

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### JANUARY 2023

- 2nd** Bank Holiday  
**9th** The Bishop of Leicester—New Year Message  
**16th** Rtn Diana Esho—Lodz Memoir  
**23rd** Liga Orlovska—Beekeeping and the apiary at Bradgate Park  
**30th** Rtn Annette Kenningham—Update on Food Parcels

### FEBRUARY 2023

- 6th** To be advised  
**13th** To be advised  
**20th** To be advised  
**27th** To be advised

## TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT—HELP NEEDED!

We are again running a Technology Tournament this year at Leicester Grammar School. The date is **Thursday 16th February 2023**. I write to enquire whether you would be interested in helping on the day of the event. As usual we will need judges, registration desk, set up assistants and a photographer.

For those who have not helped before and would like to do so this year, a brief run-down follows:

This is a one day event where we gather teams of 4 children from a number of Leicester schools in the hall at Leicester Grammar School to design, build, document and test a contraption/machine to meet a brief which specifies required functionality. They are given a pack

of materials to use, but it is up to them to decide what they construct. Their efforts are tested and judged at the end of the day. The role of the Judges is to support the teams, but not lead them, as well as to judge and test. At our peak we have hosted 144 children at this event. It is a great day starting at 9:00am and finishing at 3pm. Judges will be provided with a Judging pack each and I will hold a briefing meeting (probably at about 6pm on Monday 13th February).

Anyone who is interested (both old lags and new) please get back to me by email as soon as possible using my address [nick.thomson80@ntlworld.com](mailto:nick.thomson80@ntlworld.com), not Barry's!

*President Nick*

### ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25  
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Immediate Past President: Scott Gallacher  
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Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Richard Power, Clive Smith, Patrick Boylan, Diana Esho

#### Other Contacts:

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### LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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**PRESIDENT - NICK THOMSON**

## BULLETIN - JANUARY 2023

### AGE UK LEICESTER SHIRE & RUTLAND CHRISTMAS LUNCHES



A group of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Leicester attended Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland's Seasons Café at Clarence House in the City centre to help serve Christmas lunches to hundreds of local people. There were three sold out days and everyone enjoyed a traditional three course dinner as well as a mince pie accompanied by some Buck Fizz!

Our volunteers attended each day and helped bring smiles to all those attending on what was a most enjoyable festive occasion!

Above is a picture of our President Nick Thomson along with other volunteers at one of the Christmas lunches.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS APPEAL



The Rotary Club of Leicester has been doing its part to combat food poverty in the city over Christmas. We again launched our initiative to help feed families and individuals who are struggling financially due to the pandemic and the soaring price of food and energy bills.

Donations came in thick and fast in all shapes and sizes - from one-off cash gifts to food parcels. Whatever the size of the gift, they all make a huge impact on the lives of those who receive them.

Each Christmas Food Parcel was enthusiastically filled with items for breakfast and dinner with a variety of snacks, milk, and various beverages. With the support from the supermarket Morrisons in Leicester, the funds went even further and over 150 hampers were packed by a bunch of members from two clubs and members of our newly formed Rotaract Club. On top of the packed hampers, we received 60 already-packed hampers from various individuals associated with the club and the Maher Centre in Leicester who donated 50 pre-packed hampers.

This is a great initiative from the Club which has had its biggest impact on families in need since it started 3 years ago. With approximately £3,000 in cash and

goods raised, packed, and delivered by Rotarians to 7 local charities including Wesley Hall, Help The Homeless, One Roof, Open Hands Compassion, CFWB Hub, Billies House, and Zynitha Trust.

If you wish to help with this great initiative now, our fund is open throughout the year and volunteers are always welcome.

*Diana Esho*  
*Impact by the Rotary Club of Leicester.*

## CURRY NIGHT 24 JANUARY

We are organising a Curry Night at the Chef and Spice on Tuesday 24 January.

It is being organised by President Elect Tara to raise funds for President Nick's charity, Focus.

Please pay in advance either online with reference of 'Curry + your surname':

Account Name: Rotary Club Leicester  
Sort code: 30-94-97  
Account Number: 02721817

...or please give a cheque to Tara, payable to Rotary Club Leicester.

Any queries, please get in touch with Tara - tel: 07854 001237 email: [tpankhania774@gmail.com](mailto:tpankhania774@gmail.com)

## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton,  
by 22nd January 2023

## OUR ROTARY TEA PARTY IS BACK!

Join us for an afternoon of fund fundraising, cake, and networking on Tuesday 21st March 2023.

Our tea party will not only raise funds for two amazing charities and focus on International Women's Day theme 'embrace equality'.

Our two inspirational guest speakers, Rosemary Conley & Gina Samuel-Richardson will talk about how they have helped and experienced the theme throughout their careers.

Following our speakers, the afternoon will include a beautiful afternoon tea and plenty of opportunities to network and raise money by taking part in our raffle.

Raffle - £10 per ticket

- VIP Tigers Tickets
- Femi Beauty Discount Voucher
- Free meal at The Gate Hangs Well
- Luxury Hampers
- Barry Stephens BB Style Voucher

and much, much more.

This year our tea party will be raising money for The Focus Charity and Steps.

To book your place please copy the link below into your browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rotary-tea-party-tickets-489722100987>

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