

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

MARCH 2024

- 4th** **Kyle Newman**, Director, Leicester Musical Memory Box
- 11th** **Julie De Mello**, Community Alcohol Support Worker—Age UK
'Last Orders Project'
- 18th** **Sara Williams**, Chief Executive Officer, Kids Out
- 25th** **Liz Sutton**, Trustee—Kids for Klds

EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Once again we intend distribute Easter Eggs to various Charities. If you wish to donate to this cause please transfer money to the following account: 02722147 (sort code 30 94 97).

If you wish to volunteer to buy and distribute the eggs please speak to Diana Esho.

Thank you!



David Brunton

MINOR SPORTS

The next round of Minor Sports takes place in Aylestone on Tuesday March 12th. At present our Team is looking a bit thin and more volunteers are needed. If you are able to take part in what is always an enjoyable evening of skittles then please contact Mark Sandall directly at: mark.sandall@andrewgranger.co.uk

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 22nd March 2024

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President:	Nick Thomson
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Elected Council Members

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

Other Contacts:

District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett,
John Saunders and Rodney Spokes
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LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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PRESIDENT - TARA PANKHANIA

BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 2024

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT 2024



Mid- February 2024 saw the 10th Rotary Technology Tournament organised and managed by the Rotary Club of Leicester for teams of pupils from Leicester & surrounding schools. This event is repeated by Rotary Clubs across the country throughout the year and is one of the many creative activities for young people that Rotary puts on every year. This one has an emphasis on STEM topics (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and brings context to curriculum subjects in a teamworking and self-motivating environment.

The Tournament this year welcomed 136 pupils in teams of four from 11 Leicestershire schools and was our biggest yet. It is an inspiring experience to be in a room filled with so many young people focusing their minds and skills on the task with such enthusiasm.

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This year's challenge was to design and build a model vehicle to transport aid across a raging torrent! At 9:30am the teams get their first sight of the task brief and set to working out what they would build. By 2:00pm building ceased and each model was tested by our judges.

Most successfully completed the task; others not so. But the work and learning through the day were the real prize. Trophies went to Leicester High School for Girls in the Foundation age group, to Dixie Grammar School in Intermediate and Oadby Beauchamp Community College in the Advanced group.



We are grateful to our hosts, Leicester Grammar School, for providing the venue and so much more by way of assistance and our sponsors, Sir Thomas White Charity Trust, Pick Everard and Hodges & Drake for their financial support.

Pick Everard and Hodges & Drake released young professional designers/engineers to assist with the contestant support and judging.

Nick Thomson

PATRICK BOYLAN

It is with great sadness we report that Patrick Boylan has passed away after a short illness. Patrick was a stalwart of the Club, contributing in so many valuable ways over the years.

Outside of Rotary Patrick had a very distinguished career directing arts, museums, archives, archaeological, heritage and environmental services in Exeter, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. He spent 14 years as Professor and Head of Department of Arts Policy and Management, City University, London. He was Emeritus Professor of Heritage Policy and Management, and Consultant to UNESCO, EU, World Heritage Committee, Council of Europe, World Bank and many national governments 1976-2004. He took a leading role in developing and implementing around five continents of the 1999 Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. Centenary President of The Museums Association (UK) 1978-80, Vice-President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) 1982- 88, Hon. Member 1994.

Patrick's funeral will take place at 11.30am on Friday March 15th at St Joseph's RC Church, Goodwood Road

JOHN NISBET RECEIVES PAUL HARRIS MEDAL



Recognising John Nisbet's contribution to Rotary over 50+ years the District Governor, David Kendrick, presented John with a Paul Harris medal at our meeting on 26 February. John said he was delighted to receive the medal.

MONDAY LUNCH VENUE

The Manager of The Grand met us on Monday 26 February and told us that the Mercure, Hotel Group who own The Grand, have reached a new agreement with His Majesty's Government to extend the period the refugees use the Hotel for a further six months. Unfortunately the Terms of Contract have been changed such that the Home Office will have exclusive use of ALL Hotel facilities from March 7th. This effectively means we have been evicted for a minimum of six months. Our last meeting at the Grand will therefore be on 4 March.

Council will do its best to sort something out for March 11th and thereafter but be prepared for the possibility of a brief hiatus.