

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### OCTOBER

- 7th Nic Merrett**  
'The Story of the Mango Tree -  
from Dependency to Self-Reliance'  
*Vote of Thanks: Joanna Burrows*
- 14th Caroline Beardsmore**  
'Bees and Beekeeping: A Miscellany'  
*Vote of Thanks: Gordon Arthur*
- 21st Katy Green, Leicestershire and Rutland  
Community Foundation**  
'Modern Philanthropy'  
*Vote of Thanks: Bob Collins*
- 28th Sir Peter Soulsby, City Mayor**  
'Update on City Centre'  
*Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor*

### NOVEMBER

- 4th Jay Hulme**  
'A Scottish Pilgrimage'
- 11th First Business Meeting—no speaker**
- 18th** To be advised
- 25th** To be advised

## 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 October 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

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

**PRESIDENT - ED CUFFLIN**

## BULLETIN - OCTOBER 2024

### GARDEN PROJECT



The Rotary Club of Leicester were asked by a local Social Worker to help a family with 3 small children with additional needs. Their garden was completely overgrown with weeds and they were unable to go outside.

As time was of the essence, it was the summer holidays and the children were essentially stuck in their lounge, a team of 3 Rotarians from the Impact Group attended to take the weeds down to ground level and started to remove some of the roots. One Rotarian also donated some new garden toys.

The family were very wary of the safety due to the roots forming a trip hazard and so have to supervise the children carefully.

A team of 5 rotarians carried out a second visit to clear some of the regrowth and most importantly the roots to reduce the problem recurring.

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Although the garden was 'cleared' as requested, this problem is far from solved as, if left untreated, the weeds will just grow back and the family are left with a muddy mess when it rains.

The Impact Group are now looking at rotavating and covering the ground with membrane so it is safe and reduces the chance of the weeds returning!

Diana Esho



### SERVICE PROJECT CENTRE

**"Service Above Self"** is the principal motto of Rotary. And now with the new Service Project Centre, members can see details of projects being organised by our and other Clubs without the need to login with a password.

Just go on line to [spc.rotary.org](http://spc.rotary.org) and enter Leicester in the search. We currently have 11 projects requiring help and you can click on the project leader's name to ask a question or volunteer.

If you missed the talk at the lunchtime meeting on 16 September about the Service Project Centre and our Club's goals, please put Wednesday 6 November at 6:30pm in your diary when this will be repeated at the Impact Group meeting.

For further information, e-mail: [rotary@spokes.biz](mailto:rotary@spokes.biz)

### BASTARD & WOODHALL TROPHIES

On a pleasant late summer evening, we held our annual Stableford golf tournament at The Leicestershire Golf Club and eight golfers took part. The Gross trophy (The Woodhall) was won for the first time by our lowest handicapper golfer, Chris Saul by one shot from President Ed Cufflin.

However, the principle Net trophy (The Bastard) was won this year by Clive Smith with a magnificent score of 41 points (a gross 82) and five more points than second placed Adrian Keene with 36.

*Honorary Golf Secretary Tony Jarvis*



### BANNER PRESENTATION



Rotarian Joanna Burrows presents a banner from the Rotary Club of Orinda, California following her visit to the States.

### RETURN TO THE GRAND AND APOLOGIES

From 7 October we return to the Grand for our Monday lunches. The cost will be £20 including car parking. Apologies deadline reverts to 10.00 on the Monday of the meeting. Please remember to give your apologies if you cannot attend.

### THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

In atrocious weather conditions President Ed and his team completed the 16 mile Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge in aid of his chosen charity, Charity Link. The route had to be changed slightly because of the poor conditions but it still proved a formidable achievement. If you have already sponsored Ed, thank you. If not you can still do so by sending a donation to the charity account with the reference 3 Peaks.

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