

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

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**

DECEMBER

- 1st RYLA Presentations**
Vote of Thanks: Chris Saul
- 8th Danielle Gillett, CEO EMB Group, Chair of Governors of Leicester College**
'Leicester College: A Gift to the City, Especially At Christmas'
- 15th Christmas Lunch: Hon Rtn Mike Kapur OBE CStj, Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire**
'The Invisible Lord-Lieutenant'
Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor
- 22nd No Meeting**
- 29th No Meeting**

FOOD PARCEL DONATIONS

In the coming weeks we will be embarking on the annual project of buying food to make up food parcels that are given out to individuals and families in need before Christmas. Each parcel costs around £18 and is made up of essentials and the odd treat. It would be great if we could boost the donation fund for this project and pay for more parcels this year. If you would like to support this cause, please make payments to the account below with the reference 'Food parcels' by 30 November.

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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:	Moir 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	Moir Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent	David Howard
Communications	Diana Esho

PRESIDENT - MARTIN TRAYNOR

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VISIT TO LEICESTER CATHEDRAL



Our latest social outing was to the newly re-furnished Leicester Cathedral. Our party of 18 met up after our Monday Rotary lunch, and we were given an expert tour by Rebecca the senior guide, and she gave us many interesting historical facts and curios about various parts of the ancient Cathedral.

We finished off by going around the stunning new Heritage and Learning Centre which was recently opened at a cost of c. £17M. This is a welcome addition to the fabric of the Cathedral, with the increased number of visitors coming to see King Richard's tomb, and especially with the 13 new extra toilets!

Rtn Tony Jarvis

RICHARD POWER'S VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

I once again visited Ethiopia this month. Having survived an overnighter to Addis I travelled up to Lalibela with Michael Arlington of the Lalibela Trust to monitor their work in the town and surrounding rural areas. In the space of 48 hours we met the senior management of Lalibela Hospital, the senior administrators of the Lasta and Bugna Woredas (equivalent to counties), the staff at the Lalibela Medical Centre and we travelled deep into FANO-held country to assess two health posts. Our main objectives here for the future are to establish a better community-based diabetic service and to set up an orthopaedic outreach service from Gondar.

I then travelled to Gondar via overnight in Addis. The Orthopaedic unit continues to go from strength to strength with 10 Consultants on the establishment and an active training programme. I also saw the work of the Jaipur Limb Centre funded by the Rotary e-Club of the East Caribbean (with a contribution from ourselves). In the first year of operation the Centre has fitted 99 lower limb prostheses and we had the opportunity to see a number of the beneficiaries walking unaided for the first time in years. After one night in Gondar I returned to UK via Addis. During my stopover in Addis I met with PDG Azeb Asrat and President Abenezer of Addis West Club



Dr Birlew in the entrance to the Orthopaedic OR funded by the Club among others.

who works for the TBI (Tony Blair Institute) as a Special Advisor to Abey Ahmed, the Ethiopian Prime Minister!

A very rewarding if slightly exhausting trip.

Richard Power



CONGRATULATIONS NICK THOMSON!

President Martin was delighted to present Nick Thomson with a Paul Harris Award. Nick has worked tirelessly for the club since he joined just over a decade ago. He has been Secretary and President, Membership lead and has played an important role in our twinning arrangements and the formation of the Impact group. But maybe his greatest achievement has been establishing and running the Technology Tournament—a highlight of all we do.



CHARITY LINK PRESENTATION

Immediate Past President Ed had chosen Charity Link as his charity of the year. At a recent meeting he was delighted to hand over a cheque for £5,000 to Sue McEniff, CEO of Charity Link. Sue said the money would be put to good use supporting local families.



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. Please put the date in your diary!

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd December District 1070 Council Meeting at 7.30pm only via Zoom. All Rotarians welcome. Contacts Moira Bartlett, John Saunders, Rodney Spokes*

Monday 15th December Christmas Lunch Meeting. Please invite your guests. Contact Martin Traynor*

Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th December Serving Christmas lunches at Age Concern. SAS. Contact Chris Saul*

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

Sunday 8th March 2026 Treakly Challenge Week. Contact Clive Smith*

Sunday 12th April 2026 District Disability Games, Ratcliffe College, 10.30 am. SAS. Contact David Mathers*

Sunday 19th April Calvert Trust Week. SAS. Contact Clive Smith*

Sunday 26th April 2026 National Rotary Youth Competition finals, 9.00 am. Contact Moira Bartlett*

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/)