

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

JANUARY 2026

- 5th** **Rt. Revd Saju Muthalaly**, Suffragan Bishop of Loughborough. New Year Message (*Vote of Thanks: John Aldridge*)
- 12th** **Nash Chatralia**, CEO The Bridge (East Mids). 'Preventing and Overcoming Homelessness' (*Vote of Thanks: Naren Naik*)
- 19th** **Andrew Sharp**, Mohs Surgeon at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. 'White yet Black: Albinism in Africa' (*Vote of Thanks: Nick Thomson*)
- 26th** **Stephen Bryan JP**, High Sheriff of Leicestershire. 'The Role of the High Sheriff' (*Vote of Thanks: Gordon Arthur*)

FEBRUARY

- 2nd** **Gurinder Mann**, Community Heritage Officer, Leicester Museums and Galleries. 'The Heritage Panel Project' (*Vote of Thanks: Tony Jarvis*)
- 9th** **Tiffany Jones**, Asst. Director Plasma Marketing and Communications. 'NHS Blood and Transport—the importance of blood donations ...a gift of Life' (*Vote of Thanks: Pam Spokes*)
- 16th** **Allison Tripney**, Head of Community, Leicester City Football Club. 'Leicester City in the Community' (*Vote of Thanks: Barry Davies*)
- 23rd** **Professor Henrietta O'Connor**, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester. 'The Apollo Partnership in India—First steps in Transforming Global Healthcare'.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

If your New Year's Resolution is to review your Will Please consider joining the other members who include a legacy to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Your donation goes on working far into the future rather than just being given to one project and is a painless way to recognise your enjoyment and fellowship as a Rotarian.

Leaflets giving further information are available from David Howard.

The Rotary Foundation has been awarded the highest possible rating level by Charity Navigator for the 17th consecutive year judged on financial health, accountability and transparency—so you know it will continue making the world a better place after your lifetime.

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, Gargi Rampurkar,

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 - JANUARY 2026

TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

The Technology Tournament for secondary school teams will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at Leicester Grammar School. (I will be holding a judges' briefing in advance of the event (date to be confirmed).)

As usual, **I shall need volunteers** to take on roles on the day as well as help setting up on the previous afternoon. The roles on the day are judge/support, student registration and general assistant.

This is open to any member of the club (Impactors please note). For anyone who has not been involved in this before, I will be happy to explain the event. But in short it is a tournament in which some 36+ teams of 4 pupils from about 15 Leicester schools come together for a day when each team designs and then constructs a model to perform a specified task. They have no idea what they will be building when they arrive but at the end of the day each of their efforts will be tested. The role of judge/support does require some degree of practical application and understanding as well as an ability for supportive discussion with young people.

Will anyone who is interested in helping please email me stating which role they would prefer.

Nick.thomson80@ntlworld.com

Many thanks
Nick Thomson

RYLA CANDIDATES VISIT

In December we were pleased to hear from our 2025 RYLA candidates, Hubert Katanga and Jessie Tyack. They both gave a very interesting and well thought through presentation demonstrating what they had learnt from the experience at Grafham Water. Jessie works with Craig Shevas's team at Rowleys and was part sponsored by them. It certainly makes it feel worthwhile supporting RYLA when it makes such an impact.



THE TARRATT TROPHY

President Martin Traynor and Golf Section Captain Tony Jarvis were please to present Chris Saul with the Tarratt Trophy. A much sought after trophy for many reasons.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS



Rotarian Barry Phagura from our Impact Group visited the Rotary Club of Ahmedabhad Vasna whilst on holiday in Ahmedabhad, Gujarat, India.



Rotarian Diana Esho banner flag exchange in Leicester with Rtn. Ankur Agrawal from Rotary Baroda Kalanagari Club in India Gujarat and Dr. Pranali.



Rotary banner from Sierra Leone sent to us by Rotarian Dr. Muriel Beoku-Betts, and the Rotary Town Hall spotted by Rotarian Justine Flack in Shimla, India



Spotted by Rotarian Babs Marsden in Sint Maarten, Netherlands

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 24 January 2026 9:00am- 5:00pm. Young Musician District Finals. Uppingham Community College. All Rotarians welcome. Contact Moira Bartlett*.

Wednesday 4th February 2026. Technology Tournament at Leicester Grammar School. SAS^ . Contact Nick Thomson*

Saturday 7 February 2026 9:00am- 5:00pm. Young Chef District Finals. Loughborough College. Contact Moira Bartlett* .

Friday 13 February at 11.00 am, Visit to Jewry Wall Museum. Contact Tony Jarvis*

Friday 6 March—Sunday 8 March. Fellowship visits to our twin Club the Rotary Club of Guimaraes in Northern Portugal. Contact Richard Power*

Sunday 8 March 2026, Tweekly Challenge week. Contact Clive Smith*

Saturday 14 March 2026 District Youth Speaks Final at Uppingham Community College. All Rotarians welcome as spectators. Contact Moira Bartlett*

Thursday 26 March 2026, District 1070 Council Meeting at 7:30pm via Zoom. All Rotarians welcome.

Sunday 12 April 2026 at 10:30 am, District Disability Games, Ratcliffe College. SAS^ . Contact David Mathers*

Monday 19 – Sunday 24 April 2026, Calvert Trust week, SAS^ . Contact Clive Smith*

Sunday 26 April 2026 at 9:00 am, National Rotary Youth Competition finals. Contact Moira Bartlett*

Saturday 16 May 2026 at 9:30 am - District Assembly, Loughborough University. All Rotarians encouraged to attend - Contact Richard Power/PE David Matthers*

Monday 8 June 2026 at 7:30pm, District 1070 Council Meeting. All Rotarians welcome.

Saturday 13 - Wednesday 17 June 2026, Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

To add or change events e-mail rotary@spokes.biz

*Rotarians requiring contact details go to:

rv.rotarygb.org

^Service Above Self opportunity (hoped all members will take part in at least one).