

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### JULY 2023

- 3rd** **President Handover Day**
- 10th** **Nigel and Alison Deacon, Leicestershire Heritage Apple Project**  
'Annie, Bill and the Fox'
- 17th** **Sue Morgan, CEO Songbird Survival**  
'What can we do to help our declining Songbirds in the UK?'  
**Vote of Thanks : Joanna Burrows**
- 24th** **Richard Graves**  
'Mary Attenborough: Humanitarian Extraordinaire'
- 31st** **Rtn Serge Mozota**  
'Evington Footpath Conservation Area'

### AUGUST 2023

- 7th** **Ian Harmer, Business Coordinator at University of Leicester business School**  
'Developing closer connection with local Businesses'
- 14th** **Speaker from Mercy Ships**  
'Mercy Ships'
- 21st** **TBA**
- 28th** **Bank Holiday—no meeting**

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*David Brunton, Hon Treasurer*

## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

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

### ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25  
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Immediate Past President:	Nick Thomson
President Elect:	Ed Cufflin
Junior Vice-President:	TBC
Honorary Treasurer:	David Brunton
Honorary Secretary:	Richard Power
Honorary Assistant Secretary:	Chetna Jansari
Impact Group Chair	Diana Esho

#### Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Richard Power, Clive Smith,  
Diana Esho, Parmdeep Vadesha, Harmeet Singh

#### Other Contacts:

District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett,  
John Saunders and Rodney Spokes  
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Club Protection Officer: TBC

### LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

**PRESIDENT - TARA PANKHANIA**

**BULLETIN - JULY 2023**

### 2022-23 PRESIDENT BOWS OUT

I started my year with a certain amount of nervousness and some modest thoughts on what we should achieve over the coming 12 months. Have we achieved those things? Well, most of them and also some unforeseen.

I wanted to focus my charity objective on a local charity that focussed on supporting young people and I found FOCUS. During the year we have made steady efforts to raise funds for them and have achieved about £9,000. But perhaps equally important, we have contributed to raising their profile within the community and have engaged with their people and young people and they with us.

We have also achieved a lot else this year, through both the main club rotarians and the impact group rotarians, whether that be transmitting funds from externally raised fund-raisers to Ukrainian refugee orphans and End Polio, or our own **fund raising and benevolent distributions** for a variety of causes such as Sapper Support, Powdered baby food for Gambia, Food poverty and foodbanks, STEPS, LOROS, Charity Link, Shelter box, Little Faces school in Kenya, the Carer Centre, AgeUK.... As well as Foundation, End Polio, Calvert, RYLA. The list goes on... or **volunteering** to support VISTA's fundraising, Christmas Hamper packing and distribution, Communities Food & Wellbeing Hub, Crocus planting, AgeUK Christmas lunch, Music in the Park, Technology Tournament .... Again the list goes on.

We should be proud of what we have packed in this year and my thanks go out to all those who contributed and especially organised these things.

Alongside all this worthy activity, we have had some fun, both in the activity itself and also in other events: 4 local interest visits and Christmas lunch all arranged by Paul Donaghy, for some of us trips to Guimaraes and Bordeaux (the latter ably organised by Parmdeep Vadesha) to cement relationships. And then Golf for the sizeable & growing club golfing contingent, for which thanks to Tony Jarvis, Clive Smith, Adrian Keene and Simon Gravett (for the fund raising AMAM).

And last and perhaps most importantly, there have been great efforts going on to make the changes to the Club that we need to survive and grow again—our social media presence has blossomed to bring us to the attention of the local community. Special thanks to Scott Gallagher and Diana Esho.

Our website has been completely restructured to make it an outward facing showcase. Again thanks to Diana. The impact group has grown and is finding its feet. Also thanks to Diana.

We are improving the diversity of our membership, all in terms of age, gender and ethnicity, and we have been reaching out into Leicester communities.

Parmdeep Vadesha is keeping the Rotoract group afloat and has got an Interact group starting at Babbington School.

Our recruitment efforts have been reaching a wider catchment, but sadly we are still struggling to make headway against the attrition of age and health retirements.

This all is a work in progress and we must keep driving it forward.

So I wish my successor, President Tara, every success for her year and offer her my support in all that she does. I trust that the rest of the Club will do the same.

*Immediate Past President Nick Thomson*

### NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



On a sunny evening at Brookfield Business campus on 7th of June our latest new member David Mathers was inducted into The Rotary Club of Leicester. His proposer Richard Power was present and gave a lovely endorsement and spoke passionately about David's work as a Breavement Councillor and extensive volunteering over the years.

David's induction was given by our club president Nick Thomson. David has been attending the Impact meetings since 2022 and will be a great asset to the club. We are indeed looking forward to having him inaction as the Quiz Master on the 27th of September at ShoeZone in Leicester.

*Diana Esho  
Rotary Club of Leicester Impact Chair.*

### GOLF AMAM



The AMAM at The Leicestershire Golf Club 'LGC' attracted nineteen teams from as far as the Scottish Borders, Essex and Manchester. A fine midsummer day added greatly to the competitive golf and enjoyment. The winners were THE FAB FOUR being LGC members Simon & Hilary Pollard and Jon & Liz Flint with a score of 91 stableford points. President Nick presented them with their prize vouchers.

Our club golf section was well represented with Mick Marvell's team coming second on 90 points. David Howard shocked himself and a few others by winning the straightest drive!

Profit on the day was almost £2,800, benefitting President Nick's charity FOCUS by some £2,450 and the balance to the LGC Captains' charity Trussell Trust.

My thanks go to the team captains and players, sponsors Charles Stanley, contributors of raffle prizes, Mesdames Keene, Jarvis and Gravett for their sterling help issuing and checking scorecards and running the raffle and finally, starters David Howard and Barry Davies.

*Simon Gravett*