

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 June. Any contributions will be most welcome, please text, what's app or email to me by May 25th. The more you help with copy, the more interesting the content.

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	Tum-te-tum-te tum
Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
Imd. past President	Gurnam Basran
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Membership/Social	Roger Green
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Tom Knight
International/Rotary	Chris Croker
Foundation	

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Council Meetings-note change of day

TUESDAY 4 May 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.

MONDAY 7 June 6.00pm

Club Meetings for May All meetings 6pm on Zoom

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

Club Meetings for June

3 June	Fellowship & brief update from our Charities by their sponsors
10 June	Wine & Cheese Tasting
17 June	Club Assembly

26 June SATURDAY

President's Party and
Celebration of our
Charter & Rotary
Year 2020/21

Greetings from President Trish



April has been a month of both sadness and of celebration.

Shaun

Shaun was a much loved and highly respected member of our Club he will be a great loss. He joined Rotherham Sitwell Rotary almost 27 years ago, serving as President in 2007- 08. Shaun was always one of the first to volunteer, one of the first to give and unfailingly interested in and respectful of his fellow Rotarians.

We will all have our favourite memories and tales to tell and Shaun's amazing musical talent has enriched many a social gathering. He gave us so much and we will not forget.



It was a great pleasure to induct our new Rotarian Martin Davis on 1st April and I know we will all welcome him into our midst.

On the same evening we were treated to our own version of Desert Island Discs. It was a really moving experience to hear a wide range of music and the reasons for their choices. Thank you to Roger for organising the evening, Paul and Roger for coping with the technicalities and our Desert Islanders for sharing their music and their stories. A memorable evening.

Two weeks later we had another treat with a presentation from Oliver Green 'A mining engineer in London'. Not only was the content impressive but Oliver took PowerPoint presentations to another dimension. It was fascinating from beginning to end and the complexity of the project was mind blowing. It certainly gave me a better understanding of why major engineering projects are so costly.

Our Quiz Team did the Club proud, coming 7th in a field of 15 and only 11 points behind the winners. A big thank you to all the Club members involved.

Yet more good news

The last week of April was World Immunization Week raising awareness of the power of vaccinations. With today's level of worldwide travel, vaccines are one of the best tools we have against the spread of disease. Rotary is yet again at the forefront of the fight against disease, in particular in Zambia with the battle against Malaria. It was therefore very timely when the University of Oxford team announced that a vaccine against Malaria had proved 77% effective in early trials.



A Date for Your Diary

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your Partner to be my guests at my President's Party on Saturday 26th June. It will be a relaxed occasion with a celebratory toast to our Charter and Rotary Year 2020-21. I am full of confidence that this time it will actually happen so let's hope Boris agrees. Roger and Tina have kindly volunteered their garden so there'll be plenty of space for social distancing. I'll be sending you further details in the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the warmer weather, the new freedoms and take care.

Kindest regards
Yours in Rotary
Trish

Birthdays in May

A plethora of birthdays this month

MAY

2nd Martin Davis

7th Shaun Doherty

10th Ian Saunders

23rd Tom Knight AND Peter Waudby

25th Peter Keary

27th John Sparrow (although once again Facebook is saying differently??)



**Happy birthday
one and all**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

CHARTER NIGHT & PRESIDENT'S PARTY

SATURDAY 26th JUNE

**At the home & garden of Roger & Tina
Green – final details to come**

A not quite so victorious Quiz team report (probably something to do with me substituting for Paul G Daniels).

Your intrepid team came seventh out of 15 in the District Quiz final – if we'd managed not to talk each other out of some answers, we could have beaten the winning score, but the teams above us could probably say the same!

However, the event was marred for me by several events (and I paraphrase, but you'll get the gist):

We were asked to sign on at 6.00pm for a 6.30 pm role call and 6.45pm start. At around 6.15, one of the hosts announced 'Gentlemen, you don't need to wait here, you can go and get a drink, be back for 6.30'

The sign that stated Team Captains should compile the answers on HIS answer sheet.

Puerile giggling and jesting that wouldn't have happened if the Rotarian mentioned had been present.

The sight of people eating platefuls of pasta (or whatever) close to their screen. No, I didn't get home from work in time to have tea before the event either, so waited until the event had finished. If I had really needed to eat, I would at least have waited to the breakout rooms with my own club to eat or moved out of camera range/turned my video off.

As the evening went on, the loud discussions between contestants drowning out the answers, and a general absence of courtesy to others in the context of a Zoom event.

Attention Rotarians – Rearranged meeting
Cheese and wine evening at Rotary
meeting on Thursday 10th June

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



Wine & cheese selection for illustration only

Volunteers needed
At COVID vaccination centres

PLEASE HELP - CONTACT
[COVID vaccine – Healthy Rotherham](https://yourhealthrotherham.co.uk)
yourhealthrotherham.co.uk



The Bluebells are out in Canklow Woods - 25 April 17.00h

SHAUN DOHERTY

There have been so many tributes to Shaun over recent days.

