Is Santa Really a Rotarian?

For many years the identity of the visitor every 25th December has been a source of wonder to children around the globe. He is tracked on his journey around the world each year by experts at NORAD, but the mystery has never been solved.

That is until now! The pictures below, though not very clear, have been obtained by our investigator and seem to show involvement of Rotary International.

The residents in the picture on the below discovered the sleigh bearing the Rotary logo.

The fact that the reindeer are made of wood seems to suggest that this is in fact a decoy to prevent the true identity of ‘Santa’ from being revealed.

Our investigator has discovered that the organisation known as Rotary is made up of men and women who want to do good in the world.

The picture on the right seems to suggest that this shared mission gives its members special powers which explains why even NORAD have difficulty in trying to track the bringer of good cheer!

There seems little doubt... Santa is in fact a Rotarian!
District Governor Kevin Walsh Comes to Call

On 28th November our District Governor Kevin Walsh made his official visit to Millom Rotary Club. DG Kevin, a member of Brampton and Longtown Rotary Club, was accompanied by his wife Wendy who is a member of Carlisle Castle Rotary Club. Wendy is the District 1190 Membership Database Manager.

DG Kevin brought greetings from RI President Ron Burton, RIBI’s first female president Nan McReady and his own club’s President Don Jary. Wendy brought greetings from President Andrew Bailey of Carlisle Castle Rotary Club.

DG Kevin praised our Christmas Shop Window Display competition and suggested that our thank you letter should include an invitation to find out more about Rotary as membership is an issue for all clubs. This advice has been followed.

Kevin’s talk covered many areas of interest including District 1190’s response to the recent Philippines disaster, Rotakids, Polio eradication, Rotary’s image and the need for diversity in clubs, Foundation and the need for clubs to change to maintain their relevance in the 21st Century.

DG Kevin asked that we help to map where defibrillators are located in the area and consider running a Stroke Awareness Day – this we have planned for spring 2014.

Finally DG Kevin asked that we all consider attending the 2014 District Conference in Newcastle (7th-9th March) outlining some of the guest speakers and the weekend’s entertainment.
Lakes & Fells Taxidermy – David Webb

On 21st November our speaker was Rotarian David Webb who spoke to us about his work in taxidermy. David brought along some specimens of his work and explained the processes involved. At the same time he dealt with many of the misconceptions members had about the art of taxidermy.

David is a member of the Guild of Taxidermists which was formed in 1976 and is the only officially recognised organisation actively working with the legislative authorities to secure the future for legitimate taxidermy in the UK. He started working with birds, but has since done work with mammals including deer. David’s Website is at: www.lakesandfellstaxidermy.co.uk

Examples of David’s work
A Once in a Millennium Experience!

The only time you will witness this phenomenon in your lifetime.

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In 2014, the month of August will count 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This phenomenon apparently occurs only once every 823 years!**

Those who still work will be delighted to have 5 Fridays and 5 complete weekends in one month …. It almost makes you want to come out of retirement…. but then again!!!!

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**Can’t get to a Rotary meeting? Please read this!**

1. **If you are not able to attend Rotary on a Thursday in December please ring Hazel on 770383 no later than 10.00 a.m. on the Wednesday.**

   **LOOK OUT FOR NEWS OF WHO TO RING FOR JANUARY 9th and 16th!**

2. After 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday and before 12 noon on Thursday please ring Underwood direct on 01229 440440

3. **If you fail to follow this agreed procedure, or if an apology is given to Underwood after 12 noon on Thursday, you will be expected to pay for the meal ordered for you.**
A Letter From Ian in America

So on 15th Oct finally off to USA after lengthy preparations with house, land, animals, family etc.

Six large cases and three dog crates with the two of us is a fair load especially as flight for animals had to be from Gatwick (dogs have passports, so no quarantine required but plenty of bureaucracy).

Day before departure as you can imagine busy followed by overnight trip to Gatwick in a van I managed to scratch before we even left! Ten hour flight to Orlando - then cases, customs, homeland security and pick up dogs and clear them before heading south with son. Son had 15-seater minibus with seats removed to take the multitude then three further hours to West Palm Beach. This left us with 36hrs on the move, 5hrs adrift in time zone and 90 degrees in Florida---result shattered in need of sleep!

First week wading through the bureaucracy of new house:

Home owners association Owners lease and meeting
Comcasts visitation-for email/tv Florida power company
US postal services Car and insurance arrangements etc. etc.

Finally we moved in with loaned furniture and some from shops together with faith thrift shops. Despite house being cleaned by company plus carpets cleaned, Yvonne as expected completed a further deep clean!

Ants and bug bites hounded the first few days until Home Depot spray and ant traps together with bleach of the yard seemed to do the trick. Crossed fingers they seem to have left the building.

Renewed my acquaintance with my old car and US roads---go at red always throws me! However gas at 3$ a gal does help.
Temperature at 80/90 helps with locals complaining of winter drawing in! We adjust to the hours differences as do the dogs who started wanting feeding at local time 3/4am. God bless the AC which keeps us cool.

