

DIARY DATES—SPEAKERS

MAY

- 6th** Bank Holiday - no meeting
- 13th** **Rik Basra**, Chair of Trustees of The Rik Basra Leukaemia Campaign, will give us a talk entitled “Save a Life”
- 20th** **Martin Grant**, a Volunteer and retired Tutor, will be speaking about “Remap-custom made devices for people with disabilities”

- 27th** Bank Holiday - no meeting

JUNE

- 3rd** **Catherine Mason** is HM Coroner for Leicester City and South Leicestershire and will speak about “the work of the Coroner, what does she do?”
- 10th** **Anna Geary**, our own member, will give us her Job Talk about her property sourcing business in Leicester
- 17th** **2nd Business Meeting** - Treasurer’s Annual Report and Committee Reports
- 24th** **Rev Clive Doubleday** is the Chief Executive of Smile International, and he will speak about this Christian organisation which helps to relieve suffering and poverty around the world by turning tears into smiles

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

MAY		JUNE	
6th	N/A	3rd	Tony Jarvis
13th	Vince Slark	10th	John Aldridge
20th	Richard Miller	17th	Mark Simpson
27th	N/A	24th	Vince Slark

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings held on Mondays, 12.25pm at the Mercure Leicester City Hotel
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ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER BULLETIN

MAY 2019

TWINNING VISIT



In May, a party of ten Rotarians and partners visited our twin Club in Guimaraes, Portugal. We flew out from Stanstead on Thursday morning and were met at Porto Airport by members of the Guimaraes Club, who ferried us to their lunch/afternoon meeting. As it was a Bank Holiday in Portugal to celebrate their Independence Day, the Guimaraes Club had arranged lunch at a hilltop restaurant overlooking the city. Unfortunately the weather was typically English and it was difficult to make out the view through the rain and fog! However, the hospitality of the Portuguese more than made up for the poor weather. We were treated to an excellent buffet and a glass (or two) of Vinho Verde. President Sergio welcomed us and presented Richard with a porcelain platter depicting scenes from Guimaraes.

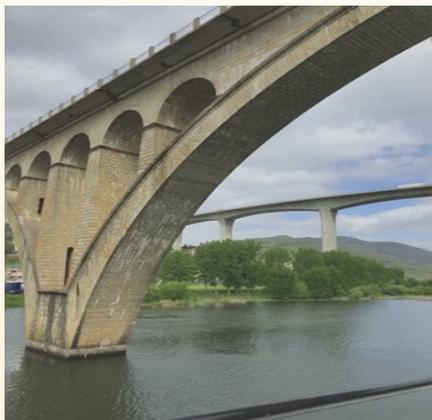
The following day we were shown around the Sensory Rooms at the Cerebral Palsy Centre in Guimaraes. Back in 2009 we had supported the project to provide these Sensory Rooms and it was quite moving to see how appreciated our support had been by all those connected with the care facility and the benefit it provided. We had a full tour of the remainder of the facility and met some of the Doctors, carers and clients.

In the afternoon, we had a relaxing four hour cruise up the beautiful River Douro before heading back to Guimaraes, where we had an excellent evening meal accompanied by President Sergio, his wife Suzanne and their charming eleven year old son.

On Saturday morning we quickly moved on to Porto where we attended a (premium) Port tasting session, bought some Port to bring home and then had lunch by the river. The afternoon was spent site seeing, evening was another great meal and the odd glass of wine, and most of us returned home the following day.

It was an wonderful trip for us all and we were made to feel very much part of the Guimaraes family. Hopefully we will be able to reciprocate in the near future when they visit our Club.

Thanks to Travel Agent Richard Power for organising the visit.



BENEVOLENT DONATIONS APRIL 2019

The following donations have been approved by Council:

Medical Detection Dogs - Dogs trained to detect minute odours associated with many cancers and other diseases

Leicester Cruse - Local branch of a national bereavement counselling charity

Leicester Dementia UK - Providing support for families affected by dementia in need.

Donations of £250 to each.

CLUB REPORTS

At our meeting in April the Committee Chairman updated the Club. Key points noted included:

Speaker Finder

Suggestions needed for speakers from July onwards, especially non charity ones for the M4B meetings.

Club Service

Chris Mitchell will be hosting a Garden Party at his house on 15 June. All are welcome and tickets are £15 per head.

Membership

Sadly we have lost several members this year to higher service. We need to recruit new members and the committee asks all Rotarians to carefully consider who they might introduce to the Club.

Special Projects

Various Young competitions have taken place with some notable successes.

Kids Out - Mark Simpson organising hopefully with a new caterer as Brucciani has closed

Stroke awareness day carried out 131 tests. 82 ok, but some urgent cases referred.

Sailability starts in May. Extra volunteers welcome. Candidates for this years RYLA are being sought - the event is from 20-27 July

Disability Games were very successful.

Volunteers needed for a riding for the disabled event – see Chis Saul

Foundation

Last year we benefitted from a major Rotary International Foundation grant for our Gondar project and this is made possible through our per capita contribution to RI of \$100. Please help us meet this target by reviewing your donation.

Communication

The new website is up and running. If you want anything adding to it please provide details to Diana Esho. Dates of events especially useful. If you use social media please like/resend any posts so we get a wider coverage.

FOR YOUR DIARIES - FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Summer Lunch Party - June 15th

Kelmarsh Hall, Garden Tour and Picnic - June 18th

Auction of Promises - June 20th

PRESIDENT'S AUCTION OF PROMISES

The President's Auction of Promises is now a week since opening and he needs you to do two things:

- ◆ Have a look yourself and see if you would like to submit a bid
- ◆ Share the link below with friends and anyone who you think might be interested in making a bid and supporting this great cause

<https://auctionofpromises.com/ColinsCharityLinkAuction>

Happy Bidding!

GRACE

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

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6th	No Meeting	3rd	Michael Chamberlain
13th	Brian Smith	10th	TBC
20th	Stuart Almond	17th	TBC
27th	No Meeting	24th	David Howard