

# Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell District 1220

## Club Bulletin

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May 2024

Meetings: Thursday evenings  
See Club Meetings for more information

### 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
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Holloway
Archivist	Chris Williams
Attendance Officer	Phil Crutchley
Bulletin Editor	Chris Williams
Environmental Officer	Phil Crutchley
Health & Safety Officer	John Sparrow
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 May**  
All 6.30 for 7.00pm at SPGC,  
cost £20, unless otherwise  
stated.

**Apologies to Phil Crutchley,  
unless otherwise stated.**

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

2 May Annual General Meeting

FRATS: Nigel Elmhirst  
GRACE: Trevor Johnson

9 May Fellowship meeting - with a  
quiz devised by Paul Daniels

FRATS: John Woffenden  
GRACE: John Turner

16 May Committee meetings

23 May Gourmet meal at the  
Wharnccliffe Restaurant  
Seating 5.30 – 6.30 pm  
Partners and guests  
encouraged!

FRATS: John Sparrow  
GRACE: Peter Waudby

30 May Business meeting

FRATS: Peter Keary  
GRACE: Roger Green

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

**Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 5.30pm**  
**Venue: SPGC**  
**Observers welcome**

**Club Meetings for June**  
All 6.30 for 7.00pm at SPGC,  
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6 June Framework for Giving  
Presentations

FRATS: Peter Waudby  
GRACE: Judith Grant

13 June Club Assembly

FRATS: Tony Eden  
GRACE: Alan Holloway

20 June Committee meetings

27 June Handover  
Drinks on the Sergeant at Arms  
fund

FRATS: Kamal Zaman  
GRACE: John Sparrow

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**Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm**  
**Venue: SPGC**  
**Observers welcome**

# Annual General Meeting

Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, this enabled members to review the 2023-24 Rotary year. Each of the six committees had achieved almost all of the plans that were devised at the start of the year.

The Eco-Green House at Coleridge Primary School had been a real labour of love for the Community Committee but is already being used to grow a range of food including carrots, onions and herbs. The children at the school are really excited by the project – one of them asked if it was a Flower House!

Our Kids Out activity will this year be to take a class of children to the new Grimm and Co headquarters – the ‘Apothecary to the Magical’. We are all very much looking forward to hearing how the children respond to this exciting development in the middle of Rotherham.

We are also supporting Flanderwell School with several awards to enthuse and celebrate the children’s achievements not just with their environmental work but also attendance and kindness to each other.

Through our Rotary Foundation & International Committee, we have supported a range of charities and good causes including a vocational course for girls in India to prepare them to run their own businesses as tailors. This innovative project is one of our District’s initiatives.

*Médecins sans frontières* (Doctors without Borders) work in some dangerous parts of the World including Gaza: some of our funds will be used to support this wonderful charity. Another international charity we are supporting is *Smile Train* which repairs damage to cleft palates to enable children to smile and remove a barrier to inclusion.

As in previous years, we continue to support *Aquabox* which provides safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to people affected by natural disasters, extreme weather, and conflicts.

Through the Membership & Social Committee, we gave Tony Eden a warm welcome back as a Rotarian. We have been involved with several initiatives to promote the Rotary motto of “service above self”. There have been a number of very enjoyable social events, and the plan is for a few more in the summer months.

Our Publicity & Promotion Committee continue to keep members, charities, supporters and the wider community informed of the Club’s activities using the website, local press, *Rotherham Life* magazine and the monthly bulletin. This year, a real success has been the re-introduction of Facebook which allows for photographs, text and videos. This is proving to be more dynamic than the website which remains an important platform, but which is more “static.”

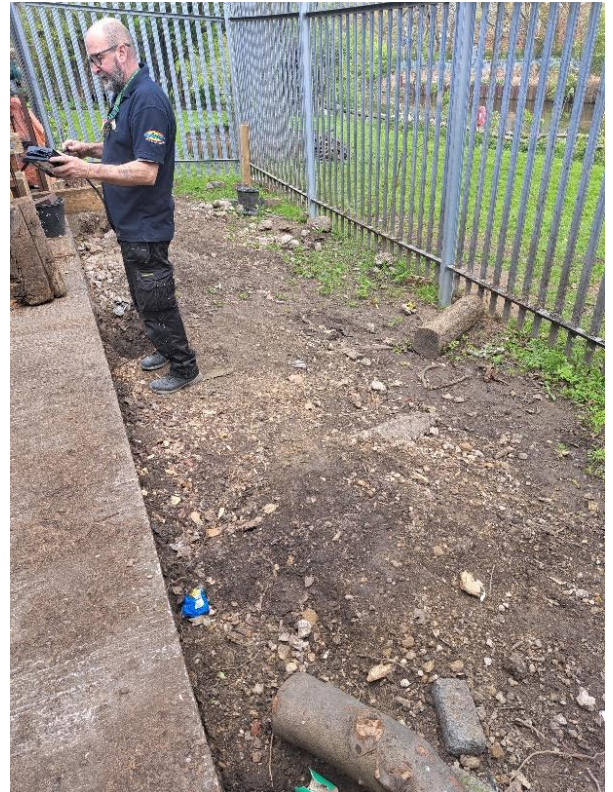
Our work over the Christmas period was particularly busy and boosted our funds which have then gone onto support a wide range of local, regional, and international charities. The generosity of people in Rotherham is always a wonderful surprise and very much appreciated.

# Men in Sheds

## Progress Report No. 2

The project to extend the working area for the “Men in Sheds” activity is on programme. The extended area has been cleared. The perimeter fence has been extended and is complete. The sub-structure frames have been made and are ready for installation this weekend. When the substructure is installed, all that remains to complete the project will be to construct the new decking on top of the sub-structure.

The project should be complete as planned by 24 May. The CEO of SLAC is planning an “opening” ceremony but will not confirm a date with anyone until it has been cleared with our Club. President Peter will be asked to “open” the facility and it is hoped that the local MP and Councillors will be in attendance along with any members of our club who wish to attend.



## Happy Birthday

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Martin Davis
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	ian Saunders
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Judith Grant
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Knight AND Peter Waudby
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Keary
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	John Sparrow

## Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early June. Any contributions will be most welcome, please email to me by 27<sup>th</sup> May.