

Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell - District 1220



Club Bulletin

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Meetings: Thursday evenings via ZOOM!!

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2020 -2021

Officers

President	Trish Lister
President Elect	Steve Burns
Vice President	A very DISAPPOINTED Stig
Secretary	Paul Daniels
Treasurer	Jackie Saunders
Imd. past President	Gurnam Basran
Assistant Secretary	Ann Ogley

Chairmen of Committees

Admin/Club Service	Steve Burns
Membership/Social	Roger Green
Publicity/PR	Peter Waudby
Community	Tom Knight
International/Rotary Foundation	Chris Croker

Other Officers

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

Club Meetings for December All 6.00pm on Zoom unless current guidance changes

3 December Committees meet:
Business and Social
Review of the Year to Date
& Planning for 2021

10 December Fellowship
Christmas Jumpers &
Much much more.....
Partners and friends welcome,
nay, encouraged!

4th – 13th December
Virtual Santa

Council Meetings

MONDAY 7th December at 8 pm. By Zoom

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

Even though Council meet via Zoom at the moment, attendance as observer is still available to members, should any of you so wish – contact Paul for the link.

MONDAY 11th January 6.00pm

Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early January. Any contributions will be most welcome, please email to me by December 29th. As you will realise this month, the bulletin goes on a diet if you don't help with the copy!
Many thanks – Ann

Club Meetings for January 2021

7 January	Report from Peace Jam students & "Let's Have A Laugh"
14 January	Individual Committees: Business & Social
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

Apologies

Are not currently needed whilst we remain on Zoom – if you need assistance to sign on, please contact Paul Daniels who can talk you through it. Please come and join us – attendance has been impressive but there's always room for more.

Sadly, we have returned to Tier 3 and so still cannot share our personal space with others. Maybe if you ask Santa nicely (don't worry, social distancing means you won't be invited to sit on his knee) he will bring you a nice shiny tablet or PC for you to join in the fun!



Greetings from President Trish

Well here we are, almost at the end of a year that will surely live on in our memories for ever.

Despite the limitations it is quite remarkable what we have been able to achieve.

Your generosity as we approach the Christmas period seems to know no bounds and throughout the year your giving has enabled deliveries to Rotherham Foodbank to continue week on week. There will be food on the table and one or two special treats too. Rotherham children in need will have smiles on their faces on Christmas Day when they open the gifts that you have funded.

Make a plan and prepare for an opportunity

Every Committee is continuing to make their mark and are really taking on board the idea of making plans and watching out for an opportunity to put them in to action. I have asked Committee Chairs to review what has been achieved so far this Rotary Year and to plan for 2021. In some cases this may mean ditching previous plans and looking for new avenues to explore.

November began with a Musical Evening with an eclectic programme and fascinating stories behind members' choices, thank you to everyone who contributed. Special thanks to Roger for the hours he took compiling the evening. It was such a success that we may well run the idea again if Zoom meetings continue.

Sadly the Rotherham Hospital Audiology department were unable to provide us with a Speaker. Our thanks to Steve Burns who stepped very ably into the breach. Not only did he give an interesting talk about hearing difficulties but also about the Hearing Ambassador project. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to read the paper that Steve has subsequently put out. This will be presented to Council with a view to adopting the scheme.

The month ended with the Special General Meeting. Many thanks to Jackie for keeping the Club's finances in order and presenting the Annual Accounts. Thanks also Peter, Trevor and Alan in their role of Trustees and to Ann and Tom for acting as Examiners. It is clear that many hours of work have been put in on our behalf.

The meeting afforded us the opportunity to confirm Steve Burns as President for 2021-22, our congratulations and good wishes go with him. I also extend thanks to Jackie for agreeing to continue as Club Treasurer and to Paul for continuing in the role of Club Secretary following Ann's generous offer to be Assistant Secretary. We are very fortunate to have such able members to fill these roles.

As yet there have been no nominations for President Elect or Vice President but as always

these roles will be filled in the fullness of time. It is a privilege to help shape the Club's future so please give this some thought.

I have written about the plans for the Festive Season later in this Bulletin.

Behind the scenes talks have continued on developing Friends of Rotherham Sitwell. This is likely to be launched in the summer to ensure maximum impact when Covid restrictions are hopefully a thing of the past.

We have funded 3 students to take part in the Peace Jam event through the Rotherham United Community Sports Trust. We will be hearing feedback on their experiences in January.

Paul has submitted a very comprehensive interim Report to District about the match funding for the Sensory Room at Newman School. Thanks Paul for keeping us all informed, you're doing a grand job.

Instead of sending Christmas cards I will be making a contribution to Framework for Giving. My Christmas Greetings to you and your families and I hope that with the slightly relaxed restrictions you can enjoy the company and the love of your families.

Trish

We Are Saving Starfish



Recognition for our Club and Wortley Club by Voluntary Action Rotherham in the November edition of their widely circulated CEO's report

Rotherham Food for People in Crisis Partnership PPE Support

Rotherham Sitwell Rotary and Wortley Rotary have gone above and beyond to support the voluntary and community sector during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rotherham Sitwell Rotary supported the partnership to source much needed PPE whilst fellow Rotarian at Wortley, Lewis Atkinson, made the order of 170 facemasks to Shelagh's Sewing Circle, Dronfield. You can read the full press release at

<https://www.varotherham.org.uk/news/rotarians-and-donators-of-ppe-support-the-rotherham-food-for-people-in-crisis-partnership/>

Guess who's waiting to see you??

