

**Wollaton
Park
Rotary**



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**"Staggers"
Our Monthly Newsletter**

**September
2021**



Welcome from President Angie Perkins

Welcome all to the Latest edition of Staggers and to my Presidential year. Welcome also to our new Associate members Rebecca Cragg- Darroch, Richard Cook and Alan Parker, we

look forward to you joining in with our activities as you are able.

I have much appreciated the cooler air at the end of August after the very hot weather we experienced, especially when I was having to wear a lead apron at work!

I thought it was only green parrots that I was trying to look out for in Wollaton park but I came across birdies, albatross and eagles whilst helping to man the desk at the Golf day. What a great day that was and my thanks go to Derek, Malcolm L and Malcolm D for putting together such a fantastic day. It was great to hear such great feedback from the participants. I must apologise for trying to give directions to Stapleford, think my lack of golf knowledge shone through. At least I got to sit on the motorbike as part of the Blood bikes stand.

The August out events have been very successful and I'm hoping you enjoyed the fellowship which we have missed over the last 15 months.

Enjoy your summer whether you choose to spend time at home or away.

Angie

August—Over and Out

Burrows Gardens

The first of our outings was to Burrows Gardens



What a lovely pair



Another lovely pair!



Chris trying to sell her insurance



Everyone wants to get in on the act



Picnic Time!



Now I'm going to tell you a story

August—Over and Out Cont'd

Our Second outing was the Boat trip on the good ship “Symphony”. She is one of the Canal boats run by the Peter le Marchant Trust out of



Admiral Sir John Dornan in charge

Loughborough. We sailed along the river Soar to Zouch Lock. On the way we stopped at the Plough Inn in Normanton on Soar for lunch. We returned to Loughborough after



In the morning—Coffee



In the afternoon—Wine

tasting a very nice glass of wine and we all agreed it was a really nice day out



1st Class Accommodation



2nd Class Accommodation

August—Over and Out Cont'd

Newstead Abbey

Several of us went to Newstead Abbey for a picnic. David Smith thinks he's found the hole in the Ozone Layer



Everywhere you look there's holes, but the swans are enjoying the water hole



Murder and Mystery

A great night out following the clues around the Lace Market to find the "Killer" and the "Weapon". Organised by David Pedlar it was very informative with most of us discovering places in Nottingham we have never noticed before. After this we all decamped to Picollinos for an Italian meal and some great fellowship. A terrific night enjoyed by us all



August—Over and Out Cont'd

Hog Roast

This was the culmination of a great month of events for August and to celebrate our actual 40th anniversary, Angie suggested a Hog roast which took place at the Scout HQ on Bramcote Lane. We had many guests including Annie and Barbara from Wollaton Park GC and 4 founder members, Peter Boyd, John Woodhouse, Chris Powell and Howard Green. Good times long overdue



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Past Presidents Lunch

Bernard Hardisty, our immediate past president, organised a lunch at Mr Mans restaurant for all past presidents of Wollaton Park RC at the end of July. As always Mr Mans put on a terrific lunch and all 31 guests of which there were 16 past presidents thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the fellowship



An International Zoom Meeting

At the end of July, Chris O'Brien organised a meeting whose subject was the Laligurash Foundation in Mirge ,Nepal. The main speaker was Sumitra Pakrin who was joined by her father Mahesh. We had many guests of our own but we were joined by Sara O'Brien Past President of the Altadena RC in California Also from that club was Mark Mariscal and David Smith who is the immediate Past President. Also making it a truly International meeting was Rhys Williams from the Melbourne Central Club in Australia who has helped with funding for the village. Joining later was Cathy Kerschbaum from a ladies club on the East Coast of America.

Sumitra spoke about the School and how it is promoting equal education for girls and how it has grown to now have 260 students. She spoke of the problems of nutrition for the students and how the caste system hampers the work of the school. There is also a Skills centre there which is helping students get better jobs. She also spoke about the hospital which we have helped to fund and how its 15 beds are currently full with covid patients. The real benefit is the education in health benefits the whole thing brings as before many people died through ignorance and lack of facilities. Thanks were given by International Team Leader Paul Maguire and appreciation was shown by all for a great evening



What's coming up

Wednesday 8th September

We have our first Project Meeting when we will discuss all our upcoming projects along with other pressing matters

Sunday September 12th



Piano recital at the High School. Gregor Vidovic will entertain us with pieces from Clementi, Debussy, Chopin, Beethoven, Liszt and Schubert with anecdotes in between the pieces

Wednesday September 15th



We will have a joint meeting with Beeston Club to hear what our District Governor Martyn Bye has to say about current affairs in Rotary

Wednesday 22nd September

Norma Jalloh who will introduce Dorothy Mountford, Vice principal of Bilborough College who will regale us with tales of "The Horrid History of Nottingham"

