good attendance and suggested spouses may like to attend.

Social

Michael said that he had only 25 attendees for the charter night on the 19th October and hoped 20 more would sign up. In November we will pyramid bowl and in December there is the Christmas party.

International

Everyone agreed Richard's video of the project in Uganda which purchased and cultivated some land was very well done . We have contributed £3000 to the project. Sue said she had been approached by the Maryland club (US) to join them in seeking a global grant for the Afghan refugees. After some discussion it was agreed we would not contribute any money,

but Sue would determine if there was any benefit for the UK refugees in joining the project.

Communications

Ian was concerned about copy for the next edition of SK7 and Inside Bramhall. It seemed this was a message to himself or did I miss something.

Community Service.

In the absence of David, Sarah said that we were taking part in wrap up Stockport again. Containers for warm clothing would be placed outside Sainsbury and Waitrose in the next fortnight. Warm coats and waterproofs would be especially welcome.

Treasurer

In Steve's absence Michael said the general account had about £2000 cash and the charity account £1000.

The meeting closed around 9.40 pm.

Bruce

Wed 12th October - Loise Carpenter – Afghan Evacuees

7.33 Stand-in President Mrs Preece called the speaker, three guests and 14 members present to the Dining Room and then welcomed Ms Louise Carpenter, Ms Olivia Darbyshire, Mrs Oriane Stevenson and Mrs Pam Malabon.

7.39 Food. Mrs Stand-In President had any easy job allocating table order as there were only 3 tables!...but still created an element of contention.

8.02 Mr Preece gave apologies from far flung members. Locations included Uzbekistan, Glossop and the USA. Other better offers included a cocktail party and Covid. And that was it!

8.04 Bits of business included Mr Lacey mentioning that Charter Night was next week.

Mrs Hill said that the Fashion Show (Nov 2nd) needed raffle prizes. Members are asked to sell as many tickets as they can and get posters and fliers out into the public domain.

Mrs Stand-In President mentioned trips to Jersey Boys and an email from Worsley Club

8.17 Sweet.

8.20 Mr Thewlis and Mr Rose arrived

8.24 A rather loud double bell ring brought order for the announcement that Tea/Coffee was available.

8.34 Ms Geary arrived.



8.35 Mrs Preece introduced our speaker Ms Louise Carpenter, who, it transpired, is one of the best speakers we have had at the Club for some time. She is the Team Leader of the Afghan Resettlement Team for all of Greater Manchester. She gave us a brief look into her background of working with the homeless and at a refuge for women. Just 12 months ago she volunteered to work on the Afghan program for 12 weeks and is now going to be with it until (at least) December 2023.

Originally there were 4 four hotels with 800 refugees, now there are three but still with 800 guests. AND they are still arriving with 2 flights a month coming in to the UK. The UK is using around 80 for an expected 20,000 arrivals.

There is no rule book so she has had to develop almost everything on a 'trial and error' basis. So much so that Manchester has become the goto place for other councils to get advice.

There are two main groups, ARAPS (interpreters, doctors etc. who worked for the UK agencies) and ACRS (where the Male has lived here for many years and their wives have been evacuated to join them). Families can be quite large with up to 4 wives and as many as 11/12 children.

Of the three hotels two are shared with the public whilst the other is totally occupied by the program. There are three tribes in the community who do not get on. This is just one of many cultural barriers that Louise has had to overcome. Others challenges include getting Ids and bank accounts when they have 'no fixed abode' (making it impossible to get a job/ driving licence etc), working out familial relationships, trying to influence them to accept the way we live here. Women are not empowered, some rarely leaving their hotel room. And some are suffering mental health problems

She is obviously well respected by both men and women and as a result some horrific stories are emerging around the trials of life and getting out of Afghanistan.

Louise has organised lots of things to try to demonstrate our culture and ways. English classes, knitting club, football games. And, of course, our fun day for the kids. But it continues to be difficult to manage their expectations to UK styles.

This is a Home Office scheme and, as one might imagine, it has become very complex. No one is quite sure what has been 'promised'. They pay MCC to house the refugees. So they have three meals a day, laundry is done for them daily PLUS there is a financial benefits package. (A family of 8-10 get around £1,660 per month)

Each local council is asked to pledge houses to rehome them but, as we know, there is a national shortage of properties across the board. The process is slow, complicated by the need for a sizeable accommodation to house whole families.

There was so much more and it was really interesting. Questions and answers ebbed and flowed easily across the room. Ms Olivia Darbyshire (Louises daughter and work colleague) joined in at this point.



