

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

JANUARY

- 3rd** Bank Holiday—No Meeting
- 10th** **Ned Newitt**, President of the Leicester Secular Society—'The Work and History of the Leicester Secular Society'
(Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett)
- 17th** **The Bishop of Leicester**—New Year Message
(Vote of Thanks: Scott Gallacher)
- 24th** **Rtn Nick Thomson**—Rotary Open Day Lunch
- 31st** **Rtn David Kendrick**—My Rotary

FEBRUARY

- 7th** **Prof Aftab Khan HBM**, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics at University of Leicester - 'Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Plate Tectonics'
- 14th** **To be advised**
- 21st** **Matthew Eames**, Waste and Environment Technician Leicestershire County Council - 'Recycling and Contamination in Leicester shire'

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 21st January 2022

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President: Parmdeep Vadesha
President Elect: Nick Thomson
Junior Vice-President: Tara Pankhania
Honorary Treasurer: David Brunton
Honorary Secretary: Barry Davies
Honorary Assistant Secretary: Serge Mozota

Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Nick Thomson, Rodney Spokes, Clive Smith, Patrick Boylan

Other Contacts:

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

LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Club Service	Vacant
Membership	Nick Thomson
Service Projects	Moira Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent	David Howard
Communications	Diana Esho

PRESIDENT - SCOTT GALLACHER

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RICHARD POWER'S HEBRIDEAN WALK



In September my partner Trish and I set off from Watersay at the lower end of the Outer Hebrides to walk the Hebridean Way. This route was launched in 2017 following the success of the Cycling Hebridean Way. In theory it is 250k long but we managed to stretch it to 270k by walking to accommodation at the start and finish of some legs as well as occasionally inadvertently going off-route. The Way crosses 10 islands mostly by causeway but also two inter-island ferries.

The weather was truly Hebridean with much low cloud and fine rain but with the odd sunny day. The terrain varies from low-lying peat bog to

typical highland scenery. Although most of the walking was on either old tracks or peat turf paths there was also a fair amount of tarmac; that being the only route through the many lochans, particularly on the Uists.

The wildlife in the Outer Hebrides is varied with a fantastic variety of birdlife and we were lucky to have two Golden Eagle sitings as well as the rare Corncrake. A sea otter also wandered across our path walking up the beach of South Uist.

Unsurprisingly despite the many calories burnt, weight remained unchanged as a result of the excellent food and drink. To be recommended, Hebridean scallops and Downpour Gin from the North Uist distillery.

The feet certainly took a hammering saying goodbye to a few toenails as well as having one or two impressive blisters but it was all worthwhile as it felt an achievement and we managed to raise just over £2,000 for the Epidermal Dysplasia Society and the Leicester Gondar Orthopaedic Partnership, and many thanks to those who sponsored us.



SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE



The weather has hampered the progress of the multi sensory garden build which was planned to go ahead on 8th November. Despite this the builders managed to make a start with planning the layout and completed the wheelchair friendly path which will aid the access from the gate to the garden and the new outdoor classroom. On the 4th January the work will continue again.

Diana Esho

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Rotary Charity Tea Party

22nd March, 2-6pm at Leicestershire County Cricket Club, raising funds for Scott's Charity and End Polio Now plus other good causes.

Tickets are on sale now! Please speak to Diana Esho.

WHAT ARE YOU MISSING ABOUT ROTARY?

There is a wealth of information in the Member sections of the Rotary Websites, and would you be surprised to know that more than half the members of the Rotary Club of Leicester have never, ever looked at any of it? That is:

- ◆ Never accessed details of our Club goals on Rotary Club Central, including membership and the progress towards success
- ◆ Never been able to easily find contact details for District and Club officers throughout 1070

Club Council has agreed that help should be given to enable more members to make better use of "My Rotary" information. As a first step towards this, District Governor Nominee David Kendrick has agreed to give an overview at our Club meeting on Monday 31st January 2022. Please make a special note in your diary to attend.

Rodney Spokes

OPEN DAY LUNCH

A reminder about the Open Day Lunch on 24th January (see December Newsletter) - please do come along and bring friends and family!

I hope you will support this. I have no idea whether it will be a successful approach, but I am keen that we make a real effort to bring new and enthusiastic blood into the Club.

Nick Thomson
Membership Committee Chair