

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd** **Joshua Thorpe**—‘Elizabeth Heyrick, Leicester’s Anti-Slavery Campaigner’
Vote of Thanks: Bernard Greaves
- 9th** **Kelly Gross-Bias**, Cash for Kids
Vote of Thanks: Clive Smith
- 16th** **Rtn Rodney Spokes**—Tracking our Club’s goals for the Rotary Club Excellence Award (previously called the Rotary Citation) and on the Rotary Service Project Centre (previously called Rotary showcase) which publicises the range of activities available to Leicester Rotarians; provides details of projects undertaken by other Clubs; and is an aid to membership recruitment.
- 23rd** **Rtn Joanna Burrows**—‘Love4Life; Helping teenage girls in Leicester/Shire to thrive and succeed’
Vote of Thanks: Pam Spokes

30th **TBC**

OCTOBER

- 7th** **Nic Merrett**—‘The Story of the Mango Tree — from Dependency to Self-Reliance’
Vote of Thanks: Joanna Burrows
- 14th** **TBC**
- 21st** **Katy Green**, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation—‘Modern Philanthropy’

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 September 2024

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Belmont Hotel commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President:	Tara Pankhania
President Elect:	Martin Traynor
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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

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

PRESIDENT - ED CUFFLIN

BULLETIN - SEPTEMBER 2024

ROTARY VOCATIONAL VISIT KIBWORTH HARCOURT WINDMILL JULY 2024



Our first Vocational visit this year was to the only Post Windmill in Leicestershire at Kibworth Harcourt. Eleven Rotarians and guests had a guided tour around the Grade 2* Listed building by volunteers of SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) who were gifted the Mill by Merton College Oxford in 1936.

The Windmill has recently been refurbished at a cost of £600,000, with new sails, although retaining most of its original timbers and mechanisms, with the centre oak post dating back to 1570. Post Mills were removable and it is likely that it was moved to its current site in around 1635, although with a weight of around 20 tons this must have been a major undertaking.

We were split into the three groups with a separate guide for each of the three floors and a very interesting tour was completed in around an hour and a quarter. I think all the attendees were blown away (excuse the

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pun) by the intricacy and technical complexity of the working of the whole building. This showed the importance of producing flour in the middle ages, even if the farmers apparently never trusted the miller to give them the correct number of bags of flour for the grain originally brought in!

Any ideas for future vocational visits would be most welcome.

Rtn Tony Jarvis



CHARITY LINK—3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

President Ed has volunteered to trek round the 3 Peaks Challenge in aid of his chosen charity, Charity Link. He would welcome other members to join him and raise money. The event takes place on 22nd September. More details can be found at

<https://charity-link.org/events/leicestershire-three-peaks/>

The route is 16 miles long and takes on the peaks of Bardon Hill, Old John in Bradgate Park and Beacon. The Challenge starts and finishes at Bawdon Lodge Farm in the heart of the beautiful Charnwood Forest.

If you would rather just sponsor Ed please do so by making a donation using reference - 3 Peaks

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THE SUCCESS OF THE NOVUS CLUB

When Leicester agreed to support the formation of a new Rotary Club, members Robert Mansfield and Michael Archer among others quickly stepped up alongside PDG Richard Hyde and other District luminaries. Leading the way was District Extension Officer David Morris. It took many weekly meetings – often with more Rotarians present than intending Rotarians. Persistence paid and we eventually reached the point where Patrick Boylan was suggesting the new club be called Leicester Abbey or Leicester Castle, influenced by which ward the new club would meet in. Founder member Frazer Robson eagerly received the suggestion from a friend that Novus would reflect not only the reality but the aspiration of the infant.

From the very beginning, it was clear that Novus would more accurately reflect the community it sought to serve in terms of age, gender, ethnicity and faiths than any other club in the district and maybe in RIBI.

In its 15-year life, Novus got involved in many activities. Here, in no particular order, is a selection remembered by different members:

Aqua boxes: The club originally intended to do three or four but Novus ended up providing 54! They were funded through Rushey Mead School charity funds and a **Murder Mystery Evening**. Novus folk went in on a Saturday to help check and pack the boxes. Pam Spokes visited Mel-lor Primary School at least twice a year to hand over **Rotary Stars** awards to scores of children, something that recently earned her and her teacher contact there a Paul Harris Fellow award.

E-Ranger ambulance: financing one of Roger Neuberg's life-saving motorbike ambulances and his ongoing support for **Mary'sMeal** were just some of Novus's International Service projects.

HollywoodBollywood evenings: the Diwali meals including in particular the last one (2023) at Pradeep and Nisha Papat's Mirch Masala restaurant.

Visits to various faith centres most recently the new gurdwara at Hamilton, but also including the Jain Centre, several temples, and the Synagogue.

Visual evidence of the club's hands-on service includes painting rooms for **Vista** and for a homeless charity, preparing the wall near Welford Road for the **"Tigers' mural"**, helping residents of **Aigburth Methodist Homes** move into their new building and creating the **Rotary Peace Garden** at Falcons Primary School which lasted longer than the thousands of **End Polio Now** crocuses members planted, to the delight of squirrels in city parks!

Jim Matthews

