

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

AUGUST

- 1st** **Matt Lilley (CEO of Focus)** - Introduction to Focus
- 8th** **Aysha Limbada (Head Coach)** - The Atlas Bowling Club
- 15th** **Rtn John Aldridge**—'The Café with a Church'
- 22nd** **Jenny Ball (Community Fundraiser)** - 'Update From Rainbows'
- 29th** **Bank Holiday**—no meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 5th** **Midlands Langar Seva League**—TBC
- 12th** **Andy Osborne (Principal, Andy Osborne Fitness)** - Fitness and Ageing
- 19th** **District Governor Visit**—no speaker
- 26th** **To Be Advised**

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 22nd August 2022

NEW MEMBER Annette Kenningham

Annette joined us in May but this is the first chance we have had to publish her photo.



ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President:	Scott Gallacher
President Elect:	Tara Pankhania
Junior Vice-President:	Ed Cufflin
Honorary Treasurer:	David Brunton
Honorary Secretary:	Barry Davies
Honorary Assistant Secretary:	Babs Marson

Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Richard Power, Clive Smith, Patrick Boylan, Diana Esho

Other Contacts:

District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett, John Saunders and Rodney Spokes
Bulletin Editor: David Brunton
Club Protection Officer: Mick Marvell

LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Club Service	Gordon Arthur
Membership	Parmdeeo Vadesha
Service Projects	Moira Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent	David Howard
Communications	Diana Esho

PRESIDENT - NICK THOMSON

BULLETIN - AUGUST 2022

2022-23 PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME

Firstly, thank you for accepting me as President of the Rotary Club of Leicester for the coming year. I hope that I will be worthy of that honour. Thank you to Scott for his leadership over the past year and to all the Rotarians who have given service during that time.

The Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, has set us the task of 'Imagining Rotary'. To me, this means, along with the 4 Action Plan points of increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, increase our ability to adapt, that we need to be looking at how we can change, improve, revitalise and grow Rotary and our Club. We are already some way along that path and we will continue with the growth and development through the year.

Over the last year, our Club has gained 12 new Rotarians while, sadly, 10 of our members (mostly long-standing Rotarians) have retired. This is a 20% turnover in membership, so there is a lot of new energy, ideas and enthusiasm to be tapped into. I am keen that we encourage those new Rotarians as well as the existing core of the Club to be inventive and active through this year.

We need to build on the progress we have made with encouraging interest in what Rotary is and does and then convert that into new membership. In passing the membership baton on to Parmdeep, I know we are in safe hands.

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Over recent years, we have built a stable of worthwhile projects that we are able to deliver annually and I would like us once again to deliver those and, where we can, find ways to improve upon them.

In addition, I want us to come up with some ideas for environmental projects and I have asked two of our newer Rotarians, Chetna Soochak Janari and Trusha Lakhani, to follow up on this.

My charity for the year is Focus, a Leicestershire-based charity that inspires young people, particularly those with difficult backgrounds or mental health issues, aged 13-25 years to develop the skills, confidence and aspirations to lead fulfilling lives and to make a positive contribution. As well as a programme of fund-raising and mutual profile-raising, I see opportunities for some of us to be able to directly help through our diverse life experiences.

As to fund-raising, Simon Gravett has agreed we should run a golf AMAM next spring/summer, Rob Bowman and Tim Alton are willing to take on another Music in the Park, Diana Esho will repeat the successful Women's week tea party and Richard Power is taking on another gruelling challenge. I am also having early discussions with Tara Pankhania about an exciting event she has in mind. All of these will need support from Club Rotarians and others to make them a success and I am always interested in more new ideas.

I hope we will have an enjoyable and successful year. Please feel free to come and talk with me if the mood takes you!

*Nick Thomson
President*

MY VISIT TO TANZANIA



Whilst visiting Tanzania in May/June I attended the Presidents installation at the Rotary Club of Oyster Bay in Dar es salaam. I also attended one of their breakfast meetings and exchanged clubs pennants with their President, Aisha Sykes.

Later I visited the local Hindu temple called Jalaram Seva Mandal. There the person in charge introduced me to a local orphanage called the Yatima Group Trust fund. I donated rice, bread, flour, oil, biscuits and juices for about 124 children in the name of the Rotary Club of Leicester.

They need help with the repairs and maintenance of the roof at the orphanage and they also want to start a small bakery so they can make bread and sell to locals in the area help cover the expenses of the orphanage, So far they have managed to get 2 machines, a dough maker and an oven and they are looking to add a bread slicer .

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I would like to help The Tanzania Society for the Deaf established 1970. The local Buguruni Deaf School was established 1974 by my relative, Sir Andy Chande, who was a Rotarian and to date it has produced 600 standard 7 graduates. The school is now being helped by a British NGO called Tanzanier who help the children by teaching them various skills including sewing, making handbags etc

Chetna Soochak Janari

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

David Howard is asking for volunteers to help collect Vista boxes, starting in September. Please contact David if you would like to help.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—QUIZ NIGHT!

How good is your general knowledge? Put it to the test and let us see how smart you really are against some of the smartest people in Leicester! Sign up for the 'Rotary Quiz Night' on the 21st of September at the Leicester University Brookfield Business Campus.

Just £10 p.p or £40 per team to enter with a prize for the winning team.

Free food and soft drinks sponsored by SI Opticals - <https://www.siopticals.co.uk/>

Businesses, charities, and families are all welcome - if you think you're smart enough!

Tickets from;

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rotary-family-quiz-night-in-aid-of-food-poverty-tickets-389541628497>