

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Robin Jenkins**
 'The At Risk War Memorials Project'
Vote of Thanks: David Howard
- 10th Khudeja Amer-Sharif MBA, MCIM, CEO Sharma Women's Centre**
 'Tackling inequalities through empowering Women in Leicester'
Vote of Thanks: Pam Spokes
- 17th Kevin Butcher, Joint Executive Director, Leicestershire Rural Community Council**
Vote of Thanks: Clive Smith
- 24th First Business Meeting**

ACCOMODATION REQUEST

We have had an enquiry from a young man with Rotary connections who will be in Leicester in the early part of 2026 training to join the police force. He is looking for accommodation from Sunday night to Friday night for about 12 weeks. He is happy to pay a reasonable amount for his accommodation so if you have a spare room or know anyone who can help please let Richard or Moira know so they can get back to the recruit.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Christmas lunch will be at the Grand on Monday 15 December. The guest speaker will be the Lord Lieutenant. It promises to be a very enjoyable celebration and it would be good to see both sections of the club well represented with family and friends joining us.

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:	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 - OCTOBER 2025

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025



District Governor Moira Penny pictured with President Martin, new member David Morley who was introduced to the club by Naren Naik.



During the visit Moira congratulated Diana Esho: "We are delighted to welcome Diana as the new Assistant Governor, 25/26 to our District Team. As a highly effective member of the Impact Group of Leicester Rotary she will help continue to effect positive change to our membership and inspire others to follow suit."

Statement from the Disaster Response Team of Rotary GB&I concerning Middle East and Surrounding Regions

Rotary is deeply concerned about the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Our focus is always on alleviating human suffering and supporting communities in need.

Rotary is not a political organisation – our concern is solely for the wellbeing of people affected by conflict. At this time there is no access by Rotary into Gaza and there is very limited access to humanitarian organisations of any sort.

As of August 2025, Rotary's partner in disaster response, ShelterBox, has enough tents ready in Jordan to shelter thousands of people in Gaza, but can only deliver them when the blockade is lifted.

Further updates are available at rotarygbi.org/members/disaster-response-recovery-resilience/disaster-alerts/

CALVERT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Those of you who heard Clive Smith talk passionately about the experience of being a volunteer at Calvert may wish to pick up the baton and take over from Clive. If you want to know more about the week away in the Lake District helping disabled groups on an outward bound course please speak to Clive.

DAFFODIL BULBS

WE have a large supply of daffodils which are available for sale to raise money for charity. Anyone wanting a bag or two please contact Vicky Ball.
vicky@impactairsystems.com.

AGE UK CHRISTMAS DINNER—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's nearly time for our Christmas Dinner event at Seasons Café at Clarence House — and we're on the lookout for Santa's helpers to make it extra special!

Each day, we'll be welcoming 80 guests for a festive 4-course meal, complete with decorated tables, live music, children singing, and a raffle. We'd love your help with serving dinner and engaging with our wonderful guests on 16th, 17th and 18th December 2025 between 11.00 and 3.00.

This is a great chance to get involved and see the amazing work we do at Seasons Café. If you'd like to volunteer with us, please let me know which date works best for you, and I'll get you booked.

Chris Saul

WALK A MILE TO END POLIO

On the 25th of October, we have organised and sponsored a walk & wheel (for those in wheelchairs) around Clarendon Park for the 'Walk A Mile to End Polio' annual fundraiser.

The event itself will start & end at the Stoneygate Baptist Church where we will have a mobile immunisation van to spread the word about the importance of immunisations. Participants are welcome to wear fancy dress and purple on the day.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Diana Esho (minimum of £20 to be raised by each adult entry). Link to Just Giving page for those who would like to support the event but can't be there: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walk-a-mile-for-end-polio-now>.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st October Impact Group—Elevator Pitch Workshop with Rtn Trusha Lakhani, 6.15 pm for a 6.30 start at Brookfield Business Campus (LE2 1RQ—car park via Holmfield Road)

Wednesday 15th October Impact Group—Cancer Prevention Strategies with Rtn Dr Annette Kenningham & member induction (tbc) 6.15 pm for a 6.30 start at Brookfield Business Campus as above

Saturday 25th October End Polio Now 'Wheel n Walk'. Service and fundraising. Impact led—Diana Esho*

Wednesday 3rd December District 1070 Council Meeting at 7.30pm only via Zoom. All Rotarians welcome

Monday 15th December Christmas Lunch Meeting. Please invite your guests.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 District 1070 Council Meeting at 7.30 pm. All Rotarians welcome.

Sunday 8th March 2026 Tweekly Challenge Week

Sunday 12th April 2026 District Disability Games, Ratcliffe College, 10.30 am

Sunday 26th April 2026 National Rotary Youth Competition finals, 9.00 am

Saturday 16th May 2026 District Assembly, Loughborough University, 9.30 am. All Rotarians encouraged to attend—contact Richard Power*

Monday 8th June 2026 District 1070 Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. All Rotarians welcome.

Saturday 13th—Wednesday 17th June 2026 Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan—convention. [Rotary.org/en-us/](https://rotary.org/en-us/)

Sunday 28th June 2026 District Handover, 12.00 noon. . All Rotarians Welcome.

Saturday 17th October 2026 District Conference, Whittlebury Park NN12 8WP. Open to all Rotarians and Partners.

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

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