It comes across that Louise is passionate and loves doing what she is doing, is frustrated by the amount of red tape but she rises to every challenge put before her by creating effective work-rounds. An impressive lady.

It is a pity that several bits of her talk should not be voiced abroad!

Yes, we finished a little late but nobody complained!

9.57 Final toast

Ian

Wed 19th October - Charter Night

A jolly good time was had by all at the Rotary Annual Charter night held in the Crown and Conspirator 19 October 2022.

We had the backroom to ourselves with approx. 38 people in attendance with a selection of friends of Rotary , partners, and representation from the Wilmslow Rotary . The room had a lovely intimate ambience and set the stage for those folk who had donned their finery.

We sorely missed our resident photographer Harry Hill, who was poorly and was unable to make the event

Our substitute Michael, however, stepped up to the mark and took some excellent photographic evidence to record the event. (might be out of a job Harry ??)

Once the music had been turned down and we could hear ourselves talk (and think) the evening began in earnest . President Pat welcomed one and all . Michael gave an overview of the evening's activities and we all settled down to enjoy the delicious food set before us

Activities included a table quiz – based around our alcohol knowledge and a heads and tails knockout. The author ended up on the winning quiz table and graciously accepted the bottle of whisky as I like it the most ! (thank you Bruce)

In true Rotary tradition the Charter was not read out in its entirety by our newest member , Lesley Buckley , but she did give us her reasons for joining Rotary and the values she shared .

Ed the hairdresser was also at the dinner and gave a little speak to thank Rotarians and pledge his ongoing support
The evening was judged a great success by one and all .
Many thanks go to Pat and Michael for making this happen .
Hope I haven't forgotten to thank anyone else involved .
Apologies if I have.

Denise





Wed 22nd October - District Conference

**Imagine Better Relationships
Rotary District 1285 Conference – Old Trafford Cricket Ground**

This was the first district conference held since covid struck so we were uncertain about what to expect. The day did not start too well with an unplanned fire alarm. Just as the four of us arrived for coffee all 160 delegates, speakers and organisers had to vacate the building – fortunately it was a false alarm. Twenty minutes later we returned to the Pavilion room which had enormous windows that provided panoramic views of the world-famous cricket pitch, but that bit was wasted on me! The day vastly improved from then onwards. I can happily report that this was one of the best thought-provoking Rotary district conferences I have attended. The host for the day was Para Olympic and Commonwealth Gold Medallist Jack Hunter-Spivey who brought high energy and humour throughout the day. His journey and dream to be a successful world class athlete was supported by Rotary contributions and his involvement in the 'Inspiration Programme'.

Next was the motivational speaker Rotarian Michael Angelo Caruso. He spoke about leadership, selling and improved customer service with the amusing strap line that 'you must be interested before you can be interesting'. He asked the audience to suggest which personality type to which they thought they belonged ie: Relator or Socialiser or Thinker or Director. Fun discussions and comments ensued and focus then moved onto the three things all Rotary clubs should do to reboot their club:

1. Set goals and collect data (eg, membership numbers, fund raising, etc)
2. Ensure clubs have an outward facing programme (is the club directed mainly to the preferences of existing attendees or to all members?)
3. Embed succession planning and promote collaboration.

Lunch was tasty and provided opportunities to chat with other Rotarians and exchange ideas. We were entertained by a great musical group, Spring Infusion, who had also previously been part of Rotary's Youth Music Festival. The next speaker, Steve Martin, who had received the Queen's Gallantry Medal, gave an extremely moving account of his time in the Met Police. He was in the midst of the riots with his friend PC Stephen Blakelock on the Bridgewater Farm Estate when he was so brutally murdered. Many people suffered that night and Steve Martin was eventually diagnosed with PTSD. Despite the sad context to his talk Steve was

amusing and explained how he had been greatly supported by his Rotary Club and had benefited from a Group Study Exchange to Australia.

Speaker Rene Pothetes had been a former Rotary Exchange student who was now a nutrition coach and spoke about the three pillars of health – sleep, exercise, and food & nutrition. Her emphasis was on



maintaining a Rotary life balance, e.g. concern was expressed about the Rotary statement 'Service above Self'. Her view was that people do not always look after their own health sufficiently and to be a good and useful Rotarian it is important to prioritise your own health and look after yourself.

A further talk from Gwyn Williams, UK Operations Director for 'Feed the Hungry' again provided much to think about and led to requests for help on the following day – packing food for the Ukraine. All together this has been a very interesting Rotary weekend and one that I hope can be repeated with even more members attending next year.

