

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell – District 1220 Club Bulletin



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Meetings: Thursday evenings via ZOOM!!

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Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early February. Any contributions will be most welcome, please email to me by January 26th. Any contributions are welcome, but I can exercise editorial discretion (as some have realised when certain photos don't get published.....)

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 Tier 3 and so still cannot share our personal space with others. Hope Santa was good to you and brought you a shiny new PC or tablet – if not there's always the January sales!



Officers & Committees 2020-2021

President	Trish Lister
President Elect	Steve Burns
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Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
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Assistant Secretary	Ann Ogley
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Admin/Club Service	Steve Burns
Membership/Social	Roger Green
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Tom Knight
International/Rotary Foundation	Chris Croker

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

Council Meetings

MONDAY 4 January at 6 pm. By Zoom

(note – NOT 11th Jan as stated in the last bulletin)

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

MONDAY 1st February 6.00pm

Club Meetings for January All 6.00pm on Zoom

7 January	Report from Peace Jam students & "Let's Have A Laugh"
14 January	Individual Committees: Business & Social Planning for 2021
21 January	Feedback from this year's charities: Maples Cancer Care, Newman School, Shiloh, Start-a-Heart 24-7
28 January	Full Club Business Meeting

Club Meetings for February

4 February	A MuRRRder Mystery
11 February	Individual Committees: Business & Social
18 February	The Battle of Britain A brief history from John Turner
23 February	Yes, a TUESDAY and World Rotary Day – President's Challenge to come
25 February	Full Club Business Meeting

Greetings from President Trish



Happy New Year!

The end of any year affords us the opportunity to take stock and look to the future. Despite our lives being turned upside down by Covid-19 there have been positives. A greater awareness of nature, the delight we feel when seeing sunrise through less polluted skies, the comradeship and heroism borne out of fighting a common enemy. We will have our own favourites and I'm sure you could easily add to the list. The current Rotary Year has had its own positives. The wonders of Zoom which has enabled us to meet so frequently; the laughter we've shared at Fellowship meetings; the inspiring Speakers from far and wide who have shared their experiences with us; the constructive projects we have been able to carry out and those we are fine tuning and waiting for the right moment to put them into action.

Make a plan and prepare for an opportunity

Most importantly this year has given us all the opportunity to *give* in what ever way was right for us and we should all feel justifiably proud of our achievements.

Our Publicity Committee, and particularly Peter, has worked hard to raise our profile. Monthly articles in Rotherham Life, regular features in the Rotherham Advertiser and ending the year with no less than 2 articles in the District Magazine.

The Christmas Jumper Party was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend and I extend grateful thanks to the many Rotarians who contributed to our enjoyment. We were all disappointed not to be able to fulfil our usual Christmas fund raising activities. The Christmas Planning Group will be reporting back in the coming weeks on what we were able to achieve. From a financial point of view the Virtual Santa didn't get as much response as we had hoped but it was a real joy to experience the children's reactions and feedback from parents.

In recent weeks I have been working on a joint project with Rtn Giles Bloomer of Rotherham Rotary on a bid to South Yorkshire Community Fund to support foodbanks in Rotherham. I 'm pleased to report that we have been successful and have received £5,000 to support their work. You may be surprised to learn that there are 14 foodbanks around the Borough but grants can only be given to those who had not previously benefitted. As a result the grant has been shared by just 5 giving them an incredible boost to see them through the winter months. The beneficiaries are Full Life Church in Maltby, Harthill/Thorp Salvin, Liberty Church Masborough, Rotherham Foodbank and Rotherham Salvation Army. Two of the above asked only for £500 of their share so the remaining £1,000 has been granted to the Social Supermarket run by Rotherham Minster. This is an innovative project and it would be good to hear more details from Phil Batchford Vicar of Rotherham at a Speaker meeting.

Later in the Bulletin you will see a breakdown of all donations given to Rotherham Foodbank during 2020.

The annual Awards Night at Wickersley School will be broadcast on Thursday 7th January 2021. I am very disappointed not to be there in person but have sent a video with my greetings and congratulations. I have a particular affinity to that school as I started my teaching career in the original stone building when it was still Wickersley Secondary Modern. I'll let you do the maths!

At our January Fellowship meeting will hear back from the students we sponsored to attend the International Peace Jam. Later we will be regaled by the reprobates in our midst with tales of their antics in days of yore, usually on International trips. Be prepared to be shocked!

On Thursday 21st, as a break from tradition, we are holding a Charity Night when all 4 of the charities we support will give a short feedback on their progress in recent months

Committees will have their own meetings as usual and your ideas for Fellowship meetings are always welcome as are any suggestions of Speakers.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and healthy New Year and I know that we will all be hoping for life to get back to something approaching normal as soon as possible.

Trish

We continue to save starfish

Rotherham on Film.

By Paul G Daniels

One of the main impacts of the lockdown has been the time I've spent watching BBC iPlayer and different films on a range of other platforms. One of these platforms is BFI player (<https://player.bfi.org.uk/>). This has films you can watch if you pay the subscription or films you pay a rental fee to watch. What really marks out BFI player's uniqueness is its collection of archive films which everyone can watch for free just by registering.