Some good initial eat outs for breakfast, lunch and dinner until our home functions.

We are settling into our new way of life enjoying the experiences, challenges and most of the outcomes.

Regards to you all

Ian

(P.S. Snow birds in Florida are northerners who come south for the winter)
On 24th October Wilf Proctor visited us as our speaker. Wilf is secretary of Barrow and District Blind Society and he spoke to us about the provision of Audio Books for the blind in our area and demonstrated one of the machines.

It was agreed that the contents of the pink pig money box, which we pass around at our meetings to collect loose change, would be donated to the Society to help towards the provision of Audio Book machines. To this we added the sponsor money that Mick and Keith raised taking part in the Tour de Furness which meant that President Gilbert was able to hand Wilf a cheque for £150.

**District Quiz Round 2**

On 13th November we travelled to the Farmer’s Arms at Lowick for Round 2 of the District Quiz. Having beaten Grange in Round 1 we were drawn against Kendal Rotary Club who we knew had done very well in their first round.

Sadly our concern was justified as Kendal took the lead in the first round and although we at times narrowed the gap we never managed to close it completely.

A good natured evening of excellent fellowship was enjoyed by both teams and the sandwiches and chips were very good too!

Thanks to the team members and to Robert Tyson who was drafted in as our scorer.
International Help for Polio Eradication

The government of Alberta, Canada, has pledged C$350,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus Program. "PolioPlus is a truly inspiring example of international partnership and dedication," said Alberta's Minister of Culture Heather Klimchuk in announcing the contribution in October.

Rotary members in Alberta will match the government's contribution for a subtotal of C$700,000. Through the End Polio Now: Make History Today fundraising campaign, that amount will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of $2.1 million for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Biking 'Miles to End Polio'

RI General Secretary John Hewko again joined Rotary members in the Tuscon, Arizona, area on 23 November to raise money for Rotary's PolioPlus Programme by riding 111 miles in El Tour de Tucson, which attracts more than 9,000 cyclists a year. RI World Headquarters staff in Evanston, Illinois, are joining Hewko in a parallel effort -- Miles to End Polio -- to raise support through biking, walking, or other wellness activities to meet their own mileage goals.

Rotary at work in response to Syria outbreak

Ten polio cases have been reported in Syria which has been free from the disease since 1999. Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Dr. Robert S. Scott has written about how Rotary members in neighbouring countries are working to keep the outbreak from spreading.

Rotarians in Egypt, Lebanon, and Turkey have been working with their health ministries and local health authorities to support efforts ensure that the 2.4 million children who need it receive vaccine.

There is no doubt that Rotarians within RIBI will continue to support the campaign to rid the world of Polio.

We are so close to the end [2018 has been set as the target date for eradication] that we cannot stop now!!
How To Advertise Your Business!

All of these are genuine signs . . . they certainly attract your attention

On a Septic Tank Truck: 
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

On a Plumber's truck: 
"We repair what your husband fixed."

On a Church's Notice Board: 
"7 days without God makes one weak."

On an Electrician's truck: 
"Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area: 
"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

At an Optometrist's Office: 
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
Can you think of a sign for Millom Rotary Club that will catch attention, amuse and inform about what we do?

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

On a Fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"

Outside a Car Exhaust Store: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming..

In a Vets waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit!"

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."


Sign on the back of yet another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"
St. George’s Christmas Tree Festival ~ 29th Nov-7th Jan

Once again this year St. George’s Church has organised a Christmas Tree Festival with lots of schools, businesses and organisations entering a decorated tree. Our Rotary Tree which was put together by Hazel has the Rotary wheel and bells with projects we have supported shown on them.

Fi Wilson who organised the Festival with a couple of early visitors

The Rotary Tree

The Rotary Tree showing projects Supported by Millom Rotary Club
School’s Trees

Lovely in sunlight – magical when the lights are turned on in the evening

St. George’s Church Illuminated with the cross shining out over the town
A Visit to Borrow Lifeboat Station

Inshore rescue boat – vital in our estuary/island setting

Following John Falvey’s visit to our club meeting on 19th September to talk about the RNLI Station in Barrow, a visit was arranged to see the lifeboats at their base on Roa Island on 31st October.

Those able to go met at The Ferry for lunch which has been described by many as amazingly good value. Following a good lunch all transferred to the lifeboat station which is classed as an ‘Explore’ station. This means that the public can have access to the station to find out about the work of the RNLI.

Barrow has had a lifeboat for 75 years and it was, in fact, the first town on the Lancashire coast to have a lifeboat.

All who went on the visit have said that it was one of the best visits we have had in recent times.

RNLI relies on volunteer contributions for its upkeep and a contribution has been made from the club to help their work. Hopefully no one in the club will ever need their help!
Really Daft Jokes

It was hard getting over my addiction to the Hokey Cokey. But I’ve turned myself around and that’s what it’s all about.

