

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell – District 1220



Club Bulletin

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Meetings: Thursday evenings via ZOOM!!

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Officers

President	Trish Lister
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Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
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Assistant Secretary	Ann Ogley

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Membership/Social	Roger Green
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Foundation	

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Attendance Officer	Steve Burns
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Health & Safety Officer	Tony Eden
Safeguarding Officer	Maggi Clark
Sergeant at Arms	Peter Short
Bulletin Editor	Ann Ogley

Club Meetings for July All 6.00pm on Zoom unless current guidance changes

2 July	A Quiz – just for fun 6.00 pm – your place!
9 July	Committee Meetings: Business and Social meeting
16 July	Speaker Meeting Michael Peel Financial Times Correspondent
23 July	Full Club Business Meeting
30 July	Hot Air Balloon Debate Who or what will you throw out????

Council Meetings

MONDAY 6th July at 6 pm. By Zoom

Even though Council meet via Zoom at the moment, attendance as observer is still available to members, should any of you so wish – contact Paul for the link.

MONDAY 3rd AUGUST 6.00pm

Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early August. Any contributions will be most welcome, please email to me by July 25th. Many thanks – Ann (or should I say Ed?)

Club Meetings for August

6 August	Treasure Hunt
13 August	Committee Meetings: Business and Social meeting
20 August	Speaker Meeting Steve Prosser Rotherham Foodbank
27 August	Full Club Business Meeting

Apologies

Are not currently needed whilst we remain on Zoom – if you need assistance to sign on, please contact Paul Daniels who can talk you through it. Please come and join us – attendance has been impressive but there's always room for more. As we can soon visit one other's houses, an alternative may be to visit with a nearby Rotarian and join the meeting with them at an appropriate distance.

Greetings from President Trish



With barely two year's Rotary membership under my belt, I was bold enough to volunteer to be the 2018/19 Vice President. To paraphrase Gurnam's theme I looked, learned, helped and enjoyed everything Rotarian on my journey to Presidency. Gurnam has been a wonderful role model, his recall of knowledge is astounding and his quiet, calm presence throughout the year has been inspirational. He has steered us through the ups and downs of the last few months and has enabled us to fully embrace Service Above Self. I thank him personally and on behalf of the Club for all that he has achieved during his year of office. He can now enjoy a more relaxing year content in the knowledge that it has been a 'job well done'. Much has been said and written about periods of change and in the latest edition of Rotary the Editor's letter asks 'Where will Rotary be post Covid-19?' Rotary has survived many challenges, particularly during the first half of the 19th Century and not only has it come out stronger but shown itself to be a tower of strength during times of crisis. This is a must-read article, giving us much food for thought and one that I will return to again and again. I believe we can hold our heads up high with the way the Club has responded to the crisis so far. However, the road is long and we must not

weaken in our resolve to support those around us who are in need. We must use every opportunity to further the name of Rotary to encourage others to join us.

I am reminded of one particular period of change for our own Club. During 2011/12, when my husband Stuart was President, there were many changes for Rotherham Sitwell - a change of venue when the Brecon was no longer available, the induction of women into the Club and the introduction of Framework for Giving. There were many heavy hearts at the time but here we are nine years on with women making up almost 25% of the Membership, the Framework for Giving still the blueprint for our charitable donations and eagerly awaiting the reopening of the Carlton Park, our home since that time. Recent months have shown that we can all pull together and serve our Community despite the challenges we have faced. Some Rotary Clubs in the District have cancelled all meetings or severely reduced their frequency for the foreseeable future. I don't see that as an option for us and that has been the basis for the decision to hold meetings each week not only for continuity but to engender fellowship, mutual support and the ability to serve. Until such time as we can physically meet, Zoom gives us a very useable alternative. We will include an element of fun into Fellowship

meetings which we hope you will enjoy. We have a good number of ideas but please feel free to make suggestions as we have no idea when our regular format will return. We're working hard to provide stimulating Speakers to entertain us. As previously suggested individual Committee meetings can be part business, part social. In time, when restrictions allow, you may even be able to physically meet. I am firmly convinced that we will come through the present time more united and stronger than ever and I hope that you all share my determination.

I'm sure all Presidents give a great deal of thought to their Theme for the year. My choice was easy as Stuart introduced the story of the small boy and the starfish to the Club. If we can all look back at the end of the year and honestly say that we have made a difference then we will have fulfilled the aspirations of our founder, Paul Harris.

Trish

Make a Difference - Save a Starfish

Club Assembly

The annual Club Assembly took place on Thursday 18th June with a terrific attendance of over thirty Club members plus our AG John Box. Committee chairs launched their plans for the year ahead, and the positivity coming from all was heartening. There is so much the Club is doing and can do within the local community.

The current crisis has lead many more people to volunteer to help others, and may present an opportunity for Rotary to grow once again. Trish has mentioned the article in Rotary magazine, see page 50, or here is the link for the online version:

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/magazine/june-july-2020/and-finally/>

Birthdays in July

A very happy birthday to Sitwell Rotarians who celebrate in July

15th Trevor Johnson
19th Vinod Burton
20th John Walton AND Emma Varnom
31st Yogesh Bhimpuria



Diary Dates Current circumstances mean we have no current diary dates to advertise.

The Carlton Park
The Carlton Park Hotel is reopening shortly and discussions will take place about the potential return to physical meetings and how the Hotel could accommodate those members who feel able to attend, and how we can integrate other members possibly using Zoom on a screen in the meeting room.

Charter Night

Trish has suggested Charter Night should be postponed until the spring to allow for more time for a safer event and for personal confidence to rebuild.

The new date for your diaries is

**Saturday 10th April
2021**

Foodbank Fundraising Donations

Don't forget you can still make donations in lieu of attending meetings and having the joy of cooking your own meals and drinking your own wine –

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Social Media

www.sitwellrotary.org.uk
www.facebook.com/RotherhamSitwellRotary
www.linkedin.com

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to both the Club What's App groups, RotaryRotherhamSitwell and Let'sHaveALaugh. You can still join the groups, but as lockdown eases traffic has got noticeably lighter (unlike the traffic to Bournemouth...)

GALLERY

Some of the Service the club has been able to give in recent months



District's matching grant enabled the provision of this food donation to Rotherham Foodbank



Remember our initial collection of items for Rotherham foodbank in February (see picture above)? We collected a total of 253 items to mark Rotary Day on 23rd February. Seems so far away now.



Pushpa Venkatraman delivering scrubs funded by the Club to Rotherham District Hospital. Pushpa has also supported our foodbank donations collecting donations of food on the Duke of Norfolk estate.

Our very own Batman and Robin (according to District)



A Poem by John O'Donohue shared with us by Peter Short

This is the time to be slow

*"This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.
If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning."*

John O'Donohue

Excerpt from his books, *To Bless the Space
Between Us (US) / Benedictus (Europe)*

<https://johnodonohue.com/>

2007

*I will be happy to receive other suggestions
of poetry or wise words to be shared*



Some of the members attending the Virtual Handover on June 25th.

*Thanks go to Emma for the screenshots and Paul
for the Handover photos. For more go to the
Club Facebook Page and the Club Website*



Our new Sergeant at Arms looking well and raring to go – looking forward to the true stories, Pete!



And a Starfish.....



President Trish shares wise words.....



With Past President, our own Guru, Gurnam