

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell - District 1220



Club Bulletin

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 Meetings: Thursday – 6:30 for 7:00 p.m.
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Club Meetings for October

5 Oct	Fellowship Meeting + Progress Report from Rotherham Cancer Care (7.00 for 7.30pm) <i>Grace: G Basran</i> <i>Frats: K Gill/S Smith</i>
12 Oct	Business Meeting <i>Grace: A Bates</i> <i>Frats: R Green/D Taylor/J Sparrow</i>
19 Oct	Toyota Factory Visit – All Day
26 Oct	Speaker Meeting – Dementia Friends <i>Grace: V Burton</i> <i>Frats: G Hudson/E Varnom</i>

Council Meetings

7 Sept	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel
5 Oct	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel
2 Nov	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel
7 Dec	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel
4 Jan	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel
1 Feb	6.00pm	Carlton Park Hotel

Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published for the Club Meeting on 5 October 2017. Please send contributions via email to waudbypeter@hotmail.com by 1 October.

Apologies

Apologies for absence are to be sent to Chris Williams.

Club Meetings for September

7 Sept	Fellowship Meeting (7.00 for 7.30pm) (Visit from DG). <i>Grace: E Varnom</i> <i>Frats: G Basran/P Short</i>
14 Sept	Business Meeting <i>Grace: C Williams</i> <i>Frats: N Elmhirst/J Ridsdale/A Ogley</i>
21 Sept	No Meeting - Breakout Week – Members to visit another Club
28 Sept	Fellowship Meeting <i>Grace: K Zaman</i> <i>Frats: M Frost/P Short</i>

Diary Dates

- Sunday 27 August – Start A Heart Family Fun Day at Woodlathes.
- Thursday 31 August – Charter Night.
- 10 September – Rotherham Show.
- 25 September – Charity Networking
- 29 September – 1 October – District Conference, Llandudno.
- Thursday 19 October – Visit to the Toyota Factory.
- Saturday 11 November – Variety Evening – 8pm.
- Friday 24 November – Ultimate Quiz Party at Magna.
- Saturday 25 November – Wickersley lights switch on.
- Thursday 30 November – Christmas Dinner.
- Thursday 14 December – Breakfast Meeting.
- 25 January 2018 – 10 Pin Bowling.

From the President



Hello Rotarians,

The word “bulletin” has its origin in Latin – *Bulla* – “round swelling, knob” which was used as a noun for the seal used on a message and later came to describe a written papal document or voting slip. *Bulletin* found common usage in the Napoleonic times as a missive, sent for public consumption, reporting news from the wars.

We can often find the tiny, background detail more fascinating than the main subject. In Rotary, like many organisations, we can become over-interested in the small incidentals rather than the wider picture. Perhaps this is a fault of Rotary. We seem to have such a broad remit, what should we be concentrating on? Polio? Literacy? Young Carers? Hunger? A path? The mind boggles, confuses and gets drawn to the stuff we have some control over – the incidentals. One such incidental is dress codes.

Please, come to every Rotary meeting or event as YOU feel comfortable. If you want to come to a meeting in DJ, lounge suit/ dress or tee shirt and jeans – what does it matter?? The important thing is you turn up, take part, be involved and connect with a group of people that have enough of a social conscience that

they want to “do a bit”. Being with us and involved is much more important than not wearing a tie, or sporting the wrong kind of shirt or blouse.

I would loathe seeing us return to the days of fines for “improper” dress (as amusing as they were) but some Rotarians were actually taking a 20p fine and a denouncement as painful and embarrassing and an affront to freedom and individuality. To visiting outsiders it makes us look arcane, out of step and a club with totally mis-directed priorities. What we wear does not matter! Some will see this as an expression that we cannot dress “smartly”. It is not the case. It is an expression that in THIS club, in THIS year, IT IS NOT IMPORTANT.

So be it Charter Night, Christmas Party or a basic meeting – come as you want. It is more important that you come. Please do not be hiring or going to expense to dress-up. If you want to feel good, give a few quid or some time to the projects, charities or events we involve ourselves in. It really is NOT about what we wear.

So let’s cut the bull...!

*Yours in Rotary
Andrew Bates*

Newman School Woodland Path



The first sod is dug



Team photo

It's a Long Path!



Meet the VIP's



I couldn't lift the first load so had to organise "mini-loads".



Chris says it's nearly as hard as pulling teeth



The brainy stuff gets underway



Trish gives thanks for an empty wheelbarrow

Social Media

www.sitwellrotary.org.uk

www.facebook.com/RotherhamSitwellRotary

www.linkedin.com

Please note that we have now set up a company page on LinkedIn to help promote ourselves within the business community. Anyone who is on LinkedIn, would you kindly follow us and help promote the club wherever possible? – Mel.