Sue



Wed 26th October - Kate Leadbeater & Jessica Dhaliwal on the Treetops Children's Ward.

Back in the warm August sunshine we had our second fund-raising circus performance, organised by Ian. On this occasion we were supporting Treehouse, Stepping Hill's paediatric unit, and we were joined by several members of staff who were keen to be involved. Tonight we were joined by two of them who wanted to tell us what our hard-earned donation would be used for.

The first speaker was Kate Leadbeater who is the fundraiser for Stockport NHS Charity. She started the job only in May of this year, having spent a long time working in Holmfirth hospice, where my parents used to volunteer many years ago. She explained that although there is an overall NHS charity which they can call on for funds it is common for individual areas or hospitals to raise their own charity funds. Not only does this avoid the hassle of dealing with the central charity, it gives potential donors a much more personal reason for giving.

The aim of the local charity is to purchase items of equipment which would not usually be available to Stepping Hill. We were shown pictures of audiology kit which can measure hearing even in small babies and others who cannot respond appropriately to sound stimuli. There was a lung function treadmill which allows detailed diagnosis of breathlessness, and a fancy colonoscopy guide which frankly looked much like the ordinary kind which many of us remember only too well.

The fund helps staff too by improving their working conditions and even giving psychological support. During the Covid pandemic money was generously donated but that has all but disappeared now, which is why our donation of £3k was so welcome.

The second speaker was Jessica Dhaliwal from Marple. She is a paediatric nurse with an outgoing attitude who is devoted to her job. She gave a very personal talk ranging from a childhood of racial abuse to working with children in Uganda. Her current job in Treehouse involves working 13 hours a day, usually six days a week.

In the subsequent discussions it became clear that she is evangelical about promoting not only her job but also in networking and encouraging young people to volunteer. She was not aware of Rotary before we popped up with an offer of a donation but she is now very keen to support us. Sadly her work commitments preclude her doing much with us but she is spreading the word about Rotary and hopes to be able to supply a team to do one of Santa's rounds this Christmas.

The only other bit of business to arise was Harry's plea for "stuffers" for Walthew House's Christmas newsletter and raffle tickets on Friday November 4th at 10am.

Harry



Wed 2nd November - Fashion Show

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Who would have thought, several years ago, when the idea of a fashion show was first suggested and some members were convinced that it wouldn't work, that 18 fashion shows later a selection of our members would be parading around a Bramhall restaurant in swimwear and negligees. That's exactly what has happened. On Wednesday 2nd November we held yet another fashion show, this time in Trunk restaurant, Bramhall. As usual we were well supported by our friends in Bramhall Village, Modiste, What Lies Beneath, Ed's hairdressers and Trunk restaurant as well as several other village shops who provided raffle prizes.

It wasn't an easy ride as reservations were very slow to be made and then when they were they were changed a dozen times as illness struck several people and thankfully as lots of last minute additions were made. A huge downpour, just before the event began, threatened to keep people away but clearly our guests were made of much sterner stuff. Nine of our members plus partners and other friends and relations attended, as well as 7 members of the e club and even one Rotarian from Ambleside.

We had a table of local shopkeepers, one of Bramhall in Bloom members, an Iranian table, gardeners from Friends of Bramall Hall, a couple of dancers and more. What a varied set of guests!

Our members Pat, Kate and Maggie modelled along with Maryam, two Lauren's, Steph, Linda (our deputy mayor of Stockport) and Lucy. I think I can safely say they all had a whale of a time having got over the initial shock of us having no curtain to provide a little privacy in our tiny changing corner. All was well in the end once we'd opened a large cupboard door.

Laura Jayne came to sing for us and even she seemed to be slightly jinxed this time when she found that a tiny but essential wire connecting her sound system was broken.

Luckily she had a friend nearby who could help so she was able to entertain us with her fabulous singing, just a little late.

Huge thanks should go to Louisa and her team at Trunk restaurant. Despite all the last minute changes they really pulled it out of the bag and produced ample amounts of really lovely, freshly cooked, hot food. Well done Trunk.

Speaking from a model's point of view the atmosphere in the room was fantastic.

We had never known so many people taking such an interest in the clothes, asking

to feel the fabrics and asking questions about the outfits and really encouraging us in what can be quite a daunting task at some shows.