Paddy caught his wife having an affair and decided to kill her and himself. He puts the gun to his head, looks at his wife and says "Don't laugh, you’re next!!"

Little boy gets home from school and says "Dad, I've got a part in the school play as a man who's been married for 25 years." His Dad replies "Never mind Son. Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part!!"

Two men looking through a mail order catalogue. Paddy says "Look at these gorgeous women! The prices are reasonable too." Mick agrees "I'm ordering one right now" 3 weeks later Paddy says to Mick "Has your woman turned up yet?" "No" said Mick "but it shouldn’t be long now though. Her clothes arrived yesterday!!

A dwarf goes to a very good but very busy doctor and asks "I know you are busy but do you treat dwarves?" The doctor replies "Yes, but you will have to be a little patient".

The following two jokes need to be read with a Yorkshire accent!!!!!

A Yorkshire man takes his cat to the vet. Yorkshireman: "Aye up, lad, I need to talk to thee about me cat." Vet: "Is it a tom?" Yorkshireman: "Nay, I've browt it with us."

A Yorkshireman's dog dies and as it was a favourite pet he decides to have a gold statue made by a jeweller to remember the dog by. Yorkshireman: "Can tha mek us a gold statue of yon dog?" Jeweller: "Do you want it 18 carat?" Yorkshireman: "No I want it chewin' a bone yer daft ...... !"

With thanks to Ian who clearly hasn’t enough to do in Florida!!!
This year Millom Rotary Club reinstated the Millom Christmas Shop Window Competition and it created quite a stir in the town with 20 shops deciding to enter. The date for judging was fixed to be a couple of days before the switch on of the Christmas lights in the town and two judges who live outside the town were brought in – Ken Shipman from Broughton and Jennifer Fugler from Bootle.

Ken and Jennifer chose The Bloom Room as the winner, Spoilt for Choice as second place and The Hair Gallery as third place. The winner received the shield and a framed certificate and second and third received a framed certificate. We also gave a Highly Commended certificate to Green’s Bakery whose window seemed to appeal particularly to the children in town. Many thanks to the judges who luckily managed to escape from Millom before the results were announced!
What’s The Weather Going To Be Like?

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked their new elder if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was an elder in a modern community he had never been taught the old secrets so when he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared.

Being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea.

He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked, 'Is the coming winter in this area going to be cold?'

The meteorologist responded, 'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'

So the elder went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again, 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The elder again went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the elder called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the elder asked.

The weatherman replied,

'Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'
Acupuncture: a jab well done.
A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
The batteries were given out free of charge.
A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
A will is a dead giveaway.
You are stuck with your debt if you can’t budge it.
When you’ve seen one shopping centre you’ve seen a mall.
Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
A bicycle can’t stand alone; it is two tired.
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she’d dye.
Anyone who jumps off a bridge in Paris is in Seine.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
A bicycle can’t stand on its own because it is two tired.
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
December & January Meetings

**December**

5th  Committees and Council  (Dinner @ Underwood)
12th  Christmas Party  (Christmas Dinner @ Underwood)
19th  Special General Meeting  (Dinner @ Underwood)
26th  NO MEETING

**January**

2nd  NO MEETING
9th  Committees and Council  (Dinner @ Underwood)
16th  Speaker: Judith Ilith – Foodbanks  (Dinner @ Underwood)
23rd  Speaker: Stephen Cove ~ Local History  (Dinner @ Underwood)
30th  To be announced  (Dinner @ Underwood)

Birthday Toasts & Votes of Thanks

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All meetings will be at 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated
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The Rotary Club of Millom ~ Who’s Who in 2013~2014

Club Council 2013-14

The council is made up of:

President,(President Elect, President Nominee ~ to be appointed December 2013), Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Comm. & Voc. Chairman, International Chairman, Foundation Chairman, Admin /Club Service Chairman, Elected Members (Ian Lockwood, Hazel Eady, Frank McPhillips)

Club Officers 2013-14

President
Gilbert Scurrah 716034
Immediate Past President
Keith Nixon 716491
President Elect
To be elected Autumn 2013
President Nominee
To be elected Autumn 2013
Hon Secretary
Mick Eady 770383
Hon Treasurer
Derrick Walker 771744
Assistant Treasurer
Keith Nixon 716491

Service Committee Chairmen/Officers 2013-14

Admin / Club Service  }
Keith Nixon 716491
PR, Membership & Marketing  }
Frank McPhillips 774501
International Service  }
Ray Cole 774378
Rotary Foundation  }
Robert Tyson 772753
Com. & Voc. Service  }
Bryan Whitaker 770134
Youth Service

Attendance & House Officer
Hazel Eady 770383
Speaker Secretary
Keith Nixon 716491
Welfare Officer
Gilbert Scurrah 716034
H & S Officer
Vacancy
Protection Officer
Vacancy
Fund Raising
Hazel Eady 770383
Social Secretary
Hazel Eady 770383
IT & Archivist
Chris Driver 773147
Sports Officer
Robert Tyson 772753
Millomarian Editor
Mick Eady 770383