

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

AUGUST

- 5th Cllr Dr Susan Barton**
'Research into Sports History'
Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor
- 12th Denise Newsome**
'Magistrates in the Community—Making a Difference to City Schools'
Vote of Thanks: Moira Bartlett
- 19th Geoff Walker**
'South Leicestershire Litter Wombles'
Vote of Thanks: Barry Davies
- 26th Bank Holiday—No meeting**

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Joshua Thorpe**
'Elizabeth Heyrick, Leicester's Anti-Slavery Campaigner'
- 9th TBC**
- 16th Rtn Rodney Spokes**
'The Rotary Club Excellence Award'
- 23rd Rtn Joanna Burrows**
'Love4Life; Helping teenage girls in Leicester/Shire to thrive and succeed'
- 30th TBC**

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 August 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: | Tara Pankhania |
| President Elect: | Martin Traynor |
| Junior Vice-President: | Vacant |
| Honorary Treasurer: | David Brunton |
| Honorary Secretary: | Richard Power |
| Honorary Assistant Secretary: | Vacant |
| Impact Group Chair | Diana Esho |

Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Clive Smith,
Vicky Ball, Parmdeep Vadesha, David Mathers

Other Contacts:

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

LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

PRESIDENT - ED CUFFLIN

BULLETIN - AUGUST 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am excited and a little daunted to become President of the Rotary Club of Leicester. Firstly, I must thank Tara Pankhania for an excellent year as President. Tara has worked tirelessly as the figurehead of our club and hosted some great events including the excellent Bollywood Night, which was undeniably a great success and showcased Rotary to a large group of potential new members as well as raising a fabulous amount of money. I look forward to hearing about the success of Tara's project as it all comes to fruition.

The themes of my year are for us to work locally, to encourage and enable participation that will engender enjoyment of Rotary. I believe that our club will thrive and grow if we all enjoy our Rotary experience, whether that is the happy fellowship of our excellent Monday lunch meetings, the dynamic activities of our Impact Group or the planned fundraising and social events.

My chosen charity for this year is Charity Link. The connections between our club and Charity Link are many and strong. In keeping with my theme for local activities and impact, Charity Link is at the heart of the work of charities and organisation helping those in need in our city and county. I am looking forward to participating in the Charity Link Leicestershire 3 Peak Challenge in September and am in the throes of organising a 'Midsummer Concert' at Leicester Cathedral in June

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2025 with the Bardi Wind Ensemble that I hope will be a wonderful evening raising funds and enjoying delightful music in the newly refurbished and enhanced facilities. In addition, I hope to host a Garden Party in early September this year and am planning a 'Going Underground' challenge in May of next year. Just writing that all down feels rather exhausting!

I will, from time to time through my year as President, call on you, my fellow Rotarians, for help and I hope that you will all consider and be willing to lend a hand to organise or join in events year with me. I'm thoroughly looking forward to the coming year and enjoying my time with all of you, as if we all participate and contribute, our club will remain strong, will be attractive to new members and will be an enjoyable place to belong to.

*Ed Cufflin
President*

QUIZ NIGHT 2024

The Club has established a regular fundraiser in the form of the Charity Night Quiz, an annual event organised by the Impact Group. The quiz draws in crowds from all corners of the city and beyond.

Over the years, the event has consistently delivered remarkable results, with each edition surpassing the previous one in terms of both participation and funds raised. One particularly memorable event saw the Rotary Club of Leicester partner with a local young persons charity, using the quiz as a platform to highlight the successes of the partnering charity on the young persons life.

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Funds raised from the event are being distributed to a wide range of charitable organisations and initiatives. From supporting local food banks and young people, the club's dedication to making a difference is truly inspiring. The success of the quiz is a testament to the hard work of the Impact Group.

The 2024 Quiz raised just over £2,000. A great result!

ROTARY PEACE POLE



The International Rotary Presidents theme for 2023-2024 was 'Create Hope in the World'. With this in mind, the Rotary Club of Leicester Impact Group decided they would like to erect a Rotary Peace Pole in the Communities Food and Wellbeing Garden situated at the Hilltop Allotments in Evington, Leicester. Each pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail On Earth" on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries, all over the world, dedicated as monuments to Peace.

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A brief was given to 4 young Impactors by Rotarian Diana Esho to raise enough money to buy and erect a Peace Pole. The brief/challenge was accepted and the young people aged between 11 - 14 quickly grouped to decide on how to raise the funds. Over 7 months they picked fruit and made jam, they made soaps and candles which were sold to friends, family and at Rotary meetings. A four-sided pole was chosen with four languages based on the 3 main languages spoken within Leicester. Japanese was the fourth to signify where the concept of the Peace Pole started back in 1955 in response to the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On Wednesday 17th of July, the Peace Pole was erected with each language facing north, south, east and west. Purple lavender was planted and purple crocus bulbs are in line to be planted in 2025 to remember the End Polio Now campaign. District Governor Chris Knight and his wife Jane came to unveil the pole together with members of the Rotary Club and friends. The process of registering the pole on the global register has begun <https://rotarypeacepoles.world/> as a reminder of their amazing efforts made.