Once you are on the site and registered just go to the search facility. If you enter "Rotherham" you will find about a dozen archive films that you can watch on your device. Some of the films date from the early 1900s such as workers coming out of Parkgate Iron and Steel Company in 1901. It's

interesting to see that giving a "V" sign to a camera was already popular by this time! Although I am not really sure, I think I recognise two current Rotherham Sitwell Rotarians having a scrap and another one riding a bike.

There's a fascinating film from 1961 which shows what a wonderful job Rotherham Corporation does for its citizens. The voice-over sounds suspiciously like John Box and the film shows a number of fascinating views of the town and its surrounding areas in the early 1960s. Sequences include Broom Valley primary (presumably before young Rotarian Phil Crutchley's time there); Home Help; fire engines going through the streets of Rotherham; road mending along Herringthorpe Valley Road; Civil Defence volunteers; the former-former library and the "recently opened" Civic Theatre. Once or twice the language jars such as the reference to "activities for the mentally subnormal", but there is a treasure-load of images in this 39 minute film.

There's another film about steelworkers, this time from 1969, which shows young employees taking part in activities to gain their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Rotarian Joe Walker will be intrigued to see Crookestone Barn featured for some of this 23 minutes film. The outside is clearly recognisable – as is the weather.

The fascination in watching the films isn't just seeing familiar and forgotten places, long bus queues, numerous men wearing ties and "trackless" trolleys making their way to Maltby in the 1930s. Another key interest is to consider how these films would initially have been viewed: whereas we can start and stop them at any point we choose, viewers of that time would have had to make arrangements to go and see them along with others (no Lockdown then). We can also consider who paid for them to be produced - and why.



Let me know if any of the films you see, spark a memory or story and perhaps we can try a Zoom meeting soon sharing experiences NB the films can't be saved onto your device but are currently always accessible on-line. If you want to share them, send this link to whoever you want to watch it.

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/>



A Thank You from Kids Out received by email and forwarded by Phil Crutchley

Dear Rtn Phil,

On behalf of us all at KidsOut, I would like to say a huge thank you to you and your Rotary Club for the £300 donation, to go towards the Rotary Christmas Toy Box Initiative **'Every Refuge, Every Child'**. This is a wonderful contribution and I would ask you to pass on our sincere thanks to all involved for their generosity and support. The Toy Boxes will be distributed and delivered to the Refuge by the end of this week. The refuge staff have been asked to give the Toy Boxes to the mothers nearer to Christmas Day.

As you can imagine, Christmas is always tough for families in refuge, with this year set to be harder than usual. Most children arrive at refuge with **only the clothes on their back**, restricted to a single room with their mother and siblings. Mothers struggle to provide basic essentials, let alone toys for their children at Christmas. With 78% of families in refuge with no access to a TV, you can only imagine the difference these toys will make. As an aside, KidsOut has also provided 1300 families who have no access to a food bank or the school voucher scheme

with a £25 supermarket voucher for Christmas. We have also sent out 7500 goodie bags for disadvantaged children.

The Rotary Christmas Toy Boxes will provide children in refuge with brand-new toys to support mental health and make the world a little kinder. The toys are given to the mother so that she can provide the toys from Santa and not from charity. This is so important for the mother's self-esteem at such a distressing time.

“Refuge life can be difficult, especially for families, and the added pressure for parents to ensure their children have presents to open on Christmas morning causes a lot of stress and upset for our mums – especially if finances are tight. However, your toys mean we can provide our amazing families with the opportunity to have a lovely Christmas Day... please know your toys will be put towards making a child smile this Christmas.” – Refuge support worker

KidsOut is a Rotary charity, started by Rotary and run by Rotarians – our aim is to bring a bit of fun and happiness into the lives of disadvantaged children and we believe every child deserves to build happy memories.

Thank you once again – your support has made a real difference to some of the most disadvantaged children in your local area, bringing some joy when they need it most.

Best,



Gordon Moulds CBE DL – Chief Executive

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Birthdays in January

A very happy birthday to Sitwell Rotarians who celebrate in the first month of 2021

1st Kamal Zaman

11th Maggi Clark

20th Graham Hudson AND Peter Short



Brings a whole new meaning to tree hugging.....



For once, the Christmas Cactus decided it was more appropriate to flower in December than at Easter....

And talking about Santa – there's nothing Virtual about this one...or his elfin helper – well done Santa & Trish



DONATIONS TO ROTHERHAM FOODBANK

APRIL – DECEMBER 2020

First donation by 5 Rotarians plus £500 from Rotherham Round Table	£1000.00
Regular Donations - Rotherham Sitwell Rotarians, £3000 from Rotherham Rotary, Friends of Rotherham Sitwell	£17,769.80
Cash in hand	£1,096.66
Rotherham Sitwell & District 1220 Rotary4Food	£1,500.00
Morrisons Parkgate free food donations, confirmed by Jenny Exley their Foodbank Champion	£15,000.00
Grand Total	£36,366.46

**A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
CONTRIBUTED IN TIME AND/OR MONEY
YOU READ IT CORRECTLY
THAT'S OVER £36,000 TO DATE**



How many of us know that feeling????



This made me smile on my walk on Sunday 27th – a beautiful if cold day – does anyone know who decorated this tree?

**"The whole world is a
series of miracles, but
we're so used to them we
call them ordinary things."**

(Hans Christian Andersen)



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

*It's bound to start with difficulties but
here's looking to the blossoming of
summer bringing the blossoming of
ability to live re-invigored lives!*

