

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell - District 1220 Club Bulletin



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Meetings: Thursday evenings 18.00 via ZOOM!!
Contact Paul for your Zoom code
Email: secretary@sitwellrotary.org

Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early May. Any contributions will be most welcome, please text, what's app or email to me by April 25th. (Trying alternative methods of communication as most of you seem to have forgotten what my email is??)

Apologies Are not currently needed whilst we remain on Zoom If you can't make it for 6pm, just email Paul to watch out for you and he'll let you in.

We are still in relative lockdown and cannot share our personal space with others. If you need help Zooming, speak to Paul.



Officers & Committees 2020-2021

President	Trish Lister
President Elect	Steve Burns
Vice President	Yes, you CAN do it!
Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
Imd. past President	Gurnam Basran
Assistant Secretary	Ann Ogley

Chairmen of Committees

Admin/Club Service	Steve Burns
Membership/Social	Roger Green
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Tom Knight
International/Rotary	Chris Croker
Foundation	

Other Officers

Attendance Officer	Steve Burns
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Holloway
Archivist	Chris Williams
Environmental Officer	Phil Crutchley
Welfare Office	Trevor Johnson
Health & Safety Officer	Tony Eden
Safeguarding Officer	Maggi Clark
Sergeant at Arms	Peter Short
Bulletin Editor	Ann Ogley

Club Meetings for April All 6.00pm on Zoom

1 April	Fellowship – Sitwell Desert Island Discs
8 April	Individual Committees: Business & Fellowship
15 April	Speaker: Oliver Green: a mining engineer in London
22 April	Full Club Business Meeting
29 April	Friends and Partners Evening; Cheese and Wine tasting.

Club Meetings for May

6 May	AGM
13 May	Speaker: Craig Cox from the Lighthouse Project
20 May	Full Club Business Meeting
27 May	Speaker: Waverley Advanced Manufacturing Park - tbc

Council Meetings-note change of day

TUESDAY 6 April 6.00pm

Plenty of seats available at the table (Ok, on the screen) if Rotary members would like to see what happens at a meeting – just contact Paul.

TUESDAY 4 May 6.00pm

Greetings from President Trish



Anniversaries are invariably a time for reflection and maybe a re-evaluation of what really is important to us. There will have been highs and lows and personal struggles over this last twelve months but hopefully, above all else, we will value our personal connections more than ever. We celebrate the triumphs and send our warmest wishes to those who are finding life challenging.

It is now a year since we have been able to meet in person. For me it has confirmed that belonging to Rotherham Sitwell Rotary is so much more than going to the Carlton Park each week. Fellowship is the life blood of Rotary and underpins everything we do.

We're at a Crossroads

Before too long there will be new opportunities and I hope we can grasp them with even greater enthusiasm and energy. Strangely this year has given us many opportunities to promote what we do and we need to capitalise on this. Surely it can't be a coincidence that the recent public appeal to fund the repair of the minibus raised over £1,300.

Speaking of anniversaries it will soon be a year since we started supporting Rotherham Foodbank. Together with Morrisons, other organisations and

individuals we have been able to deliver £40,000 worth of food to those in need in our town. We have also given some support to Rotherham Minster Social Supermarket, the Unity Centre and the Lighthouse. The successful SYCF bid with Rotherham Rotary has enabled us to support numerous smaller foodbanks around the Borough. I must thank Giles Bloomer of Rotherham Rotary for all the hard work he put into the project.

Thank You!

We will make our final foodbank deliver on 20th April and I'm sure you would all like me to thank Roger and Steve for being there every week whatever the weather to enable this to happen. Thank you too to our newest Rotarian Martin for the loan of the minibus for many, many months.

As usual March has been a busy month. Thank you to the members who tried their best to hoodwink us when we played 'Would I Lie to You'. Lots of laughter and our DG Jill Bethell thoroughly enjoyed herself and had a taste of what we are about.

I hope you have all enjoyed fellowship at your Committee meetings. They are such a good opportunity to meet as a smaller group and not only move your agenda forward but enjoy each other's company. As we all know the question isn't just how are you but how are you really?

Our speaker this month was Cllr Ken Wyatt who gave a fascinating insight into local history in the Swinton area. Such admiration for people who have such passion for their interest and we look forward to hearing from Ken again at Hallowe'en with his ghost stories. Maybe we can make it fancy dress, fangs and all. Only joking Nigel!

Well done to Steve, Chris W, Paul and Alan for winning their round in the District Quiz and wish them luck as they go for gold.

Your feedback on Membership Retention has been sent to Jill Bethell, John Carr and Nick Blurton at District. I hope that our honest replies will strike a chord.

I have left the best news till last. We will be celebrating the induction of our new Rotarian at our fellowship meeting on Thursday 1st April. Be there best bib and tucker to welcome Rotarian Martin Davis to our Club.

My warmest regards to you and your families
Yours in Rotary

Trish

*Trust us, we will always be there
for our Starfish*

Birthdays in April

In accordance with last month's little-known fact that almost 60% of Sitwell Rotarians were born in the second half of the month, guess what happens in April?

