

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### APRIL

**7th Dr Pam Fisher, Leicestershire Victoria County History Trust**

'Researching Loughborough'

*Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett*

**14th Rtn Jan Long from Middle England**

'Gertrude Bell, traveller, archaeologist, spy, Imperial administrator, writer and Arabist'

*Vote of Thanks: Gordon Arthur*

**21st Bank Holiday—no meeting**

**28th Rtn David Sparrow from Northampton Beckett (but a Tigers supporter)**

'Corporate Membership—how we do it'

*Vote of Thanks: Rodney Spokes*

### MAY

**5th Bank Holiday—no meeting**

**12th Bob Gill, Partner and Head of Branch John Lewis Leicester**

'Retailing in the 21st Century'

**19th Rtn Richard Power**

'The Lalibela Health Trust Ethiopia'

**26th Holiday—no meeting**

## BORDEAUX VISIT—HOSTING REQUEST

I now only need one volunteer to host a visiting Rotarian lady for **bed and breakfast** on Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24. If you can kindly assist with this hosting arrangement, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

This visit is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our friendship with the Bordeaux-Tourney Club and showcase Leicester's hospitality. Thank you in advance for your support in making this event a great success.

*Parmdeep Vadesha*

### ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand 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

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



**PRESIDENT - ED CUFFLIN**

**BULLETIN - APRIL 2025**

### EASTER EGG DONATIONS



Once again we have been delighted to raise money to buy Easter eggs for those who would not otherwise receive them. Our own Easter bunnies have been out distributing the eggs to various food banks and charities across the City and County. A great example of on the ground local action. - Well done everyone.

### GARDEN PARTY INVITATION!

Ed and Mary Cufflin will be holding a Garden Party at their home on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon with a buffet lunch and drinks. Food will be served from 12.45 and finish will be around 2.30 pm. Please take your own garden tables and chairs.

The event will raise funds for Charity Link, and Ed is asking everyone attending to donate at least £20 via Rotary Club Leicester, Sort code 30 94 97, Account 02722147 noting your name and 'Garden Party'. There will also be a raffle on the day to raise extra funds. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. Partners and family welcome. Parking is available at the house and on the verge outside.

Please inform Ed via email if you are attending as well as any dietary requirements and whether you would like to lend a hand on the day or beforehand.

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP



Back in February the RIBI National Chairman, Nitesh Joshi, visited us and was delighted to present our member Diana Esho with a Paul Harris Scholarship in recognition of all the work Diana's has put into forming the Impact group amongst many other successes. A proud moment for Diana and she was clearly surprised and overcome by this much deserved award.

### ROTARY AMAM GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are invited to enter a team for the **ROTARY AMAM GOLF TOURNAMENT** at The Leicestershire Golf Club on Wednesday 18th June 2025. We are organising this fun day of golf sharing profits in support of Charity Link AND charities nominated by the winning team,

The format of the competition will be 18 holes Stableford off 85% of handicap index in teams of four, with the best two scores to count. Teams may be Gentlemen, Ladies or Mixed. Tee times will be between 10am and 2pm. Before or after playing you may enter our putting competition free of charge. You will also enjoy a two-course meal which is included in the team entry fee of £250.

There will be prizes for the first 3 teams plus a raffle so everyone has a chance of winning!

We are most grateful to The Leicestershire Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course for this event and we do hope that you will support The Rotary Club of Leicester by entering a team.

*Please contact Simon Gravett.*

### RAISING FUNDS FOR FOOD POVERTY

The Plough Inn in Hinckley host a regular charity Quiz Night and our Impact Group managed to get them to support our Food Poverty fund in March. The quiz raised £720. A great result. Not sure whether our team won the quiz though!



### FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS 2025

#### Sunday 27th April

District Disability Games at Ratcliffe College. Service opportunity. 9.30 am until 4.00 pm. Impact Group leading. Contact David Mathers\*

#### Saturday 17th May

District Assembly, 9.00 am until 1.45 pm. Club Committee leaders plus open to all Rotarians

#### Saturday 18th May

President's Garden Party at Kibworth Harcourt, 12 noon until 2.30 pm. Social and Fundraising for Charity Link. Contact Ed Cufflin\*

#### 23rd-25th May (weekend)

Twinning visit to Leicester by Rotary Club of Bordeaux Tounry. Social visit. Contact Parmdeep Vadesha\*

#### Wednesday 11th June

Rotary Children's Fun Day (previously Kids Out). Service opportunity. Contact Mark Simpson\*

#### Wednesday 18th June

Rotary Club of Leicester AMAM Golf Tournament, Leicestershire Golf Club, contact Simon Gravett\*

#### Wednesday 25th June (evening)

Quiz, Brookfield House, London Road. Social/Fundraising. Impact Group leading. Contact Diana Esho/David Mathers\*

#### Saturday 21st-25th June

Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada. Details at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)

#### Saturday 2nd-9th August

RYLA course (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) at Grafham Water. Contact Chris Saul\*

*To add or change events email [rotary@spokes.biz](mailto:rotary@spokes.biz).*

*\*Rotarians requiring contact details go to: [rv.rotarygbi.org](http://rv.rotarygbi.org)*