As most of us were unable to attend his funeral due to COVID restrictions, a recording was made which can be accessed at: <https://www.orbitus.com> Username mipi1790 Password 900836.

Donations in his memory can still be made to Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/ShawnDoherty6>

The tribute below is from fellow Rotarian Mike Sumption from our Mother Club, and the photograph is shared with the consent of Shaun's wife Lyn.

Like you all were, I was deeply shocked hearing the news of Shaun's passing. Yes, he was a devoted Sitwell member to the core, but likewise a true Rotarian in every respect.

I would like to share this photograph with you as it is one which I cherish. Shaun was instrumental in putting together the Fernie Greaves "away day" at Duxford in 1986, and he was rewarded by flying the rare two-seater spitfire with the indomitable Carolyn Grace as his passenger.

Shaun has helped so many people in so many ways, and I am privileged to have had more than my fair share.

Michael Sumption



Desert Island Downloads

Just imagine it's April 2019 and we are sitting eating our meal at the Carlton Park Hotel. It's a fellowship night and there's no homework from the President to think about between the chicken soup and the roast chicken dinner. Someone suggests that we should sit in our homes looking at a screenful of thumbnail pictures of other Rotarians and play music we like – just like they did for that nice Roy Plomley on the Home Service.

Do the others on the table:

A: Wait a couple of seconds in embarrassed silence and then talk about whether or not you should have gravy on chips?

B: Wait a couple of seconds in silence and then burst out laughing before telling the next funny story?

C: Spend the next hour working out how to make this great idea happen?

Well, it's April 2021 and we have just thoroughly enjoyed eight pieces of music preceded by some fascinating stories. Not only that, but we also did this in November 2020.

Music is so associated with the soundtracks of our lives and often a piece of music can be highly favoured but not necessarily our favourite (especially when they become a persistent earworm that we can't get out of our head).

Below are the pieces of music that were chosen for the two events. Like me, when you hear the music next time, will you think of the time stories were shared?

Thanks for the memories.

(And thank you Roger for visiting the big record shop in that South American river to make it happen).

If you didn't know, the BBC have archives of some fascinating interviews on Desert Island Discs. The link is:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5qhJd1byxhTBYbSCFmw580y/desert-island-discs-podcasts>

Paul G Daniels



Playlist 1 – November 2020

Summer of '69

Bryan Adams:

The Voyage

Christy Moore:

With My Little Stick of Blackpool Rock

George Formby:

Tom Traubert's Blues (Waltzing Matilda)

Rod Stewart:

Flight of the Bumblebee

Rimsky-Korsakov:

Wonderful Tonight

Eric Clapton:

On Ilkla' Moor B'aht 'at

Grimethorpe Colliery Band:



Jackie Saunders

Maggi Clark

Peter Short

Trish Lister

Peter Waudby

Steve Burns

Nigel Elmhirst

Playlist 2 – April 2021

Enjoy Yourself

Prince Buster / Jools Holland

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Paul Robeson

Baby Don't You Cry No More

Cleo Laine & John Williams

Blow The Wind Southerly

Kathleen Ferrier.

Desperado

The Eagles.

The Lark Ascending

Vaughan Williams

Concerto in A minor for Piano

Edvard Grieg

Fields of Gold

Eva Cassidy

(For Shaun Doherty)

Paul G Daniels

Gurnam Basran

John Sparrow

Ann Ogley

Martin Davis

Peter Keary

Tony Eden

Roger Green



One Year On

£47,000 worth of food and necessities supplied to Rotherham Foodbanks and local charitable organisations.

With the help of Morrisons, the Club has helped countless Rotherham people to put food on their table over the past difficult year and has been instrumental in securing funds from Rotary grants and other providers for local charities.

A fabulous effort by all concerned

*Check out the coverage in the
Rotherham Advertiser on 29 April 2021
- Page 2, no less!*

