



The Grapevine

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President Rory McClure 2008-2009



A Message from our President



Well another momentous month !!! At our AGM we have at last got some progression for the club. I was very very pleased that Brian Readett volunteered to be the President Elect for 2009-2010. Furthermore he announced that he would be running this years KA-REOKE competition during June and July. The other very good news was that Dave Salt also volunteered to be the Vice

President for 2009-2010— I know the post in NEW SPEAK is President Nominnee—but our jewel says Vice President and unless we are going to fork our for a new gong, I suggest the title remains !!!

At our AGM we also did the monthly Whisky Draw—which this month was won by our Hon Treasurer –which was perhaps some compensation after his mauling at the



AGM when his proposition to balance the books was overturned and our subscriptions remain as they were !

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President Rory

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South Cumbria Rape & Abuse Service



Jean Smith the Manager for the South Cumbria Rape & Abuse Service together with one of her 6 directors, Terry McCormick and for a brief moment their Cumbria Constabulary support officer, Amay joined us at our weekly

us sit up with some of the I think we were really horrible lid on the lives some you would think) have to nity. We were equally staggeringly low successions.....where is the deter-which sees punishment as



meeting to tell us about their severely underfunded service. Jean really made statistics she gave us, rified when she lifted people (more than lead in our commu-gered by the almost rate of prosecution in our society a crime and seems to

ignore the suffering of victims. Nationally it is a tragedy that service providers such as SCRAS have shrunk from over 84 organisations in 1985 to only 38 at present day. SCRAS work load is so heavy that they do not advertise their services. Jean is one of two full time employees and together with a strong band of volunteer helpers service the referrals which come to them from the NHS. Tragically 75% of abusers are close relatives of their victims and the majority male. Of estimated 12650 rapes which took place in the UK recently only 15%-20% get reported and of them the conviction rate of the cases which do get to court is a tiny 5.7%. Ludicrously, all is loaded in favour of the abuser—the victim not only suffers the abuse, but then if they have the guts to report it have to suffer whilst the abusers HUMAN RIGHTS are scrupulously observed. After a host of searching questions, PP Dave Ward, who was also standing in for the President gave the Vote of Thanks.

Our visitors during the month— April 2009

1st April

Visitors— Guest Speaker Rob Rollings, Making BIO Diesel

Visiting Rotarians

Guests –

8th April

Visitors— Guest Speakers Jean Smith & Terry McCormick from South Lakeland Rape & Abuse Service

Visiting Rotarians - PP Jack Richardson RC of Barrow in Furness

Guests—

15th April

Visitors— Guest Speakers

Visiting Rotarians

Guests—

22nd April

- Out meeting at the Lancastrians

Visitors— Colin's Dad

Visiting Rotarians

Guests—

29th April

- AGM—NO VISITORS

Visitors—

Visiting Rotarians

Guests—



Rob Rollings –making your OWN BIO Diesel

Rtn Rob Rollings operates with his wife Zoe the very successful Custom House restaurant in town. However many of us recall his previous career was as a Chemical Engineer with Glaxo (or whatever they call themselves now). Using his past expertise whilst researching various vegetable oils to use in the restaurant he also developed an interest in bio-diesel.

Over the past year or so the Bio-diesel grew project grew in importance as his fleet of vehicles (all diesel) grew and the pump price of fuel rocketed! Anyway, Rob after his usual meticulous research developed a system to refine the waste vegetable oil from his restaurant into useable fuel for ALL his vehicles. He told us that their new Ford Focus had a warning in the handbook NOT TO USE BIO DIESEL....since purchasing it



last year he has used nothing but BIO with NO problems. In any case...government insists that progressively BIO is added to our PETRO Diesel by the fuel companies. He gave us a very witty presentation superbly illustrated by lots of pictures and even circulated samples of his product as it passed through it refinement stages.

From his old vegetable oil, he produces BIO diesel for his motors and the bi-product is SOAP which several of us tried in the bathroom afterwards. It is not exactly palmolive, still has a slight chippy smell but works very effectively. Rob says they use it all the time to clean the floors at the restaurant. The Customs & Excise permit individuals to make upto 2500 litres a year with NO TAX implication. If they make more or SELL any then tax is imposed on the LOT. Rtn Geoff James proposed the vote of thanks.

Croft Care Trust—Presentation



President Rory was pleased to hand over a cheque for £250.00 to Croft Village – the Croft Trust will be purchasing a Wii for the residents to use, it will provide both entertainment and fun exercise.

admires the work the Rotarians do and supports them with similar functions whenever he can.

