

**DIARY DATES—SPEAKERS
JANUARY**

- 8th** **Rabbi Shmuli Pink**, Head of Leicester’s Jewish Orthodox Community, will give his alternative New Year Message
- 15th** **The Very Reverend David Monteith**, Dean of Leicester Cathedral, will provide us with the more traditional New Year Message
- 22nd** **Deborah Hunter**, Commercial Development Manager for Leicester Arts and Museums Service, will talk about “More than Museums: adding value to visits”

Please note this will also be a M4B

- 29th** **Fellowship Meeting**—Committee Reports

FEBRUARY

- 5th** **Sandra Herbert**, the well known local Whetstone Farmer, will be talking about her passion for “Sending a Cow to Rwanda”.
- 12th** **Haseeb Ahmad**, NHS Manager, friend and former work colleague of one of our members, will speak about his newly published book “From Blind Man to Ironman”
- 19th** **Peter Parsons**, the highly respected Chartered Surveyor and former member of the Club, will be telling us about the “History of Rampton Hospital & NHS Secure Services”
- 26th** **Bernadette Halton**, International Tennis Umpire—“You cannot be serious—Life as a Tennis Official”

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
1st	N/A	5th	Vince Slark
8th	Jonathan Kerry	12th	John Aldridge
15th	Tony Jarvis	19th	Jonathan Kerry
22nd	Mark Simpson	26th	Tony Jarvis
29th	N/A		

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

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Junior Vice-President: Chris Saul
Honorary Treasurer: Adrian Keene
Honorary Secretary: Nick Thomson
Honorary Assistant Secretary: Clive Smith

Elected Council Members

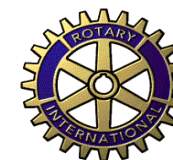
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**President:
Richard Power**

**ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER
BULLETIN**

JANUARY 2018

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all have had a good Christmas with friends and family and are looking forward with optimism to 2018. The Rotary Year is now at its midpoint and it is therefore a good opportunity to reflect on the last six months and look forward to the next.

Overall we have been very active as a Club over the last six months with notable success in Golf, winning both National and District Finals. We are still in the Minor Sports and narrowly lost in the Quiz Final. We have had much improved representation at our Daughter and Granddaughter Charter events and my thanks to Bob Collins for his hard work in co-ordinating.

Over the Christmas period Club Members have helped out at Age UK and with bucket collections. The Pantomime and Christmas Lunch Draw raised c.£1750 for Foundation. We have Purchased a Shelter Box for use in those areas of the world hit by natural disaster.

The Presidents Appeal for the Leicester Gondar Orthopaedic Partnership is progressing steadily with

approximately £30,000 raised to date. I went out to Ethiopia in November and visited Gondar Hospital and am pleased to say that the structural works are progressing well. While in Ethiopia I ran the Great Ethiopia Run, surviving the 10k in 85 minutes. To date more than £10k has been donated in sponsorship by friends, family, colleagues, patients and of course fellow Rotarians and my heartfelt thanks for your support.

Looking forward, we have a number of fundraising and social events scheduled:

- Sporting Dinner deferred to end April - TBC
- Visit to Guimaraes in Spring -TBC
- Motor Day at Bruntingthorpe - May 12th
- Golf AM/AM - May 23rd
- Guys and Dolls, Kilworth - June 24th
- Midsummer Meander June 29th - July 1st

Can I also remind you of the RIBI Conference in Torquay 6-8 April and District Assembly on May 12th.

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Richard Power, President

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE—DONATIONS

The Benevolent Committee propose to make the following donations (approved by Council) totalling £1250

Mines Advisory Group £250

Make a Wish £250

Loros £250

Salvation Army £250

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association £250

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2019

The District Conference, during my year as District Governor, will be held in Southport from Friday 20th—Sunday 22nd September 2019. It is a tradition that DGs are supported by Rotarians from their own Club (with spouses/partners if applicable) attending the Conference, and if they wish, acting as Assistant Sergeants at Arms helping marshal the 600 plus attendees.

As those attending from Leicester will be offered accommodation in the HQ Hotel, the Conference Manager has asked me to ascertain how many rooms should be held. So please let me know by the end of January whether or not you are likely to attend. There will be no financial commitment until after booking details are available.

Rodney B Spokes, District Governor Nominee
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YOUTH COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Young Chef—Club competition now completed. We have an entrant in the District Final (West) on 24th February at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy in Wigston.

Youth Speaks—Leicester High School has no Senior entries this year, but produced an excellent set of 6 intermediate teams, 2 of whom are going forward to the District Semi-Final on 20th January at Our Lady's Convent School in Loughborough.

Young Musician—entries due in next term. Leicester High School will hold a concert at the beginning of term from which entries can be selected. We have also been asked re. 2 Leicester Grammar School candidates. We will be running the District Final on 18th March at the Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough, and help would be appreciated from our Club.

Young Writer/Photographer entries will be chosen next term.

Technology Tournament will take place in the Main Hall of Leicester Grammar School on 21st February.

Moira Bartlett

OTHER NEWS

Resignations—Duncan Green and Lee Senescall have both resigned from the Club

Old Currency—if members wish to make good use of any old style £1 coins or £5 notes please pass them to Adrian Keene, who will be pleased to cash them in and add the income to our Charitable funds.

Christmas Lunches—once again several Rotarians helped serve Christmas lunches at Age Concern in December. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Ethiopia Marathon—President Richard battled his way around the course in Ethiopia, raising about £10,000 towards the Gondar Project. Well done Richard!

Please submit items for the next issue to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 24th January 2018

GRACE

The following members have kindly agreed to "say grace".

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8th	Simon Gravett	5th	Tim Lee
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