

# **Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell - District 1220 Club Bulletin**



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Meetings: Thursday evenings  
See Club Meetings for more information

## **Officers & Committees 2021-22**

<b>President</b>	<b>Steve Burns</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>Stig remains in the lead....</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>how about it??</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Paul Daniels</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jackie Saunders</b>
<b>Imd. past President</b>	<b>Trish Lister</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>Ann Ogley</b>

## **Chairmen of Committees**

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

## **Other Officers**

<b>Attendance Officer</b>	<b>Phil Crutchley (thanks Phil!)</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	<b>Alan Holloway</b>
<b>Archivist</b>	<b>Chris Williams</b>
<b>Environmental Officer</b>	<b>Phil Crutchley</b>
<b>Welfare Office</b>	<b>Trevor Johnson</b>
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	<b>this could be you...</b>
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	<b>or this could??</b>
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>Peter Short</b>

## **President's Report August 2021**

July was originally Quintilis, the fifth month of the year in the Roman calendar and consisted of 31 days. It was changed around 450 BCE when January became the first month of the year. Its name was changed during the Julian calendar reform in 45 BCE to honour



Julius Caesar.

In modern times, July also has 31 days. It is the warmest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and coldest month in the Southern hemisphere. July's birth flowers are the Larkspur and Water Lily.



The birthstone for July is the ruby which symbolizes contentment.



This is very apt because July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 was a very significant, very special day for me. Its the day I first met my new partner, a lovely lady, a retired GP like myself. I can't wait for you all to meet her.....oh, yes, and I became President of Rotherham Sitwell Rotary.

July 1<sup>st</sup> was also Handover, my first meeting as President, and unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, had to be by Zoom. I think it went OK and I was duly installed. My theme for the year was 'who cares wins' and 'lets be kind to each other'.

In the first week of July I joined Tom Knight and members of the Rotherham Wheelers to ride 70km a day for 7 days to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Tom and the team raised over £1600 and together with other events organised by my son, Stuart, we raised over £7000.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> Giles Bloomer and Trish had organised an afternoon tea for the six foodbanks who had benefited from a grant from the South Yorkshire Foundation (SYF) at the George Wright Hotel. This was attended by representatives from the SYF with myself and Martin Davis representing our Club. The foodbanks all gave a quick summary of what they did and how the grant was spent. The networking afterwards was lovely to see. The Hotel put on a marvellous cream tea and Giles and Trish need to be congratulated for a wonderful afternoon.

The Club meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> was an illustrated talk by GB International Frisbee player Chris Foster-White. This was the first time he'd done anything like this and he was a bit nervous but by the end we had an interesting and enjoyable insight into his sport.

Unfortunately, I missed the talk on July 22<sup>nd</sup> by Astronomer Dennis Ashton and thanks to Trish for stepping up and chairing the meeting. I've heard Dennis several times before and I know he's an excellent speaker and I'm sure you were all well entertained.

July 29<sup>th</sup> and I'm preparing now for tonight's full business meeting and looking forward to welcoming back ex-Rotarian Terry Moore who is over from Florida with his wife for a visit.

Keep safe and be kind to each other.



Steve Burns

Post script. Great meeting last night at Sitwell Golf Club. Food was fantastic and Terry gave a short talk about his book and his next book which is reminiscences of a young doctor. I was very surprised and delighted when Trish presented me with the Paul Harris Fellow award. I was truly speechless and probably didn't express how humbled and grateful I am to the Club for proposing me for this. I am indeed very grateful to everyone in the Club and I will treasure this and what it means for the rest of my Rotary career.

**Club Meetings for August**  
**All 6.30 for 7.00pm unless**  
**otherwise stated. SPGC**  
**meetings: Apologies to Nigel.**  
**Sin bins will apply for absence**  
**with no apology.**

**5 August**      **Treasure Hunt: Meet at**  
**Sitwell Arms 6.30 -7.00. Meal**  
**there, for those who want,**  
**after hunt. PARTNERS &**  
**FRIENDS WELCOME**

**12 August**      **Speaker meeting: John**  
**Breckin 'My Life in Football'.**  
**Sitwell Park Golf Club**  
**FRATS: Chris Croker,**  
**Graham Hudson**  
**GRACE: Trish Lister**