Pictured receiving the cheque is from left to right, Margaret Lees, Sarah Walmsley and Linda Newby (holding the cheque).

A party from the trust joined the rotarian's at their weekly meeting on Wednesday 29th April at the Abbey House Hotel to collect it.

The money had been raised earlier in the year at a charity evening arranged by Roger Nelson who whilst not a member of the club



Read All About IT !! - DG Tony Parrini

On Saturday 18th April, the culmination of the 2009 Rotary Youth Speaks Competition took place in Cheddar, when the National Finals took place in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Somerset. Having eliminated many hundreds of teams in earlier rounds at Club, Area, District and Regional level across RIBI, just 16 Teams, 8 Senior and 8 Intermediate, including one from District 1190 in the senior event, contested for the prestige of becoming the best Youth Speaks Team in the whole of Great Britain and Ireland. In the "Seniors" teams came from Bourne, Belfast, Glasgow, Taunton, Acton, Maidenhead, Telford and our own team from Chorley.

"Read All About It!" - the opening words of the presentation given by 14 year old Laura May of Albany Science College, Chorley, immediately secured the audience's attention at the Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar.

After being given an introduction by Zara from a wheelchair, held hand as she presented the tribulations of Teenager majority of the audience that like the contestants once - and you me!" Laura went on to are mainly to blame for teenagers "we are porchol abusers, we all have round wrecking prop would have you becluding that teenagers they are enforced to schools can meet the rather than expanding information that stu-Laura appealed for more credit and appreciate things that they achieve not to judge all teenager reports in the media.

Proposing the Vote of arth reiterated the pleasers the same; she rethat many of them were MODs or Rockers ers - "So allow us to have more freedom to enjoy ourselves" in an age of target setting and school league tables".



eloquent and lively in-Khan, Laura, speaking the audience in her "The Trials and Tribu-Life" - reminding the ence of 250 or more, ants, "you were all teen-don't look too bad to point out that the media the bad image given to trayed as drug or alco-ASBO's and all go erty! - or so the media lieve", she said." Con-have little freedom as learn things so that Government's targets, their knowledge with dents want to learn. teenagers to be given ciation for all the good and asked the audience ers by the few adverse

Thanks, Natalie How-not to judge all teenag-minded the audience probably Teddy Boys, when they were teenag-

The judges, Lesley Cook, Chief Executive of the English Speaking Board, Chris Vacher from BBC West and Mike Eavis the Founder of the Glastonbury Festival, announced to great astonishment that the Team from Thomas Telford School in Telford had won with their presentation "Don't Blame Barbie". But the judges' decisions are final and Albany Science College were ecstatic with their second place.



Another contribution from AG Ron

A farmer named Hamish was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in the Highlands when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him.

The driver, a young man in an Armani suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the farmer, 'If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?'

Hamish looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers; 'Sure, Why not?'

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his 3G cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany

Within mere seconds, he receives an email on his Dell that the image has been processed and the data is stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the farmer and says, 'You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves.'

'That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves,' says Hamish.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused

as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Hamish says to the young man, 'Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?'

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, 'Okay, why not?'

'You're a Member of the Scottish Parliament', says Hamish.

'Wow! That's correct,' says the yuppie, 'but how did you guess that?'

'No guessing required.' said Hamish. 'You showed up here uninvited, you want to get paid for the answer I already know, to a question I didn't ask. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are yet you don't know a thing about cows...this is a herd of sheep. . . .Now give me back my dog.'





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An Alternative Grace

Dear Lord, may the roof above
never fall in,

And the friends below never
fall out

John Burgess—Romney Test

The Four Way Test

... of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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THE WEB :
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Club Program— May-June-July

May

Stewards Brian Readett &
Norman Jessiman

6th May –Oliver Flitcroft

7th May—Charter Presentation
RC of Furness Peninsula

13th May—Norman Jessiman

17th May District Assembly Lan-
caster

20th May– John Holgate

27th May- Business Meeting

June

Stewards Terry Ward &
George Cubiss

3rd June Club Assembly

10th June Rory McClure

17th June Terry Ward

21st-24th June RI Conference
Birmingham

24th June Business Meeting

July

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years program

Apologies to Maddie at 01229 434000 or e.mail before 12:30 on the day of the meeting, or you'll be sorry!