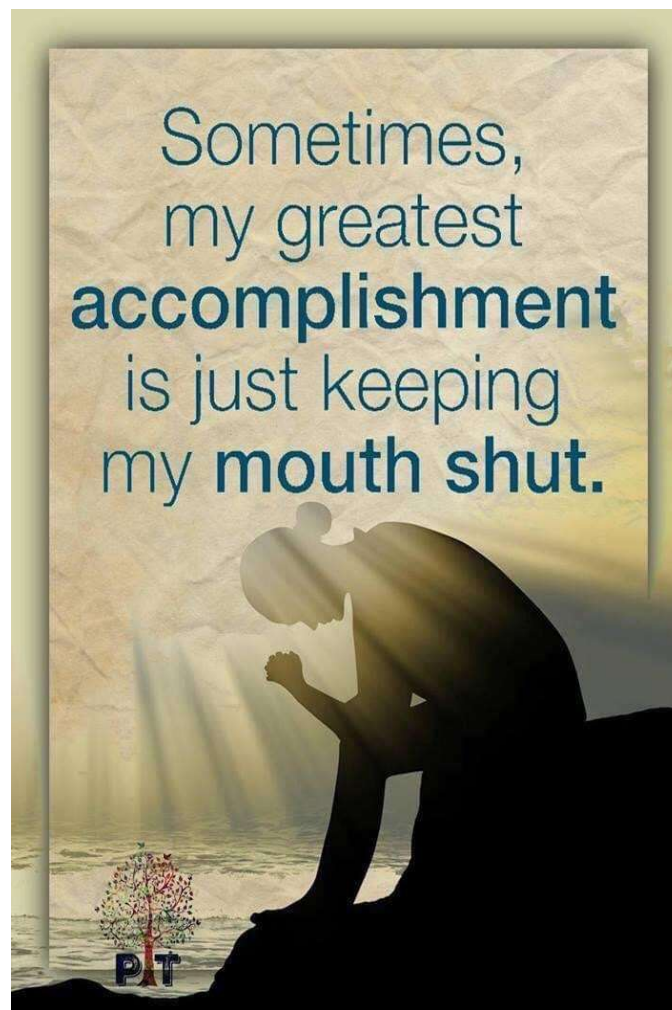




**May I introduce our
President Elect,
Dr Stephen Burns,
MBE, to those readers
who have not yet met
him?**



(Steve- you will know who to blame!!)



How is apple blossom
so pretty??

PAUL HARRIS and the creation of ROTARY

Paul Harris was born sixty miles north of Chicago in April 1868 (died 1947) to parents who had a rather dysfunctional marriage and his father, George, achieved in business what the Titanic achieved for winter cruising. Paul's grandparents lived in Vermont and it was there, at the age of three, Paul was taken to live, together with his older brother Cecil. Most of Paul's formative years were spent with his grandparents who played a big part in those formative years of his life. His grandfather, Howard, was a successful businessman who "ploughed" endless amounts of money into George's ventures, sadly to no avail.

Paul's school days were marred by his constant mischievous behaviour, he was an expert at practical jokes. His college and university days followed much of the same pattern, being removed from the University of Vermont for being part of a small "underground society". However, he graduated from Law School with an LLB awarded by the University of Iowa in 1891. Years later he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Law, an LLD, from the University of Vermont, the very university that had "removed" him earlier.

He wandered around the world for five years before settling in Chicago where he opened his first law practice. He had few friends and was quite a lonely figure but he gathered three other close associates and started Rotary on the 23rd February 1905. His idea was very much business and community motivated, but he was also looking for friendship and fellowship. His idea of allowing only one person as a representative of their business or profession to be a member was unique, along with his goal of providing humanitarian service, Rotary soon grew to be the international organisation it is today. Paul felt that just *one person* prevented competition existing within Rotary Clubs.

The first Club was the Rotary Club of Chicago which he started with three friends. The Club grew rapidly and before long it had 200 members. Paul was not the first President, preferring to have a low-key role behind the scenes to better aid the development of the Club. Initially Paul suggested the name should be "The Rotation Club", but that changed on the 23rd March 1905 to the Rotary Club, and that is how it exists today. Paul became President of the Chicago Club in 1907.

The idea of dining at Club meetings was also instigated by Paul. Members would congregate in the bar at a large hotel in Chicago prior to the business meeting followed by a meal. On many occasions, meetings became difficult to conduct given the amount of drink many members had consumed. Therefore, he decided that the Club should dine first to alleviate the problem.

Paul's initial vision to spread the organisation throughout the States met with resistance, with concerns that it would be a drain on Club finances. But he persisted and in 1910 the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed with 16 Rotary Clubs from major US cities. Paul became its first President finally retiring from the position in 1942!

In 1912 Paul retired [temporarily] from Rotary citing pressure of work in his law practice and a deteriorating health condition. In reality, there was "dissension in camp" with Paul not agreeing with or accepting the changes that were being proposed and brought into play. He returned in the early 1920's becoming an Ambassador for the organisation, and with his wife Jean travelled the world spreading the word about Rotary and what it stood for. Also in 1912 the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. It wasn't until 1922 that the name was yet again upgraded to its present title of Rotary International. In 1925 there were

2,000 Rotary Clubs with 108,000 members spread out over 6 Continents. Today there 35,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide with 1.2 to 1.3 million members.

This resume of 'Paul Harris and the Birth of Rotary' written by Fred A Carvin is my attempt to give an overview of the story. It's drawn from what I already knew, reading the book plus some further research. It fails to look at a variety of activities in the Rotary story such as Foundation, all the different programmes available covering so many areas, the four way test, EPN and so on.

JOHN BOX

An article written by John Box (of Rotherham Club) and condensed for this publication by Trish Lister. Thank you to both.