Sadly the event did not raise a huge amount for our charity fund but more importantly it did a lot for our reputation proving that our club is just as vibrant and fun loving as ever. This message will surely be shared by everyone there and also the team at Trunk who have already passed on the message that they all had a really fantastic night.

Roll on the next show.

Maggie.



Wed 9th November - Committees

20 Present

In the chair Sue Preece in the absence of President Pat.

Ari in Mauritius and three on cruises.

Worsley Rotary secured £28k from the Green Space Fund to assist leisure facilities for young Afghan refugees.

Membership - No report

Secretary - Absent so no report

Members account £1672 available

Charity Account - October £275 for Ukraine, Fashion show £676 (loud applause for Maggie), Christmas cards - Methodists £85 + Peter's sales £30 Available balance £2,127.

Charity donations - non regular attendees £1,000.

Ways and Means - Maggie - Fashion show interaction with audience was excellent with Modiste doing well on sales. re Santa's Grotto in Bramhall Village Square Hut stolen, Christmas Santa rounds appeal for helpers and a van is sought/ struggling with obtaining sweets/£700 donation via Facebook/one round offered to Stepping Hill/generator now mended

Community Services - Ian - Plenty of coats donated/ Awaiting news on Treehouse

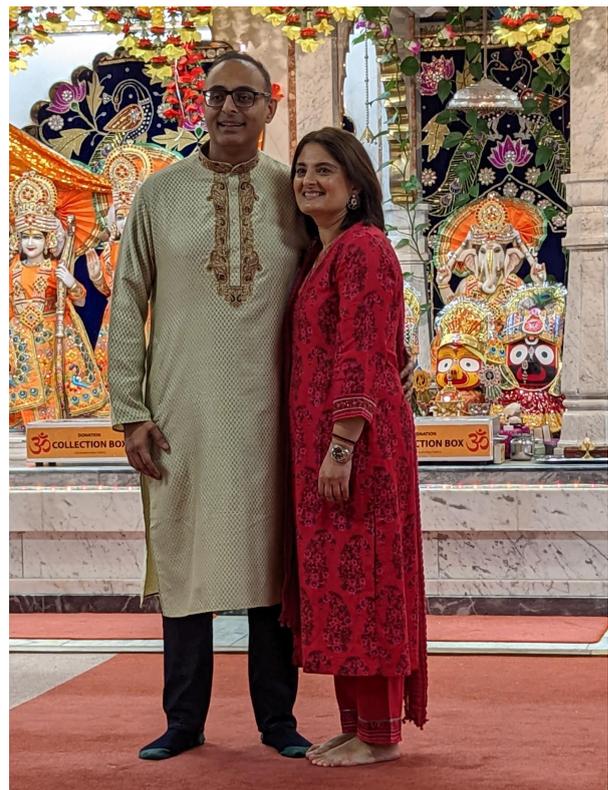
International - Harry - Grove Lane church seeking to buy a defibrillator costing £1,500 have secured £700 from Stockport MBC/ query on source on securing the balance of £800. Uganda - a trip of medics in prospect next year.

Communications - Ian - A Santa needed. Duck race being planned next year. Fortune Teller being sought

Tony

Wed 16th November - Temple visit

Worsley Rotary club organised a visit to Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple. About 80 Rotarians from 11 clubs (including 7 of us!) attended and learnt a little about Hinduism and enjoyed a tasty lunch.





Wed 16th Nov Dev – Global Perspectives of Covid 19 –What’s the Future?

By recent standards attendance was really quite good. We had four lady visitors. Trish Johnson, Pam Malabon, Mitali Dev and Sally Mercer. After the usual high standard meal, Rob Sweeting and John Thewlis arrived making a grand total of 21. During the meal Michael gave an update on today's visit to the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple where about 80 Rotarians from 11 clubs (including 7 of us!) attended and learnt a little about Hinduism and enjoyed a tasty lunch.

Onto the main parts of the evening where Dev gave an update on coronavirus. He is a member of the Rotary international task force on coronavirus and gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation.

My role as bulletin writer was made extra challenging by turning the lights out so I could not see what I was writing! That coupled with the occasional technical nature of the talk means the following is somewhat “bitty”, but hopefully the essence has been captured!

The big conclusion from it all is that coronavirus is here to stay and that we essentially have to learn to live with it. Providing there is no new variant which is vaccine resistant then things should be ok.

