

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

APRIL 2023

3rd Prof Aftab Khan HBM, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, University of Leicester
'Turkey/Syria Earthquake'
Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett

10th Bank Holiday—No Meeting

17th Professor Turi King
TBC
Vote of Thanks: Tony Jarvis

24th Richard Mitchell, CEO of UHL
'State of UHL and Future Plans'
Vote of Thanks: Richard Power

MAY 2023

1st Bank Holiday—No Meeting

8th Bank Holiday—No Meeting

15th Joanna Burrows, Fundraiser at Love4Life
'Love4Life—Supporting Local Teenage Girls'

22nd Phil Hackett, General Manager, Jewry Wall Museum
'Redevelopment of the Jewry Wall Museum'

29th Bank Holiday—No Meeting

ADVANCE WARNING PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by the Mercure Grand that they wish to increase the amount we pay for lunch. It has been four years since the last increase and we are currently agreeing an equitable amount. The new charge will apply after Easter.

David Brunton
Treasurer

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
Impact Group Chair	Diana Esho

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
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Rotary Foundation/Benevolent	David Howard
Communications	Diana Esho

PRESIDENT - NICK THOMSON

BULLETIN - APRIL 2023

VISIT TO ROTARY CLUB OF GUIMARAES MARCH 2023



In the wee small hours of Wednesday, 22nd March, a small delegation from the Club set off for Guimaraes in Portugal to attend the 75th Anniversary dinner of our twinned Club of Guimaraes. President Nick Thomson, Past President Richard Power and President Elect Tara Pankhania were picked up at Porto airport by a Guimaraes Rotarian and whisked off to our hotel, the Pousada Mosteiro de Guimaraes, a beautifully repurposed monastery on a hill overlooking the town. This was also the location for the dinner that evening.

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VISIT TO GUIMARAES CONTINUED

What remained of the morning was spent catching up on our sleep. Entertained to lunch by our 'transport provider' and the Guimaraes President Elect, we were then shown around their Club office and meeting room where the walls were covered in the Club history. We took a walk around the beautiful old town and returned to our hotel to change for the dinner.



There were some 150 people at the dinner; members of the Club and family members, members from neighbouring Clubs and local dignitaries. We were sat at a table with English speaking Guimaraes Rotarians, a great opportunity to get to know our hosts better.

After the meal there were presentations of commemorative plaques and many speeches of which we understood nothing except occasionally 'Leicester' was said!

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VISIT TO GUIMARAES CONTINUED

And then President Nick and Past President Richard were on their feet to say their pieces in their finest Portuguese: Nick to thank and congratulate the Guimaraes Club and re-affirm the friendship between our clubs and Richard to give an update on the Gondar project to which the Guimaraes Club had made a significant contribution.

On behalf of our Club, we presented a print of the Richard III centre by a Leicester artist, Simon Farrow, and a wheel of Stilton cheese. Finally to bed around midnight!

The following morning, we were taken into Porto where we sampled a port house, had some lunch and a walk around the town before heading to the airport.

We have extended an invitation to visit us in Leicester in June 2024.

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY CHOIR

The Rotary Club of Leicester recently helped to fund the transport for the Leicester University Chamber choir to go on a special visit to sing at Brecon Cathedral. Choir Leader Roxanne Gull was delighted with the donation and sends thanks to the Club for supporting such a worthwhile trip.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

WISTOW

10 JUNE 2023

A GREAT NIGHT OUT FOR ALL AGES, Bring your own food and drink, and enjoy a fabulous evening of music and fireworks in front of Wistow Hall. Music will be provided by:

Suzy Goes Commando: A local five-piece band playing covers of the hit songs we all know and love. They have a diverse setlist covers numerous artists and genres such as ABBA, Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Elvis, Queen, Black-Eyed Peas, Billy Joel, Tina Turner, and Elton John, so there is something for everyone to get up and dance to.

Hathern Band: A local brass band playing a mixture of the classics and popular music. Last year they performed a Doctor Who finale to accompany the fireworks. This year, with the Coronation and the 80th anniversary of the Dambusters, we can't wait to see what they surprise us with for the finale.

The concert raises money for local charities, FOCUS, LOROS and Charity Link

TICKETS: Adults £20 IN ADVANCE (£25 on the night)
Under 16's FREE (NO TICKET REQUIRED)

Free Parking.

Gates Open 5.30 pm: Concert Starts 7.30 pm: FIREWORKS Display 10.00 pm.

To book go to Eventbrite Music in the Park. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-in-the-park-2023-tickets-369489522107>