

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

AUGUST

- 4th Ian Caldwell, CEO Leicester Education Business Company**
Unlocking Potential: Why Careers Guidance & Work Experience Really Matters (*Vote of Thanks: Mark Simpson*)
- 11th Phil Hackett, General Manager Jewry Wall Museum**
The New Jewry Wall Museum (*Vote of Thanks: Tony Jarvis*)
- 18th Andy Reed OBE, Chair of Leicestershire Active Together**
Health and Wellbeing in Schools (*Vote of Thanks: David Brunton*)
- 25th Bank Holiday—no meeting**

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Jim Butler BEd MA, Hon. Sec. Leicester Archaeological and Historical Society**
The Siege of Leicester 1645 (*Vote of Thanks: David Howard*)
- 8th Jill Vickers, Bridge 67 Butchers Kibworth**
- 15th Heather Southorn, Collections Manager, Leicester Museum and Art Gallery**
Leicester Museums and Galleries: 176 Years of Collecting (*Vote of Thanks: Gordon Arthur*)
- 22nd Rtn. Moira Penney, District Governor**
(*Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor*)
- 29th Stephen Bryan JP High Sheriff of Leicestershire**
The role of High Sheriff
(*Vote of Thanks: John Aldridge*)

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*

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand Hotel commencing at 12.25
Apologies: Telephone 0116 2233950 or e-mail : johannedraycott@pickeverard.co.uk

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 - AUGUST 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



First, I would like to pay tribute to our out going President, Ed, for his leadership, encouragement, and as ever, keeping the show on the road.

For my year as President, I would like to concentrate on three key activities:

1. To develop a strand of Corporate Membership in our Club. The whole way businesses, along with younger executives, interact is very different. As a Club we need to acknowledge the change and find new ways of engaging, so that we can draw them into supporting Rotary, whether locally or internationally.
2. After a hugely successful visit from Rotarians from Bordeaux a few weeks ago and the signing of an MoU between our two Clubs, I would like to explore how we

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can develop that relationship further. There is huge positivity on both sides, so let's see how we can develop some suitable activities.

3. To work with Leicester Hospitals Charity and Glenfield Hospital to create a new garden area within one of the quadrants, where patients from the Intensive Care Unit can spend quality time recuperating in the fresh air while still linked up to monitors and an oxygen supply.

I hope you will support me with these 3 areas of activity.

Martin Traynor
President

RETURN VISIT

Some of you may remember in January, a Rotarian from the USA, Kathy Zavaleta visited our Club. It surprised me when she said she was a Member of the Rotary Club of Wheaton AM, 30 miles west of Chicago, because we planned to visit my great nephew and his family who live there.

Paying a return visit to Kathy, Pam and I received great hospitality and special visits in the local area. We were asked to be the speakers for their meeting. Our joint presentation covered details of our Rotary Club and the many reasons for visiting Leicester on any trip to the UK – King Richard III Tomb, Space Centre, Jewry Wall Museum, Bradgate Park and Picasso ceramic collection.

As a Rotarian, you are able to visit other Rotary Clubs which entails good hospitality and a local view not available to tourists. Finding details to book in is easy using the "Rotary Club Locator" app or via my.rotary.org/en/club-search

Rodney B Spokes

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT



🥂 What a night! 🥂

A huge thank you to everyone who made our annual Rotary Quiz Night such a fantastic success! The Quiz was a sell-out with over 130 attendees from local businesses within Leicester and Rotary members and friends. With your incredible support — through quiz entries, raffle tickets, and some truly impressive cake purchases, We raised over £3,500!!

Special thanks to our generous sponsors:

- * Brookfield Business School—Event Sponsor
- * PPL PRS—Corporate Sponsor
- * Mirch Masala—Food Sponsor

The money raised will be used to support Bamboozle, a wonderful Leicester-based charity creating inclusive theatre experiences for children with learning disabilities.

The balance goes towards our club 'Food Poverty Fund', supporting local families with food parcels at Christmas and Easter eggs at Easter, plus providing children and

babies with food through charities overseas doing critical work.

Community, generosity, and a little healthy competition – what more could we ask for?

Looking forward to the next quiz in 2026!

Diana Esho

