



HUDDERSFIELD ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN – AUGUST 2020



President's Message August 2020

I am surprised how quickly the time is passing by. August has arrived and, though there is some evidence that we might be coming out of the serious lockdown, there are so many hurdles to come. I do feel real sympathy with so many young people who are suffering from these restrictions and people who have gone abroad on holiday and now face quarantine on their return. Face masking is now a routine and there does seem to be an increase in traffic but I fear that it will be many months before we can feel we have returned to normal life.

Having said that, I do hope we will be able to resume our normal face to face meetings at the Keys in September. I have prepared a draft programme that we will discuss at our next Zoom meeting.

The Zoom meetings have improved with each one but I am aware that several of you are not able or do not wish to meet by Zoom. Zoom is not ideal but all of us who are using it are getting better. Our next one is Monday 3 August at 5-00pm.

I hope you are enjoying the newsletter HudRot and that, in these difficult times, you still have the feel of the club and its activities. There is hard work still going on for next year's Dragon Boat Race.

I am thankful that Ian is sending his newsletter HudRot out each week and Barrie the monthly one. It is helping people to keep in touch. Please feel free to contribute to either or both. We all have a story to tell, this is your opportunity.

The meeting on 17 August is planned. It is to be at my house, Ogley 59/61 Lumb Lane Almondbury Huddersfield. Please join me and John at about 6-00pm for drinks and a supper. However, this is dependent on the weather. If it rains, we will have to defer to another date.

Free event, donations to the Welcome Centre.

Please confirm that you will be joining us.

Enjoy your Rotary.

Ann

MY YORKSHIRE

Here are three more little wonders of our beloved county.

Spurn Point

You cannot go further East in this jewel of a county. If you do, you are in the North Sea and it is a peculiar strip of land, narrow, three miles long, and only yards wide. It is also sometimes an island after heavy sea and exceptional high tides. It is also a place I am sure Julian knows well with his twitcher hat on. It is also home to the only paid Royal Lifeboat Station in Britain outside the one in the River Thames in the city of London.

It is, of course, Spurn Head or Spurn Point which ever you decide to call it.

I have found it a most interesting geomorphic piece of land. It is wild, it is desolate and, since the violent storms of 2013, I am assured now at high tide it is without a road, and so, if you want to get to the end by any motorized vehicle, you have to be a lifeboat man or a warden of Yorkshire Wildlife.

It is noted for the bird life, particularly Spring or Autumn where the birds are migrating. To stand on the point by the lighthouse, now a café, with the Humber racing by, you do feel its wildness.

If you have never been it is worth the effort.

Sowerby Bridge Canal Lock

Its name is on the tin. It is a canal lock on the Rochdale Canal in Sowerby Bridge. It is also the deepest lock on the canal system in Britain. The Rochdale Canal fell into disuse and was closed and derelict. However, a band of enthusiasts decided to do the impossible and reopen it. It took more than 20 years and it meant that where originally there were two locks with a busy main road and land now built on, they had to combine the two and just make it into one. Hence it is some 20 feet deep.

Taking your narrow boat through the lock is an experience. You may be lucky and have the help of a lock keeper but the first time we went through we had to do it ourselves. It is a lonely place if you are on the boat in this narrow trough and your partner is some 20 plus feet above you, operating the water flow.

Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Line

If you are a steam train enthusiast, this is the place for you. I am not, but my grandson was and so I had to take him on this journey. I was impressed.

It was one of the first lines to be worked on after Beeching had had his say. Originally built for the woollen industry and their workers, it closed in the early '60s and a band of enthusiasts were determined that it should re-open and uniquely continue the same level of train times. They started work and completed the opening in just six years.

It is well worth a visit whether you are a steam enthusiast or like me indifferent.

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Alan Parry-Booth

PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2020

Date	Programme	Steward
Monday 3rd August	Business Meeting Via Zoom – 5 pm	
Monday 10th August	No Meeting	
Monday 17th August	Meeting at John & Ann's at Ogley, Lumb Lane, Almondbury – weather permitting. 6 pm for drinks and a supper.	John Denham
Monday 24th August	No Meeting	
Monday 31st August	BANK HOLIDAY	
Monday 7 th September	<i>Return to The Keys, St Peter's Church, Byram Street 6pm for 6.30pm PROMPT Apologies to Barrie by 10am Monday morning please.</i>	Barrie Schofield

TALE PIECE

A barrel of wine can work more miracles than a church full of saints.

- *Italian Proverb*

Editor Barrie