

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

JANUARY

- 6th Professor Ivan Browne, former Director of Public Health**
Health and Social Inequality in Leicester
Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor
- 13th Right Revd Martyn Snow, Lord Bishop of Leicester**
Vote of Thanks: Bob Collins
- 20th Rupert Matthews, Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire & Rutland**
Vote of Thanks: Tony Jarvis
- 27th Michael Taylor, Conservation and Planning Consultant**
Kenneth Browne and Townscape in Leicester

FEBRUARY

- 3rd Rtn Nitesh Joshi, Chair Rotary GB&I Board**
The challenges facing Rotary GB&I
Vote of Thanks : Rodney Spokes
- 10th Kerry Laurie**
Rainbows: Brightening Short Lives
Vote of Thanks: David Howard
- 17th Professor Elizabeth Tingle**
The Bean-Bellies of Leicestershire: a short History of local food
Vote of Thanks: Clive Smith
- 24th Judge Simon Hammond**
What is wrong with our Prisons?

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 January 2025

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand Hotel commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President:	Tara Pankhania
President Elect:	Martin Traynor
Junior Vice-President:	Vacant
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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 Atwill

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

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BELL FOUNDRY VISIT



A group of Rotarians and friends visited the Taylor Bell foundry in Loughborough in November. Since we last visited in 2017 there has been a large injection of heritage funding to create a better visitor experience. The good news though was that little had changed in the work areas with traditional skills on display and an element of organised chaos.

Thanks go to Tony Jarvis for organising the event.

TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are coming up to the 2025 Technology Tournament and I am looking for volunteers to support the event. As usual I shall need a complement of practically minded Judges as well as Registration personnel and people to help set up the day before the event. The Technology Tournament will be held at the Leicester Grammar School on Wednesday 12th February 2025 and I shall hold a Judges' briefing session on Monday 3rd February after lunch at the Grand Hotel. If necessary, I could hold a further briefing session for anyone not able to attend the above date and time, although a communal briefing is much preferable.

For anyone not acquainted with this event: The TT is an unseen design and construct competition for secondary school students (in 3 age groups). It starts at 9:30am and is completed by 3:00pm. The students work in teams of 4 to design and build a model to perform a task set out in the briefing document that we shall give them. We also provide a bag of materials that they are to use in the construction. At the end of the day, each team's model is tested to see how it performs. They are scored on this performance together with the way they work together and conduct the design process. They produce a portfolio of their design process. We will have something like 35 to 40 teams from some 12 Leicester/Leicestershire schools

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact me directly.

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Nick Thomson

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Club, mainly through the Impact group, Managed to put together over 50 hampers to help those in need over Christmas. Well done to all who donated, shopped, packed and distributed.



THANKS TO ROTARY!



During a recent Mediterranean cruise whilst on an excursion to Aix-en-Provence we were approached by a couple of fellow travellers (see photo) who having seen Pam's Rotary cap thanked us for what Rotary has been doing to eradicate Polio. They were both Polio survivors although one was now suffering from post-Polio syndrome. Good for Rotary to be appreciated.

Rodney & Pam Spokes

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

Monday 3 February 2025 - Nitesh Joshi, Chairman Rotary GBI, Monday lunch. Invite other Rotarians.

Wednesday 12 February 2025 – Technology Tournament. Service opportunity.

Wednesday 11 June 2025 - Rotary Children's Fun Day (previously Kids Out). Service opportunity.

Sunday 27 April 2025 – District Disability Games. Service opportunity.

Saturday 17 May 2025 District Assembly. 9:00am Until 1:45pm. Club Committee leaders plus open to all Rotarians.

Weekend 23-25 May 2025 tba. Twinning visit to Leicester by Rotary Club of Bordeaux Tounry. Social Visit.

Saturday 21 June 2025 evening—Midsummer concert by Bardi Strings, Leicester Cathedral. Social/ Fundraising.

To add or change events email rotary@spokes.biz

RESIGNATIONS

Sadly Michael Chamberlain has decided to resign from Rotary due to his deteriorating health and the consequent difficulty he has to attend the meetings. Michael has been a great asset to the club over 50 years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Trustee of our Club

BONE BANK TALK

It was great to get an update on the success of the Bone Bank which our Club was instrumental in launching to Bone Bank during John Aldridge's presidency, marking our 75th anniversary.

