

***Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell – District
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Club Bulletin***



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**Meetings: Thursday evenings
See Club Meetings for more information
Contact Paul for your Zoom code if you miss your email**



Here we are in July again!

As the UK creeps inexorably towards a new beginning, the Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell embraces the new Rotary year with thanks to Trish for an amazing year as President, and warm wishes to Steve starting his own journey in the role. 2020/2021 threw up countless challenges and the Club responded under Trish's leadership to support the local community. 2021/2022 will hold more challenges, not least internally for the Club, and recent changes mean there are some vacant posts both on Council and amongst supporting officers.

Steve has heroically stepped up as President after only two years as a Rotarian, but brings with him a wealth of experience in leadership from other organisations in the social, professional and charitable sectors. We wish him all the very best for the year. An exciting and varied programme awaits (subject to adaptation as the pandemic responses require) and these will be revealed in tantalizing tender bites..... Read on

Club Meetings for July

Arrangements on the basis that the lockdown release occurs on 19 July!

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| 1 July | Handover – President Trish hands over to incoming President Steve |
| 8 July | Speaker meeting: Zoom International GB athlete Chris Foster-White |
| 15 July | Individual Committees: Time & Venue to be advised by committee chairs. |
| 22 July | Speaker meeting at the George Wright Hotel, The Crofts, S60 2DJ
Dennis Ashton, Astronomer, on ‘Other Worlds’ |
| 29 July | Full Business Meeting, Sitwell Park Golf Club. Watch for details. |

Council Meeting

MONDAY 5 July 6.00pm

As always, members are always welcome to join Council meetings to observe. Please contact Paul for your Zoom invitation.

Club Meetings for August

Arrangements on the basis that the lockdown release occurs on 19 July!

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| 5 August | Treasure Hunt: Meet at Sitwell Arms 6.30 -7.00. Meal there afterwards. |
| 12 August | Speaker meeting: John Breckin ‘ My Life in Football’. Venue to be announced. |
| 19 August | Individual Committees: Time & Venue to be advised by committee chairs. |
| 26 August | Full Business Meeting, Venue TBA |

There remains uncertainty as to when our customary home, the Carlton Park Hotel, will reopen. Venues will be announced as this becomes clearer!

Council Meeting

MONDAY 2 August details TBA

APOLOGIES


As we move into this exciting new era, please watch out carefully for your programme updates from Nigel and/or Paul. We are looking to rejoin the big wide world, and there will necessarily be different requirements for apologies or positive affirmation of attendance at meetings. I’d hate for you to fall foul of the management and end up being charged a sin bin!

(Nearly) President's Report

Do you know, I thought my first President's report would be at the end of July so it was a surprise when Ann told me she needed one for this bulletin at short notice. So, here we go....

I had been a member of Rotherham Sitwell Rotary for three months when Roger Green asked if I would consider standing for Vice President. (Look out Martin Davis.) To be honest, I'm surprised it took so long...



(Can't find emoji for laughing face)  (all part of the service - Ed) I was advised no previous experience was required but to attend Council, not say anything and just watch Trish, which I duly did. So if my year goes well I've learnt from a master, if not, it's Trish's fault.

But seriously, it goes without saying that the last 15 months have been unprecedented and we've all been touched by the pandemic both physically and mentally. I've personally lost five friends and colleagues and didn't see my grandchildren for five months. Some Clubs have hardly functioned yet Trish has kept us together and kept us going with regular Club meetings, Council meetings and Committee meetings mainly by Zoom. Not only that but we have served our community and people less well off than ourselves with the tremendous effort supporting the Food Bank appeal and our nominated charities as well as other charities with one off donations. I can't think of many others that could have achieved that and always with unbounded enthusiasm and a smile on her face (even when she injured her shoulder humping tins on and off the minibus). We enjoyed Desert Island Discs, Quizzes, Just a Minute and many other humorous social events. Well done Trish, you can now enjoy a well earned rest, relatively speaking. However, I suspect you'll be as busy as ever. I'm bound to have forgotten other stuff you did as this is hurried so well done for that too. On behalf of myself and everyone in Club, thank you enormously Trish.