100% in the second half of the month.

Birthday greetings and best wishes to all

18th Phil Crutchley
25th John Turner
26th Derek Cheetham
28th Gurnam Basran

(Those waiting to greet John Sparrow will be able to do so next month)



NEW DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

CHARTER NIGHT & PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Subject to the ability to meet in person and the necessary permissions, the proposed date for Trish's main event is

SATURDAY 26th JUNE



A welcome sign of spring when the magnolia starts to share its glory.

An Update from Rotherham Foodbank forwarded by Roger Green (2 April 2021)

I seem to recall someone mentioning recently that you would like an update on the amount of stock that Rotary Sitwell have donated to the foodbank during the lockdown period. I've just flicked through the statistics and elicited these remarkable figures.

Total Weight Donated: 14,322 tonnes

Meals Provided: 6,015!!!!

Once again, I can only thank everyone who has been involved in this incredible effort. You guys have pretty much sustained us through this Covid period and make it possible for us to help literally thousands of people.

You have also provided us with stock to help keep us going through these coming summer months when donations tend to decline significantly and when I suspect the economic fallout will mean an increasingly high demand for the foodbank - as attention starts to focus on the return to relative normality. It is worth noting that our three busiest months since lockdown have been the last three, with March figures not showing any kind of decline from the February figures as would normally be expected.

Thank you again for your amazing support.

Kind regards

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Stephen Prosser



Attention Rotarians – advance notice of meeting

**Cheese and wine evening at Rotary
meeting on Thursday 29th April.**

Boxes available for one, two or three people. Price, to include six bottles of wine (the equivalent to one whole bottle of wine per person), six cheeses, crackers and chutney, a tutored tasting experience and delivery, is £40 for a single box, £80 for two and £120 for three. Couples may choose to share one box.

Please e-mail Steve Burns on stephenburns1@sky.com if you wish to take part and indicate whether you want a box for one, two or three then transfer the appropriate amount to account name Stephen B Burns, sort code 16 00 07, account number 10344078



I'm sure the cheese & wine will be more interesting than the contents of my fridge!



New blood!

A very warm welcome to our new Rotarian – Martin Davis was admitted as a Full Member of the Club on 1 April (and no, it wasn't before noon)



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it is even ok to answer
yourself.**

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President Trish (she's the little one on the right if you were wondering) delivering 20 goodie bags donated by Morrisons to volunteers at the Rotherham Leisure Complex COVID vaccination centre in March

A victorious Quiz team report

We're On Our Way to Wembley Zoom!

Rotherham Sitwell Rotary have got through to the Finals of District 1220's Quiz. The team of Chris Williams, Alan Holloway, Steve Burns and Paul G Daniels came joint top in their heat with 82 points out of a possible 100. It looks like the borderline mark was possibly 79 so we now join 14 other Clubs in the Final on 19th April.

The whole quiz was undertaken on Zoom with clear expectations that there would be no illicit Googling (trust me – I'm a Rotarian). With the use of Zoom Rooms it meant that the team could communicate to finalise the answers. Our worst round was "flags" where we couldn't correctly guess three of the ten questions. It's a pity one of these wasn't the Swiss flag as that would have been a big plus.

Paul G Daniels

MINIBUS APPEAL & FOODBANK

Thanks to the generous donations received of more than £1300, the repairs have now been carried out to the Minibus.

The excess funds raised have been transferred to the foodbank appeal and will enable the Club to achieve a full year of contributions to those in need.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Many members were present at a recent meeting where we had a presentation from District giving detailed information about how and why we can help our organisation's own charity, Rotary Foundation. Paul has re-sent an email from John Cavey, District Foundation Chair with an attachment entitled

“Rotarians Guide to Supporting the Rotary Foundation”
and the link to the District Website

<https://district.rotary1220.org/service-committees/foundation>.

Please read the email and review the website information.

The suggestion from our own Chair of Foundation Chris Croker is to give serious consideration to setting up a quarterly payment of £16 to contribute towards the fantastic work Foundation does in Rotary's name.

A new feature for this bulletin: Small ads

Free to Good Home



Brand new Slow Cooker

No box

Contact Roger Green for more info.....

More items for sale/free to good home needed!





Yes, its Spring!
A very happy Easter to
all those of you who
celebrate the occasion.

A quick reminder that the two What's App groups are still going strong, so please consider joining in (or rejoining if you joined and left). RotaryRotherhamSitwell is a good source of information and commentary on Club events and Let'sHaveALaugh provides some good giggles (admittedly not always to everyone's taste, but no-one deliberately intends to cause offense).

Towel Appeal

Wirksworth Rotary Club are asking for pre-owned towels which can be used as packaging for the contents of Aquaboxes being sent to places in need of urgent assistance in getting potable drinking water in times of crisis. As well as being good for the journey, they will be useful at the final destination as - yes- towels!

President Trish is happy to collect towels on behalf of the Club, and volunteers to collect in other areas of Rotherham would be welcomed.



*Like these but better with age
(as towels always are.....)*