Wednesday 29th September



This is a Guest Special Evening when as many guests as you like can listen to Peter Dexter, the man who overhauled and repaired the Emmet Clock in the Victoria Centre

Rotary Club of Wollaton Park invites you to
THE TRIUMPH OF THE PIANO

A Charity Concert by **Gregor Vidovic**



in aid of THE LALIGURASH FOUNDATION,
NEPAL

Sunday 12th September 2021
4pm for 4.30pm start
Nottingham High School Recital Hall

The piano is central to the arts and culture in the West. A mere hundred years lie between the invention of the piano and it becoming the dominant instrument for virtuosos, composers and music lovers alike. Many of the great composers were also celebrated pianists including Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff. In this late summer concert, we are very fortunate that the highly acclaimed pianist and teacher, Gregor Vidovic (gregorvidovic.com), has offered to illustrate the development of the piano with an enjoyable selection of pieces by Clementi, Debussy, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt with fascinating and entertaining anecdotes about the music and their composers. We are grateful to the Nottingham High School for allowing us to use its beautiful recital hall for the occasion.

*Tickets cost **£22** per person, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.*

Please let our Treasurer Chris Powell (chrispowell34@btinternet.com) know how many tickets you would like. Payment can be made direct to:

Rotary Club of Wollaton Park – No 2 a/c, Sort Code 30-96-18, Account Number 00131006

Or by cheque made payable to Wollaton Park Rotary Club.

All proceeds from the concert will go to supporting the Laligurash Foundation which is dedicated to improving the education and health of a remote rural community in the Eastern Himalayas of Nepal. With the help of Rotary and friends a school has been established which provides education and skills for 250 students, with due emphasis on the education of girls whom would otherwise be overlooked.

Recently, a not-for-profit community hospital has been opened which provides access to much needed health care for a surrounding community of 15,000 villagers. The Foundation does not receive any government funding and relies heavily upon charitable donations.

For further information about the Foundation and how you can volunteer or contribute please contact Rtn. Chris O'Brien at obrien.chris24@btinternet.com

For further information about the concert, please contact Paul McGuire: 07491 669 445 posi.minduk@gmail.com , Chair of the International Team.



NOTTINGHAM IKANO ROBIN HOOD HALF MARATHON

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

It is still a few weeks ahead, but I need to confirm numbers of volunteers to the organisers very soon. We will be back in the same spot by the entrance to Wollaton Hall car park by the children's playground as in 2019, running the 6-mile drinks station.

We are once again asked to provide 20 willing helpers (plus me as team leader) to provide water to the 9000? runners who it is hoped will be passing through.

As all those who have participated before (as helpers not runners!) know only too well it is great fun and an opportunity to swell our charity funds by a little over £300. The earliest some of us would need to start duty will be around 8.30 am and finish at the latest by 12.00 noon.

Hopefully we can then gather together afterwards for a picnic or similar.

At the time of writing, I have 12 volunteers so please let me know as soon as possible to register your interest, so I can gauge further support. We have always been able to fulfil our obligation with Rotarians and partners/family and friends and I do hope we can do so again this year.

As a matter of interest this is also the 40th year of this event, the first one being run in 1981, the year our club was formed (when I ran it and raised money for Foundation).

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Chris Powell

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Gardening for Rotarians — and others

Tuberous Begonias Ablaze with Colour

By David Pedlar

Tuberous Begonias are a very rewarding plant that can give pleasure year after year. They are ideal for tubs and baskets but can also be used as feature plants in borders. Begonias range from trailing pendular through to tall exhibition varieties and come in a broad range of colours.

There are many online suppliers of corms and they are readily available from nurseries and these will normally be available in March. The corms will have signs of buds and they can be started in trays using compost that has additional sand added and brought on in frost free conditions until they are ready to set out in June. Always place them in a window, conservatory or greenhouse where they can get good natural light. This will prevent the new stems from getting too leggy and weak. Move the corms from the trays into their final position in good compost and I would suggest that a 6 month granular feed is added so that they receive a constant source of food. I add water crystals to baskets to help provide moisture during hot days.

The begonias will start to come into flower in late June/early July and will continue until they are hit by the first frost. Once they have been affected by early frosts let them die down then remove them and place them in trays in a frost-free area to dry off. When dry remove the dead top growth, snapping it close to the corm, and shake off the dry soil. Dust them with flowers of sulphur to seal any wounds and prevent rotting. I suggest storing them in brown paper bags or newspaper and keep them in a room with a temperature that never drops to zero. In February you can start taking a look at the corms to see if there are signs of new growth and as soon as you see buds bring them into the light ready to start the process all over again. You can keep corms year on year and when they get very large in size they can be cut in half and even in quarters remembering to seal the cuts with flowers of sulphur.