<http://santa.sitwellrotary.org.uk> to book your virtual Santa meeting!



Have you ever seen such an inviting grotto? No, me neither!



Back down to earth with a couple of Soviet spies??

SMILE

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.

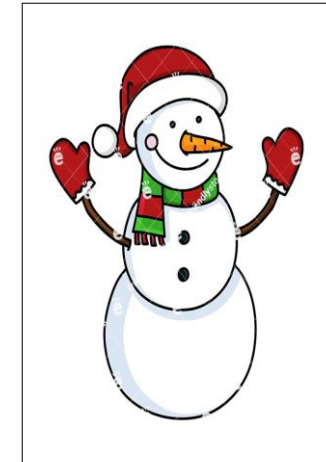
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile
then realised it's worth.

A single smile just like mine
could travel around the Earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!





Don't forget
your
Christmas
Carol sheet
for the
Christmas
Jumper Party

Have you got
your jumper
yet? Mine's a
cracker this
year (see
what I did
there?)

If life throws you lemons – why not
grow some to throw back – even in
Rotherham in lockdown!

Hey Pooh?
Yes Piglet?
This thing seems to be going
on forever.
You mean the pandemic thing?
Yeah, will it ever end?
Oh I hope so Piglet.
I do too, I miss so much.
What do you miss?
Hugs Pooh, I miss hugs.
Yeah, its the one thing
the humans were
good at
I know Piglet,
I know





Birthdays in December

A very happy birthday to Sitwell Rotarians who celebrate in this last month of the year

- 1st Catherine Bridge (sorry it's late!)
- 22nd Tony Eden
- 23rd Chris Williams



Archive footage from around 2012 when Steve Burns returned the Club's bell to then President Stuart Lister after it had been held to ransom by Huis Round Table from the Netherlands. It was customary for visiting Tables to 'borrow' regalia from Round Tables they visit, to ensure the visit will be reciprocated to collect the absent item(s). At the time, both our Club and Rotherham Round Table met at the Brecon Hotel, and the Dutch purloined our bell by mistake. After a considerable length of time, Round Table members liberated our brassware and it was safely returned. Sadly, I don't think we will be so fortunate this time.

Can anyone identify the gent in the background? We have ideas but are not certain.....

**"THE SECRET OF
CHANGE IS TO FOCUS
ALL OF YOUR ENERGY,
NOT ON FIGHTING THE
OLD, BUT ON BUILDING
THE NEW."**

— SOCRATES

AND REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AT ROTHERHAM ROUND TABLE FACING THE ELEMENTS AGAIN THIS YEAR

A festive graphic featuring Santa Claus on the left and a reindeer on the right. The reindeer is holding a dartboard with a red ribbon tied around it. The background is a light grey with faint outlines of Christmas trees and snowflakes.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!

We're bringing him back to Rotherham!
And this is where you can see Santa:

- Tuesday 15th - Waverley
- Wednesday 16th - Woodlathes
- Thursday 17th - Brinsworth
- Friday 18th - Canklow and Brinsworth
- Monday 21st - Stag and Brecks
- Tuesday 22nd - Wickersley and Bramley
- Wednesday 23rd - Whiston and Grange
- Christmas Eve - Moorgate

We're also offering Virtual Santa Visits with our friends at Rotherham Sitwell Rotary. Visit santa.sitwellrotary.org.uk

PLEASE FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING - AND DON'T APPROACH THE SLEIGH

Thank you so much to everyone who has welcomed the news we are bringing Santa back to Rotherham this Christmas. The support means a lot and helps get us all out onto the streets on those cold December nights. 🍷

The reason we run the sleigh rides - apart from putting smiles on faces - is to raise much-needed funds for good causes here in Rotherham. 📺

And this year one of the ways you can help us to help them is to donate through our GoFundMe page. You can find it at <https://tinyurl.com/RotherhamTableSleigh> and every £1 makes a difference. 🙌

This is Santa's calendar for his sleigh rides around Rotherham this December. 🍷

Remember we're not collecting in person - instead, we'll be releasing details nearer the time of how you can donate by text and online. 📺

We're asking everyone to observe social distancing guidance and please not approach the sleigh. 🚫

Due to restrictions caused by Covid-19 and the need to avoid large gatherings, we are not able to post our exact times and routes.

We are keen to keep up tradition while guaranteeing the safety of everyone involved. 😊

We know this year won't be quite like everyone is used to but we hope everything will be back to normal for 2021. 🙌

And if we're not coming to your area, why not book a Zoom call with Santa at santa.sitwellrotary.org.uk? 📺

ATTENTION TO ALL PARENTS WHO NEED TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA 🗣️

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?."

Dad: "Ok, I agree that you're old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes there is a Santa Claus"

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit.

That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas 🌲👶 and...be kind ❤️❤️

Thanks to Dot Crutchley for posting this on Facebook!



Merry

Christmas

Everybody

