

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

JULY

- 7th President Handover**
- 14th Professor Paul Baines, School of Business, University of Leicester**
The Disinformation Pandemic: What's real in a World of Truthiness?
- 21st Steve White MBE, Community Cohesion Champion**
The Power of Sport to Transform Communities: Building Bridges in our Divided World
- 28th Professor Henrietta O'Connor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester**
The Apollo Project in India

AUGUST

- 4th To be advised**
- 11th Phil Hackett, General Manager Jewry Wall Museum**
The New Jewry Wall Museum
- 18th Andy Reed OBE, Chair of Leicestershire Active Together**
Health and Wellbeing in Schools
- 25th Bank Holiday—no meeting**

CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE ...

Below is an excerpt from our Assistant Governor's report for District Council:

RC Leicester continues to evolve its approach to engagement and service. The growth of its Impact Group reflects the importance of flexible models that align with the changing needs of today's members. The club's willingness to embrace innovation while maintaining its legacy is a strong foundation for continued impact.

Well done to all!

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand Hotel commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President:	Ed Cufflin
President Elect:	Vacant
Junior Vice-President:	Vacant
Honorary Treasurer:	David Brunton
Honorary Secretary:	Richard Power
Honorary Assistant Secretary:	Moira Bartlett
Impact Group Chair	Diana Esho

Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Clive Smith, Vicky Ball, Vicky Ball,
Parmdeep Vadesha, David Mathers, Gordon Arthur

Other Contacts:

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

LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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



PRESIDENT - MARTIN TRAYNOR

BULLETIN - JULY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

My year as President of our wonderful club seems to have passed by so quickly; however I look back with great pleasure at some of the times we have shared together, the events we have enjoyed and the good causes we have supported.

In the rainy days of late summer and early autumn 2024 I supported our candidate at RYLA and with Mary participated in the Charity Link Leicestershire Three Peaks Challenge, which very much was a challenge in very wet conditions such that the event was eventually shortened on safety grounds.

Later in my year we enjoyed a very happy Garden Party at our Kibworth home and the bi-annual golf AMAM was a splendid day at the Leicestershire Golf Club – special thanks to Simon Gravett for all his great work co-ordinating the day. Our team of Moira Bartlett, David Howard, Richard Power and myself won the Area quiz and came a creditable fourth in the District Final.

For me the highlight of the year was the visit of our friends from the Rotary Club of Bordeaux Tourny for three splendid days of happy fellowship. I think we all showed the best of our Club, our City and Rotary itself and I shall remember those times for many years to come. My sincere thanks to everyone that kindly opened their homes to our guests and everyone that

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joined in the various events. I am especially grateful to Parmdeep Vadesha and Nick Thomson for all their work on the visit and the twinning project more widely.

Of course, I shall likely be the only President to have been inaugurated at the Belmont Hotel as our temporary stay was ongoing last summer. While I thought the team at the Belmont looked after us very well, I am pleased that we are back at our home at the Grand Hotel and I must say we are being very well looked after even though the parking is suboptimal at present. I have been pleased to welcome and spend time with a rich variety of guest speakers to our lunchtime meetings and my thanks to Gordon Arthur for his great work in that regard.

Administratively, I am pleased that we have updated our Club constitution during the year, which paves the way for a more integrated club that enables and encourages our Impact Group members to participate in all aspects of club life and to develop their involvement in the management of the club. Special thanks to Chris Saul and Richard Power for the heavy lifting with that and to Rodney Spokes, Vicky Ball and Martin Traynor for their oversight and review. I would particularly like to thank Diana Esho for her charismatic leadership of the Impact Group and Vicky Ball and David Mathers who have become integral and valuable members of Club Council.

I would like to thank all the members of Club Council for their work and support on behalf of the club this year. I must pass my particular thanks to Richard Power and David Brunton whose work as secretary and treasurer is immeasurable and who embody the Rotary ethos of service above self.

I am delighted to report that during the year we have raised £5000 for Charity Link, which is well ahead of my target for the year.

Thank you all for your help and support during my year and I look forward to supporting incoming President Martin Traynor in his year.

Ed Cufflin

GOLF AMAM



The AMAM at The Leicestershire Golf Club 'LGC' attracted thirteen teams. A fine midsummer day added greatly to the competitive golf and enjoyment.

The winning team was ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN with a score of 90 stableford points. Yes, our President Ed Cufflin led a carefully selected team of bandits to victory!! Our Club golf section was well represented with Chris Saul and David Howard's team coming second on 85 points and Richard Power's team were 3rd on 84 points. Profit on the day was almost £3,160, benefitting Charity Link, President Ed's charity.

My thanks go to the team captains and players, sponsors Charles Stanley, contributors of raffle prizes, Mesdames Simpson and Gravett for their sterling help issuing and checking scorecards and running the raffle and finally, the starter Barry Davies.

Simon Gravett

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS 2025

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.

**Rotarians requiring contact details go to: rv.rotarygbi.org*

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY



On the 11th of June we took almost 100 children from Westgate School to Wicksteed Park for the annual Children's Fun Day. A very good time was had by all!

Many thanks to Mark Simpson for running the event.