We are going to plant out flowers in a 2 planters at the Strelley Youth club and want plants that will flower and attract bees. When you are thinning out your Spring/summer flowering plants please put some of the rooted thinnings in a pot and let me have them (will collect). Monty Don Clifford

Some extracts from the newsletter of our twinned club Chandigarh

Installation of President Rtn. Salil Chopra and Board of Directors 2021-22

Click here to watch on  YouTube - <https://youtu.be/vilPXBfD-mY>



Board of Directors (mentioned in newspaper clipping below) with other Rotarians, PDG Shaju Peter, Guest of Honour PDG Jitendra Dhingra, Immediate Past President Sanjay Bhatia, Master of Ceremonies PP Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Amarjit Singh, Installation Chair PP Ajit Gulati, PP R.K. Luther, Assistant Governor Salil Bali, Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Club First Lady Rtn. Renu Chopra



President Rtn. Salil Chopra and First Lady Rtn. Renu Chopra

President Salil Chopra was formally introduced by Rtn. Shuchi Thakur. Born in Fazalka, Punjab in the year 1954, he did his MBA, MA in Russian and MA in English. Got married to Rtn. Renu Chopra in 1978 and are blessed with three children, namely, Bulbul Chopra (a psychologist in Sydney), Chunumn Chopra (M.Tech a geo physicist from BHU) and living in Calgary and son Himanshu Chopra running his business as a distributor of Jaguar fittings of the entire Eastern UP. His wife Ankita is a bio medical engineer and is an environmentalist and they are blessed with two beautiful sons Lavyansh and Tanaksh.

He was a Rotarian in the Rotary Central Club (Lucknow) and was elected as President Elect in 1992 but he was transferred out of Lucknow so could not take up the assignment. Once again in 2007, he took up membership at Rotary Club Lucknow. He joined Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in 2012 and held various important assignments in the Club. He also held key positions in Rotary District 3080, including Chairman of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He has been a Rotarian of the year and Rotarian of the month in District 3080, outstanding Secretary and winner of Swachhta Abhiyan citations.

President Salil Chopra is the Owner of Danbro, a Bakery and Restaurant in Sector 26, Chandigarh, which is popular for Mr. Brown cakes, soft breads, freshly baked cookies, Italian and Continental food, having good ambience of excellent health and safety dine-in facilities and also takeaway.

He loves loud music, peace and is a soft person at heart. His hobbies are playing mouth organ and keyboards. His lifelines are his two grandsons who spend their mornings and evenings without fail with their Dadaji.

Project Saahas

Launch of Project Saahas (free computer education for COVID Orphans) by District Governor Ajay Madan RID 3080 at MMC Computers - Hartron Skill Centre, Chandigarh on Zoom Virtual Platform. The District Project SAAHAS aimed towards imparting Computer Education free of charge for Covid Orphans was launched by DG Ajay Madan on 1st July 2021 from the Hartron Skill Centre on Zoom Virtual Platform. DG Ajay Madan while launching the program said this is our moral and social responsibility for children who have lost their parents due to covid to make them self-dependent and employable.

Laughter is a strong medicine for mind and body. Laughter and humor help us to stay emotionally healthy and is also a good booster for our immune system. Humor helps us keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations. Laughter gives us the courage and strength to find new sources of meaningful life and hope. Even in the most difficult of times, a laugh, or even simply a smile, can go a long way towards making us feel better.

I didn't know that!!

A study showed that mosquitoes in the Central, Victoria, and Bakerloo lines of the Tube are genetically different from each other. According to the researcher, the only way for them to get genetically mixed would be 'for all of them to change trains at Oxford Circus station';

In every shoot-out so far in the Euros, the team taking penalties first has won. Every. One.;

According to a 2000 poll, the Japanese believe their greatest invention of the 20th century was the instant noodle;

The first Polish language dictionary (published 1746) included definitions such as: "Horse: Everyone knows what a horse is.";

St. Gummarus is the patron saint of hernias and difficult marriages;

The first official vegetarian society in Russia was co-founded in 1901 by a man called Burger;

In an experiment conducted in Moscow, people had to answer questions about politics and have a drink every 12 minutes. The study ran for 1.5 hours and has shown that the more people drank, the more they began to support the government;

Fair play to Jordan Pickford who started his Euros campaign in October 2020 by injuring Virgil van Dijk causing Holland to be eliminated from the competition leaving a great pathway to the final for England;

When the US Postal Service was established, it had an eleven pound weight limit but no restrictions on what you could mail. An Ohio couple therefore sent their baby to visit his grandmother - by post. He only cost \$0.15 to mail but was insured for \$50;

In 2021, "Loudly crying face" emoji became the world's most used emoji. Previously, "Face with tears of joy" emoji had spent years in the top spot;

In 1930 a friend of the writer DH Lawrence agreed to bring his ashes to America for burial. In 1980 the same friend, while dying, claimed he'd dumped the ashes and substituted 'ordinary cinders';

During the Second World War the Allies used inflatable tanks to fool German forces into thinking they had more troops;

There is a museum in Australia entirely dedicated to animal droppings that is called Pooseum.