**19 August**      **Individual Committees: Time**  
**& Venue to be advised by**  
**committee chairs.**

**26 August**      **Full Business Meeting,**  
**Sitwell Park Golf Club**  
**FRATS: Phil Crutchley,**  
**Kamal Zaman**  
**GRACE: Peter Keary**

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

## **Council Meeting**

**MONDAY 2 August**  
**At the home of Steve Burns: 6.00pm**

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**All 6.30 for 7.00pm unless**  
**otherwise stated. SPGC**  
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**2 September**      **Speaker meeting: Nic Palmer,**  
**Burlesque Demonstration**  
**Sitwell Park Golf Club**  
**FRATS: Ann Ogley,**  
**Martin Davis**  
**GRACE: Judith Grant**

**9 September**      **Fellowship meeting:**  
**Sitwell Park Golf Club**  
**FRATS: John Woffenden,**  
**John Sparrow**  
**GRACE: Mike Frost**

**16 September**      **Individual Committees: Time**  
**& Venue to be advised by**  
**committee chairs.**

**23 September**      **Beer Tasting: Chantry**  
**Brewery**

**30 September**      **Full Club Business Meeting:**  
**Sitwell Park Golf Club**  
**FRATS: David Taylor,**  
**John Turner**  
**GRACE: Tom Knight**

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## **Council Meeting**

**MONDAY 6 September**  
**6.00pm at the home of Trish Lister**

## **District Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 7 September**  
**Holiday Inn DE55 2EH or Zoom**

Business Meeting; 29 September 2021:

#### Points to Note

There were seventeen members present, and seventeen apologies. By some kind of miracle, everyone who was supposed to be there (ie had not apologised) was actually in attendance. Long may it remain.

The Club were joined by former Rotarian Terry Moore, who now lives in Florida, and his wife Tanya, catching up with friends and family in the UK

The Club's revised constitution, the subject of some debate over recent weeks, had been circulated, together with the RGB&I Dispute Management Procedures Guidance. It was proposed that the Constitution be adopted in its present form, and all members present voted in favour, with no absentions.

Committee chairs presented reports to the Club, and feedback from points for discussion. The general consensus regarding the approach to members retiring from the Club should be dealt with on a case by case basis, and that no formal procedure should be adopted.

#### Club Service

After reflection on the possibility of the Club helping with gardening at Rotherham Hospice, it was suggested that the Club provide funds to pay for a gardener rather than provide the labour. Please consider this with your committees.

#### Membership & Social

Steve reported for Tom Knight that the working party for Friends of Rotherham Sitwell had been established but could do with a couple more members. Please contact Tom or Steve for more information or to volunteer.

#### Community

Trish reported on an exciting project to introduce the Young Carers with the activities run by Grimm & Co now situated in the former Talbot Lane Methodist Church on Moorgate Street. She also appealed for help in moving forward with RYLA, which had been Shaun Doherty's remit.

Martin Davis brought us up to date with Rotherham Minster's Social Supermarket project with the wonderful news that they have almost certainly acquired premises in Rotherham to continue their work in the community: he gave a fascinating insight into how businesses can benefit from renting property free of charge to charitable organisations.

#### International & Foundation

Peter Short reported that Shelterbox and Aquabox are excited about the Rotherham Show in September – all that remains is for RMBC to confirm we have a spot in the Community Tent.

#### PR and Publicity

Peter was feeling excited about the new projects being started as potential fodder for the website & social media!

# Happy Birthday

Once again, Nigel is the only Sitwell Rotarian celebrating a birthday this month

Happy birthday for the 9<sup>th</sup> Nigel!



## Next Bulletin

The next bulletin is scheduled to be published in early September. Any contributions will be most welcome, please text, what's app or email to me by August 28th. A family wedding (fingers firmly crossed, this is the third attempt due to lockdowns!) means I won't be getting round to the bulletin before then! Please contribute – a simple report of a meeting/event or something that just appeals would be most welcome

## Housekeeping:

**Subs for 2021/2022 are now due: The AGM confirmed these would be held at £100 for the year. As of last night's Council, five members had still not paid, and Jackie is due to pay capitation shortly. You know who you are... or if you're not sure, drop Jackie an email! (She'll not thank me for that.....)**

**Donations to our own charity, Rotary Foundation, are also welcomed – please consider supporting this amazing organization. £16 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.**

**Paul has recently circulated details of how you can support Foundation and become a 'Sustaining Member' Please read this and give it serious consideration to help the Charity and the Club – and get that Feelgood Feeling.**