With regard to the year ahead, I'm basically old fashioned in a lot of respects and I believe traditions should be built upon and improved, not changed, and certainly not changed for the sake of change. We await the reopening of the Carlton Park and we'll be negotiating with the new owners to see what they can offer. In the mean time we'll visit other venues such as both Golf Clubs, the George Wright Hotel and Phoenix Pavilion so if a change of venue is necessary we'll all be well informed to make a decision. We'll also continue to have occasional Zoom meetings so no-one feels excluded. All this has been discussed at the Admin Committee and Council. I believe Paul will be circulating a questionnaire soon to get members views on this. We've lined up some excellent speakers and the first social meeting will be a car treasure hunt on the 5th August and the Charter night will be a black tie dinner with speeches and an entertainer on 30th October.

With regard to my theme for the year; having spent forty years in a caring profession you won't be surprised to learn that my theme is caring. Caring for yourself, caring for others, caring for our community and caring for the world. I'll expand on this at Handover and in the next Bulletin. My 'motto' will be 'Who Cares Wins' with apologies to the SAS. I could have talked about balloons but Ann's already done that!

Lets all be kind to ourselves and kind to others and have a great Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary

Steve Burns

29 June 2021

Housekeeping:

Subs for 2021/2022 are now due: The AGM confirmed these would be held at £100 for the year – please send your payment to Jackie or pay directly into the Club account – email Jackie or Paul for details.

Donations to our own charity, Rotary Foundation, are also welcomed – please consider supporting this amazing organization. £15 a quarter is a suggested amount. Or you can contribute to End Polio Now and get matched funding from the Gates Foundation to support the fight to eradicate polio from the world. Nearly there now! Charitable donations need to be sent to the Club Benevolent Fund if Gift Aid is to be claimed. Again, Jackie and Paul have details if you have mislaid them.

Officers & Committees 2021-22

President	Steve Burns
President Elect	
Vice President	
Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
Imd. past President	Trish Lister
Assistant Secretary	Ann Ogley

Chairmen of Committees

Admin/Club Service	Nigel Elmhirst
Membership/Social	
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Roger Green
International/Rotary	Peter Short
Foundation	

Other Officers

Attendance Officer	
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Holloway
Archivist	Chris Williams
Environmental Officer	Phil Crutchley
Welfare Office	Trevor Johnson
Health & Safety Officer	
Safeguarding Officer	
Sergeant at Arms	Peter Short



Ain't Yorkshire grand!!!



Next Bulletin

June has been quiet with little going on, not least because of the delay in 'Freedom Day'. The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early August. Any contributions will be most welcome, please text, what's app or email to me by July 25th. The more variety we get, the better your bulletin is.



THE SEVEN IN SEVEN CHALLENGE

You may not be aware but Rotherham Wheelers are responding to a challenge set by Rob Burrow, the ex – Leeds Rhino and England Rugby League player. Rob Burrow has motor neurone disease as does Doddie Weir, the Scottish Rugby Union international and Stephen Darby, the footballer. The three of them have received a lot of publicity over the last few months as they have battled with the disease and sought to raise money to try and find a cure for it. As a result, Rob Burrow came up with the 7 in 7 challenge as it was his shirt number when he played for Leeds and England. The 7 in 7 challenge was brought to the Wheelers attention by our President-Elect, Steve Burns and his son, Stuart. Members may be aware that Stephen Burns Jnr succumbed to MND 5 years ago leaving behind a wife and two very young children. I persuaded Wheelers to take the challenge on as part of the club's centenary celebrations. Accordingly, 7 Wheelers will cycle 70km on 7 consecutive days finishing on the 7th day of the 7th month with a target of raising £777. Steve Burns is now a Rotherham Wheeler and both he and I are taking part in this challenge. The day of the 3rd ride on 3rd July marks the 5th anniversary of Stephen's passing and this year, he would have been 40 years old so it will be a poignant and emotional time for the Burns family. We have set up a Just Giving page and my purpose in writing to you is to ask for your sponsorship on behalf of the Wheelers, Steve Burns and the family of Steve Jnr. The link to the page is given below and the rides start on 1 July at 10am outside Wickersley library. Thank you for reading this and thank you in advance for any support that you feel you can give.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-knight21>

Regards,

Tom Knight