

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

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 Beauchamp**
'Building a Butchers from Farm to Fork'
Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett
- 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** **Robert Martin, CEO Menphys**
'Supporting Children and Young People with Disabilities'
Vote of Thanks: John Aldridge

OCTOBER

- 6th** **Majors Paul and Louise Wood**
'The Work of the Salvation Army'
Vote of Thanks: Mark Simpson

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- 13th** **Rtn Jan Long from Middle England**
'My time in India as part of the Rotary Polio Immunisation Project Team'
Vote of thanks: John Saunders
- 20th** **Cllr Dr Susan Barton**
'The Winstanleys of Braunstone Hall'
Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett
- 27th** **Justin Webber, Leicester City Council**
'The Historic Environment of Leicester City Centre'
Vote of Thanks: Bernard Greaves

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:	Ed Cufflin
President Elect:	David Mathers
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,

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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

THE TREEKLY CHALLENGE OF JULY 2025

I am pleased to report that our Leicester Club provided four teams, each with five members, to participate in the Rotary District Challenge that was set for the calendar month of July.

All in all 35 teams took part and there were therefore some 165 individual participants. The two teams from our mother club were known as 'New Treeklies' and 'Old Originals', and those representing our impact group were called 'Stepping for Trees' and 'Walking for Impact'. We calculate that all four teams completed successfully the challenge of walking a minimum of 5,000 steps individually for all 31 days of July. As a consequence the Charity Treekly has planted 620 mangrove trees on the east coast of Africa, representing one tree per person per day for all four of our teams.

Mangroves are favoured apparently because they absorb the maximum amount of CO2 and so we have done our little bit to combat climate change.

We were all able to follow the daily endeavours of our fellow participants on a daily basis on line, something some of us found quite addictive! The best performing of our four teams were the New Treeklies who averaged 11,351 steps per participant per day. This total was considerably enhanced by the extraordinary individual performance of David Brunton, who averaged

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18,791 steps per day and came in eighth place overall. The 'winner' unbelievably averaged 26,703 steps per day!

It is my hope that we may have occasion to do a re-run one day and look to field even more than four teams. I think all participants would vouch for it being a lot of fun, and for feeling slightly fitter at the end of the month than at the beginning!

Clive Smith

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS 2025

Tuesday 2nd September

District 1070 Council Meeting, Greetham Valley Golf Club—all Rotarians welcome in person only—contact John Saudners*

Sunday 7th September

Duck Race, Knighton Park, fundraising service opportunity assisting RC Leicester de Montfort. Impact led—contact David Mathers*

Monday 22nd September

District Governor Moira Penney attending our lunch meeting

Saturday 25th October

End Polio Now 'Wheel n Walk'. Service and fundraising. Impact led.

Wednesday 3rd December

District 1070 Council Meeting at 7.30pm only Zoom. All Rotarians welcome

Monday 15th December

Christmas Lunch Meeting

To add or change events email rotary@spokes.biz.

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

ROTARY IN ACTION AT GOLDHILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUP!

For the past eight months, led by Rotarian Carl Tranter, the dedicated members of the Impact Group have generously volunteered their time and energy at Goldhill Adventure Playground in Leicester.

Volunteers have undertaken a sustained programme of restoration work, transforming the playground by planting, restoring tables and benches, clearing weeds and restoring and tidying pathways.

This valuable work is helping to reinforce the connection with community for local families and provide a beautiful well maintained space for all to enjoy.

If you would like to get involved in volunteering or support Goldhill or our future projects please get in touch. We are on the lookout for plants and paint as well as volunteers.

Diana Esho



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP DR HILARY STAFFORD



The Rotary Club of Leicester had the greatest pleasure in awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship, which is the highest honour Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation can bestow, to Dr Hilary Stafford. Some of you may remember Hilary was a member of our club for a few years.

Hilary, along with Professor Paul Gregg, the late Huw Thomas and the late Tom Stoye conceived the concept of a Bone Bank in Leicester 40 years ago. Together they persuaded the Rotary Club of Leicester to raise the necessary funds (c.£100k) to support the infrastructure during the Presidency of John Aldridge. The Leicester Bone Bank was one of the first of its kind in the UK and has consistently been the benchmark to which all other such institutions in the UK have been compared.

Hilary's hard work and commitment over the many years since its foundation has ensured that the Bone Bank has remained at the top of its field. Many of us have been involved with the Bone Bank over the years and have come and gone, but despite having been notionally retired for a number of years Hilary continues to provide 2 days per week of dedicated service – a true demonstration of the Rotary principle of Service before Self.