

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

MAY

- 4 Bank Holiday - no meeting
- 11 Rtn David Mathers - 'Remembering Harry'
- 18 Camilla Barrow, CEO Loros
- 25 Bank Holiday - no meeting

JUNE

- 1 Ned Newitt, formerly Chair of Housing Committee, Leicester City Council - Arthur Wakerley's Homes for Heroes'
- 8 To be advised
- 15 Sir Peter Soulsby, City Mayor - 'City Centre Update' (Vote of Thanks: Martin Traynor)
- 22 Simon Lake MA, Museum Curator - 'Leicester's German Expressionist Collection and "Thou Shalt Not Kill"'
- 29 Second Business Meeting

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER
Meetings at the Grand Hotel on Mondays
commencing at 12.25.
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President: Martin Traynor
immediate Past President: Ed Cufflin
President Elect: David Mathers
Junior Vice-President: Vacant
Honorary Treasurer: David Brunton
Honorary Asst. 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: Parmdeep Vadesha
Service Projects: Moira Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent: David Howard
Communications: Diana Esho



BULLETIN - MAY 2026

ANNUAL EASTER EGG DRIVE

Our annual Easter Egg Drive, organised by the Rotary Club of Leicester Impact Group, has once again proven to be a truly heartwarming success - bringing together generosity, community spirit and a shared desire to make a difference.

Thanks to the incredible kindness and support of our members, partners and wider network, we were able to collect and donate a wonderful array of Easter eggs to several inspiring local organisations: Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland, Love4Life, Goldhill Adventure Playground and the Focus Group.

Love4Life supports around 250 young girls, typically aged 11-18, through a dedicated mentoring and support programme. Their work focusses on building confidence, self-worth and encouraging healthy relationships - providing a safe and empowering environment where young people can truly thrive.

Goldhill Adventure Playground continues to be a vital community space in Leicester, offering children and young people a safe, inclusive and supportive place to play, connect and grow.

Their work is especially important for those who may be vulnerable or in need of additional care and encouragement.

The Focus Group plays a crucial role in supporting young people, particularly those facing challenges or difficult circumstances, to build confidence, raise aspirations and work towards positive, fulfilling futures within their communities.

This initiative would not have been possible without the generous contributions and ongoing support from our valued partners, including HSBC Bank, Brookfield Business School and the Cubs from the 9th Leicester Scout Group. Your involvement has made a genuine and meaningful impact, and we are incredibly grateful.

Its moments like these that truly highlight what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. By working as a community, we've been able to spread not only Easter treats, but also kindness, hope and a little bit of magic to those who need it most.



A Selection of Poems from the Winners' Entries of the Club Round of the Rotary Young Writer Competition (more to follow!)

I wash the earth off my hands, content.
For they did not spot me.
So I scrape at the dirt obscuring the cracks and
keep the feeling instead -
Not contentment, nor pride, not even peace or
hope -
Just the weight of placing my foot within it.
Remaining just long enough to close my eyes.

.....♥.....

A bird swooped low, its wings brushing the air
with effortless grace, and the simple beauty of it
struck me. Happiness, I realised, wasn't always a
burst of emotion, sometimes it was soft
recognition that the world was still capable of
wonder.

Sitting beside her, I understood that happiness
was not a destination. It was a moment, fleeting,
delicate, and profoundly alive. And in that hidden
corner of the mountains, wrapped in sunlight and
stillness, I allowed myself to feel it fully.

Eternity is peaceful



FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

Thursday 14 May 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*

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 June 2026, Leicester Riverside Festival, Club stand. Impact led. Contact: Diana Esho^

Monday 8 June 2026 at 7:30pm, District 1070 Council Meeting. All Rotarians welcome. Wednesday 10 June 2026, Rotary Children's Fun Day. Contact Mark Simpson* ^

Saturday 13 - Wednesday 17 June 2026, Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan - convention.rotary.org/en-us/

Sunday 28 June 2026 at 12:00 noon, District Handover. All Rotarians welcome.

Saturday 8 August 2026, day hosting Rotary Youth Camp international visitors age 18-25. SAS^.

Contact Moira Bartlett* if interested. **Thursday 8 October 2026** Rotary Leicester 110th Charter Celebration Dinner, Grand Hotel, Leicester. Contact Martin Traynor*

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

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

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

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