

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell District 1220

Club Bulletin

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January 2024

Meetings: Thursday evenings
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Officers & Committee Chairs 2023-24

President	Peter Short
President Elect	Martin Davis
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
Immediate past President	Steve Burns

Chairmen of Committees

Admin/Club Service	Nigel Elmhirst
Membership/Social	Steve Burns
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Trish Lister
International/Rotary Foundation	Chris Croker

Other Officers

Assistant Secretary	Steve Burns
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Safeguarding Officer	Vacant
Sergeant at Arms	Roger Green
Welfare Officer	Trevor Johnson

Council Members

Peter Short, Martin Davis, Paul Daniels, Jackie Saunders,
Steve Burns, Nigel Elmhirst, Trish Lister, Chris Croker,
Peter Waudby

Trustees of Benevolent Fund

Alan Holloway, Trevor Johnson, Peter Keary



Club Meetings for January
All 6.30 for 7.00pm at SPGC,
cost £20, unless otherwise
stated.

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unless otherwise stated.**

**Sin bins will be applied for
absence with no apology.**

4 January Fellowship Meeting

FRATS: Chris Croker
GRACE: Nigel Elmhirst

11 January No meeting

Meeting cancelled as many
members will be attending
Vinod's funeral in Bradford on
that day.

18 January Committee meetings

25 January Burns Night meal, Business
meeting, and visit of District
Governor Richard Vergette

FRATS: Roger Green
GRACE: Phil Crutchley

Frats & Grace – **your** responsibility to find
alternates if you cannot attend. *Please advise
Nigel of any changes you have agreed.*

Council Meeting
Thursday 4th January at
5.30pm
Venue: SPGC
Observers welcome

Club Meetings for February
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1 February Feedback from charities

FRATS: Nigel Elmhirst
GRACE: Gurnam Basran

8 February Speaker Meeting
Catriona Bremer (Croker) on
Wakefield Prison

FRATS: Tony Eden
GRACE: Peter Keary

15 February Committee meetings

22 February Business meeting

FRATS: Judith Grant
GRACE: Trevor Johnson

29 February Meeting with partners
7.00 for 7.30 pm

FRATS: Tom Knight
GRACE: John Turner

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Council Meeting
Thursday 1st February at
5.30pm
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Vinod Burton

19th July 1942 – 8th December 2023

Vinod was President in 1999/2000, having been one of the 26 founder members when our club was chartered in 1988.

He had not been able to attend Rotary meetings for some time in recent years due to health issues and in May 2022 he and his wife Vanu moved to Wilsden, near Bradford, to be nearer to their son Ashok and his family. Vinod became an Honorary Member of our club in July 2022.

There will be a good turnout of Sitwell members at his funeral, to pay tribute to a well-respected and genial Rotarian.

Christmas time in Mexborough

Below is a clipping from the *Dearne Valley Weekender* of 18th December about the switch on of Mexborough's Christmas Lights, with thanks to our club for ensuring that Santa arrived in a festive sleigh.

Weekender
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BRIGHT LIGHTS!

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A BUMPER crowd of more than 2,000 watched as Mexborough's Christmas lights were switched on. There was a variety of entertainment for onlookers, including music and guest appearance from the likes of Elsa, Olaf and the Grinch. And Santa put a smile on the faces of more than 250 children who visited the grotto and received free gifts. Entertainment included singers Joshua Luke, Donna Bennett and Frank Knapton, while there were also church and school choirs, the Flamigettes burlesque dancers, Highwoods Links 4 Families dancers, SV Dance Studio, violinist Sarah Anne Bush and festive music courtesy of Doncaster Radio.

Many people commented to organisers that the crowd was the biggest they had known in years. Donna Bennett, secretary of events group MECI, said: "The event was a huge success thanks to hard work by Mexborough Events Committee inclusive over the past few months who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the night so special for everyone. "The performances were excellent and everyone had a fantastic time."

Cllr Sean Gibbons, Mexborough First, added: "It was a huge pleasure to again support the Christmas event as we celebrate the start of the festive season in Mexborough. "Special thanks to our resident Santa who put a smile on so many children's faces. "Also, to Steve and Martin of Rotherham Sitwell Rotary for ensuring that Santa arrived in a festive sleigh this year."

The date is in the diary already for next year's event on Thursday, November 28, which Cllr Gibbons said would be even bigger and better.

Meeting Santa and his elf are Bentley and Isla Allison

Amelia Fuller and Nellie Rumble enjoy the festive fun

Happy Birthday

January 1st
January 20th

Kamal Zaman
Peter Short

Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early February. Any contributions will be most welcome, please email to me by 26th January.