

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

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' (*Vote of Thanks: Gordon Arthur*)

MARCH

- 2nd** **Rebecca Hale**, Volunteer Manager Leicester Cathedral. 'Leicester Cathedral: In Close Up' (*Vote of Thanks: John Aldridge*)
- 9th** **Rtn. Bernard Greaves**. 'Living with Allergies: the challenges and the rewards' (*Vote of Thanks: David Howard*)
- 16th** **Dr Jack Matthews**, Charnwood Forest Geo-Heritage Officer. 'Charnwood Forest Geopark and the Origins of Animal Life' (*Vote of Thanks: Simon Gravett*)
- 23rd** **Dr Nik Kotecha OBE DL**, Business Leader and Chair of the Randal Charitable Foundation (*Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor*)
- 30th** **TBA**

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand Hotel commencing at 12.25
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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, Gargi Rampurkar,

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

BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 2026

ROTARY THEME FOR 2026/7



The internal Rotary theme announced at the Rotary International Assembly yesterday for the year commencing 1 July 2026 has just been announced by Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola calling on members to **Create Lasting Impact** by making their clubs more welcoming, carrying out impactful projects, and allowing their Rotary experiences to transform them personally.

As normal the Rotary Club of Leicester is in the forefront with our long-standing traditions and, of course, our Impact Group.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Each year the Golf section record the results of the various tournaments and at the end of the year, based on a well established set of rules, the Player of the Year is Trophy is awarded. This year there was a very close result with many countbacks and local rules coming into play. Eventually Scott Gallacher came out on top with Tony Jarvis having to settle for second place. Photo shows President Martin presenting the trophy to Scott with Golf captain Tony looking on.

"NEW" MEMBER

Tony Jarvis was delighted to re-introduce Paul Donaghy to the Club during January. Paul was a valuable member of the Club for a few years but commitments as Leicestershire Golf Club President forced him to stand down from Rotary. No longer Golf President, Paul has been able to rejoin us and is looking forward to starting up where he left off. Good to have you back.



BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Our first meeting of the year was addressed by the Bishop of Loughborough, Rt. Revd Saju Muthalaly. He gave a very energetic and interactive talk which gave us lots to think about. Born in India he moved to England when he was 21 to do a gap year. 20+ years on he is still here and considers it his home. He loves cricket and has a wife and 4 children. A major part of his role is to improve interracial connections across the county. Hopefully we will be able to ask him back next year.



DISTRICT QUIZ

We have entered two teams in the District Quiz on 5 February; one from the lunch group and one from the Impact Group. There may still be a place in the teams up for grabs so if you want to join in please contact Richard Power or David Mathers.

RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

Council has agreed to apply to have a stand at the **Riverside Festival in June**, as way way of raising awareness of Rotary. The goal is to have a stand each year for fundraising as well as vital brand awareness. We will call for volunteers to man the stall in due course.

JUNE QUIZ

The Impact Group is again organising a fund-raising quiz in June. They need a corporate sponsor so if you know of anyone who might help please speak to Diana Esho or any of the group.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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, Treeki 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*

Thursday 14 May—Sunday 17 May—friendship visit with our twin Rotary Club Bordeaux-Tourney. Contact Parmdeep Vadesha*

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

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.rotarygbi.org

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