Now the “jottings in the dark”

- Coronaviruses are a big family, some affect humans, some affect animals (such as bats and camels). In the recent past we have seen big outbreaks including SARS and MERS. COVID-19 might have come from bats directly or by jumping species.
- Covid is contagious but much less so than measles, flu, SARS, smallpox and several others.
- Looking globally we can see big differences around the world. Latin America did particularly badly. Maybe because it had large cities, poor public health and so on. Asia did really quite well but then it had experience of SARS and MERS and its population was well prepared. Africa also did well, maybe because of its low density and young population.
- The current mutation Omicron is much more infectious but less fatal than previous ones, particularly Delta.
- The UK is now very well vaccinated with about 97% with the first jab and about 70% boosted. So cases are coming down and cases are by and large no longer fatal. There are plenty of people still in hospital with COVID but COVID is mostly not the reason why they are there.
- Let's look at the vaccine type mRNA. These teach cells to make a copy of a spike protein and the body produces antibodies immediately. The copy is then killed so you don't get COVID from the vaccine. Later, if a real virus gets into the body, the antibody kills it and the person is ok .

- Going back to the world situation, the organisation Covax initially tried to get vaccinations to the 92 poorer countries in 2021 as well as the 98 richer ones but that failed. GAVI (global vaccination alliance) supports poorer countries these days
- Only 3 out of 15 countries in Africa vaccinated more than 10% of the population.
- There are lots of new vaccines still under development, hundreds of them, but there's also still lots of vaccine scepticism.
- There are continuing effects from COVID such as working from home. The average person wants to work from home an extra day a week compared to pre-covid.
- Let's look at what might affect the pandemic end
 - 1. whilst the UK, Europe and the US are comfortable the death rate is still four times that of flu.
 - 2.. The risk of a new variant remains
 - 3. possible vaccine escape.
- Will it actually end? Only Smallpox and Rinderpest (a cattle virus) have ever been eradicated.
- The prospects are good, providing Omicron is dominant and on that basis we can be optimistic.
- Looking at future waves, how quickly does immunity wane? Will we need an annual booster? Will booster uptake continue to decline? Will we develop wider use of oral antivirals which are very effective?
- The worst case scenario might be the development of what we could call "Delta Cron" - this would be very infectious and also very fatal.
- We are moving from interpandemic to post pandemic so there is still hope especially with things like oral vaccines.

In conclusion, unless there's a new variant, the pandemic is ending. Vaccination and boosters are here to stay. COVID-19 is becoming endemic when it is up to us to behave in a way to live with it, such as wearing masks when appropriate, not getting into big crowds, keeping our distance, washing our hands, all the usual stuff.

After the presentation there was a question and answer session where Dev certainly showed his knowledge. The three key question areas were

- Long covid
- Expiry dates of the vaccines. Do they really have to be thrown away?
- What about future planning and preparing us for the next pandemic?

President Pat, thanked Dev on behalf of us all for a very interesting and illuminating talk and closed the meeting with the usual loyal toast. Michael

Wed 23rd Nov - Joanne Watson – Beacon Counselling

Joanne Watson updated us on Beacon Counselling



Wed 30th Nov - Jackie's Xmas dinner and Sue's quiz

This was the best attended Club Meal of YEAR 2022 by 20 Members & 3 guests, namely Oriane Stevenson, Pam Malabon and Trish Bristow.

This was in my reckoning a XMAS MEAL and CHRISTMAS PUDDING par excellence

prepared by Jackie Derbyshire for Members and served by her and her two colleagues Sinead Warren & Claire Morley. President Pat thanked Jakki, Sinead & Claire on behalf of members and guests present and they were presented with CHRISTMAS gifts.

Michael Lacey had been busy canvassing Members for a meal at the new Polish Restaurant in Bramhall Precinct and almost missed his pudding but he was able to retrieve it to his delight.

After the meal followed by tea or coffee break, Sue got all those present into three groups to solve the B&W Rotary Christmas Quiz which Sue had compiled herself. Bob abstained himself from joining any group. Michael's Team won the contest followed by Ian's Team and sad to say Harry's Team came last. It was an enjoyable evening & Pat thanked Sue for the compilation of the Quiz.

Looking forward to B&W SANTA FLOAT rounds starting on Saturday 3rd December and Maggie requested that there still 3 slots needing Volunteers.

Final Toast at 21:40

Satish

Wed 7th Dec - meal at Honey_pot Cafe (new Polish Restaurant)

20 of us enjoyed a fabulous meal at the Honey_pot Caffé, the new Polish restaurant in Bramhall.



Fri 16th Dec - Xmas Party at Bramall Park Golf Club

Our annual Xmas Party at Bramall Park Golf Club.

