

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

APRIL 2024

- 1st** Bank Holiday
- 8th** Kyle Newman, Director  
Leicester Musical Memory Box
- 15th** Julie DeMello, Community Alcohol Support Worker—Age Uk  
Last Orders Project
- 22nd** Carol Marsden, Fundraiser for Prostaïd 'Carol's Capers'
- 29th** Sarah Sidwells and Vicky Ambery  
The Air Ambulance Service

## HELP KEEP US ALL INFORMED

It is a difficult job putting the Newsletter together each month so it is a great help when we are given items to include. Please submit articles and news to the editors before the last week in the month and we will all be kept more informed.

Thank you



## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

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

### 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, Clive Smith,  
Diana Esho, Parmdeep Vadesha, Harmeet Singh

#### Other Contacts:

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

### 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**

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## THE TREEKLY CHALLENGE



This challenge was proposed by our District Governor in conjunction with a charity called Treetly, whose purpose is to plant trees to combat some of the excesses of climate change. In the context of this particular Rotary challenge, mangrove trees will be planted on the Kenyan coast near to Mombasa. They are well known from their ability to absorb CO2 and to improve general biodiversity.

The challenge ran for the whole month of March and required each team member to walk a minimum of 5,000 steps a day. Our Leicester Club actually entered four teams of five, which were known severally as Leicester Tigers, Team Amazon, Walk with Hope and Walk with Impact. The first of these consisted of Barry Davies, Ed Cufflin, Richard Power, Chris Saul and me. The other three all came from our Impact Group and were helpfully coordinated by Diana Esho.

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In the event all our Leicester Tigers team completed the minimum of 5,000 steps for every day in March and thereby guaranteed the planting of 155 mangroves, to which another 50 trees were added as part and parcel of our entry fee. So we achieved a maximum of 205 trees, and it is felt that the other three Impact teams more or less did the same. It is therefore a safe bet that our wider Club will have guaranteed the planting of over 800 trees!

Our Leicester Tigers team currently believes it is in second place overall out of the 22 teams that signed up for the challenge. First place is likely to go to Chichele Conservationists, who together have completed just under 3 million steps, which comfortably beats our circa 2.2 million (an average of 14,000+ per day) steps and thereby secures first prize.

It would be fair to report that much fun was had along the way; that friendly banter ensued; and that we are each slightly fitter. Particularly memorable was Barry's unswerving ability to get just above the daily 5,000 mark but not a huge amount further; Chris's strange numbers aided and abetted by marathon training; and two other team members' infatuation at not being given steps for huge skiing output, both downhill and cross-country!

If the challenge is repeated in future, I for one would sign up again and recommend it to others.

*Clive Smith*

### **EASTER EGGS**

Thanks to donations from the members and a lot of effort from Diana Esho, Vicky Ball and Richard Narayan we managed to distribute over 100 Easter eggs to several charities in the week before Easter. They were all grateful and said the eggs would be a much needed boost for the children.



### **PICNIC IN THE PARK, BRADGATE PARK SUNDAY 19TH MAY**

A day of Fun and Fellowship, where Clubs are invited to come and join together. An opportunity for us to promote our clubs and the wonderful things we achieve through Rotary. There will be a band and theatre productions to enjoy. You are invited to bring along a game or to demonstrate some of your club activities. Or just bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

Several clubs have already expressed an interest in taking part so why not join in the fun as a club or as individuals and families and friends.

Visitors from our twin Club Guimaraes will be with us in the Park on the day so it would be good if we can turn out in force.

### **ATTENDANCE AT MONDAY MEETINGS**

Council agreed that it would review the success of the move to the Belmont Hotel in a few weeks time to allow things to settle down. If you have any suggestions or views please let Council know and these will be considered.

The deal we have with the Belmont requires us to commit to a healthy number of attendees. If we fail to reach that total then the club will have to make up the difference. We came close to that last week.

Please attend when you can as not only is it a numbers issue with the Belmont but the club is all about fellowship and enjoying ourselves. It is also important when we have such good speakers to address us that we look like we are interested and turn out to hear them.

Council is aware that the method of collecting a nominal donation each lunch needs work. This helps cover the speakers lunch and helps us support Foundation and Benevolent. The Grand used to manage this for us but the Belmont are reluctant to do so. This will be reviewed along with other comments made.

*David Brunton*