

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

MAY 2024

- 6th** Bank Holiday (no meeting)
- 13th** The Lord Mayor of Leicester, Cllr Dr Susan Barton
'Year in Office'
- 20th** Janet Arthur, Chairman
'The Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust'
- 27th** Bank Holiday (no meeting)

BLUEBELL SERVICE 2024

This year's Bluebell Service in Swithland Wood will be held at on **Sunday 5th May at 3.00 pm.**

The service is held deep into the wood and there are usually temporary signs to it. Allow time for the walk of say 15 minutes, along a woodland path which can be muddy in places.

This link <https://www.bradgatepark.org/swithland-wood> will take you to the Swithland Wood section of the Bradgate Park website, which shows the car parks. The **South Car Park** is slightly closer to the location of the service, which is near the fenced Great or Big Pit.

The car parks are not large, and needless to say the availability of parking spaces depends on the level of visitors on the day.

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 May 2024

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Belmont Hotel commencing at 12.25
Apologies: Telephone 0116 2233950 or e-mail :
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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 Atwill

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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ERANGER MOTORBIKE AMBULANCES



In 2013 Roger Neuberg of the Oadby Rotary Club sponsored a Global Grant to supply eRanger Motorbike Ambulances to the Mbale region of Eastern Uganda. The Leicester Club funded two of the ambulances. and Roger has now sent us an update:

'Of the 32 eRangers that were sent to Mbale region of Eastern Uganda, I only have complete and up to date statistics on 26 motorbike ambulances between June 2014 and December 2023:

They have completed a total of 43,878 emergency call-outs, 54% being for emergencies arising during pregnancy and labour. It is estimated that up to 20,000 of the total number will have been life saving.

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The Rotary Club of Leicester originally had two eRangers but since 2015 it has been impossible to obtain any statistics from one motorbike ambulance in an outlying district of Uganda. The other eRanger is stationed at Lwanjusi Health Centre III in the Manafwa District of Mbale Region.

Here are the statistics for emergency call-outs between June 2014 and December 2023:

Emergencies in pregnancy:	1577 (57% of total)
Emergencies mainly for children under 5 years and others:	1177 (37%)
TOTAL:	2754

The probability is that up to 1300 of these will have been life-saving.

It's really breath-taking. For a Rotary Club to save a single life would be truly newsworthy. To save lives in these numbers is almost beyond comprehension. For the 1,577 women who have survived an otherwise hazardous and life-threatening pregnancy, the Rotary Club of Leicester have provided these mothers with real hope for a future with their children.

My warmest thanks and congratulations'



DISABILITY GAMES 2024



The Rotary District 1070 Disability Games 2024 were held at Ratcliffe College on Sunday April 7th. There were 120 participants from across the District exhibiting their skills in ten Games. Unfortunately due to high winds the Archery was cancelled but this didn't detract from the success of the Games.

Ten Rotary Clubs from across Leicestershire contributed to the running of the various Games including David Mathers and Matt De Giovanni from the Impact Group who very capably ran the Weight Lifting with PhysFit Gym Sibley. Many other individual Rotarians from across the County also lent their support demonstrating the power of Rotary at its best in supporting local communities.

Our Honorary Member the Lord Lieutenant was the star guest and demonstrated his skills at a number of events including New Age Curling. Huge thanks go to Chris Saul for sorting all the risk assessments which were described by the District Compliance Officer as the best he has seen!

Thanks also to David Brunton for providing the Treasurer support for the Games. The 2025 Games will also be held at Ratcliffe College, on Sunday April 27th 2025. We have capacity for more participants, so if you are aware of any Disability Groups who may be interested then please let me know.

Richard Power

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT!

Get ready to put your knowledge to the test at our exciting Charity Quiz Night! Gather your friends and family for a fun-filled evening of trivia, laughter, and friendly competition.

All proceeds go to Charity Link and The Rotary Club of Leicester Food Poverty Fund.

Date: **Wednesday, June 26th, 2024**

Time: **7:30 PM (BST) - 10 pm**

Snacks & light refreshments are provided (you can bring your alcoholic beverages)

Location: **Brookfield Business Campus, 266 London Rd, Leicester LE2 1RQ**

Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or just looking for a fun night out, our Charity Quiz Night is the perfect opportunity to have a blast while making a difference. View the link below for pricing, directions and parking.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-quiz-night-tickets-883470212187?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

If you have any questions please contact Diana Esho diana@ei.uk.com