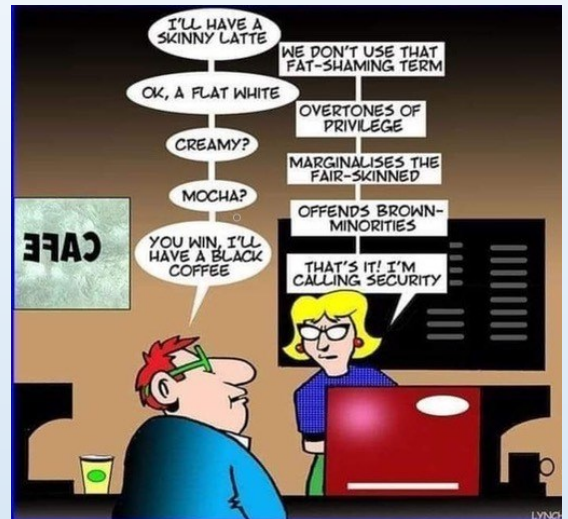
A few funnies



FOR ALL, WHO MAY BE HAVING A BAD DAY..



It Can Always Be Worse.



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



I tried to make a salad... I failed



Apparently there's a third option between burial and cremation.



My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



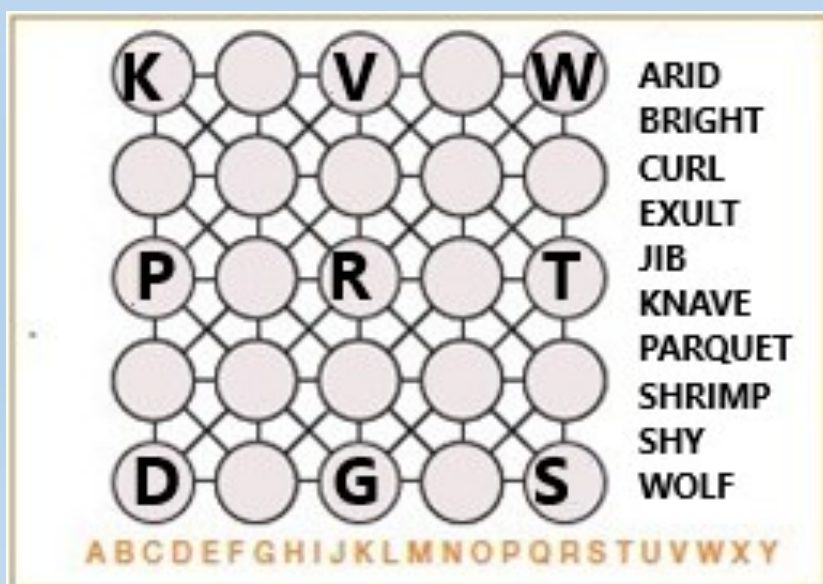
Quiz Time

Sudoku

8		3	9		5			
7						2		
					3			4
		9	2		1			
	4			3				9
	5					3		
				8	4		7	
						6	8	1
5	6				2			

August Theme is Films.

1	Lazy Clinician	
2	Expensive Stalker	
3	Eco Distance	
4	"Of all the places"	
5	Return to tomorrow	
6	Departed with the Mistral	
7	Butterfly from across the channel	
8	No head for heights	
9	Compass bearing	
10	Prince needs a shower	



Insert Letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction

Sudoku

Answers to last months Quiz

3	5	9	6	1	7	8	2	4
2	8	1	5	9	4	7	6	3
7	4	6	8	3	2	9	5	1
9	2	7	4	5	6	3	1	8
8	1	4	9	2	3	5	7	6
6	3	5	7	8	1	4	9	2
1	7	8	2	4	9	6	3	5
5	9	2	3	6	8	1	4	7
4	6	3	1	7	5	2	8	9

Remember these TV programmes ?

The rhythm of life	Heart Beat
Seasonal slaughters	Midsomer Murders
Buddies	Friends
It comes at the end of a meal out	The Bill
Knocking on death's door	Waking the Dead
The folk next door	Neighbours
Safari for a celestial body	Search for a Star
Ten to zero	Countdown
Melodious eulogies	Songs of Praise
Depressed apostle	Blue Peter
Observant pooch	Watchdog



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Before you go.....



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Aspley, Bilborough, Broxtowe, Beeston and of course Wollaton.**

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