

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 2019

- 7th** **Rtn Roger Swindells**, who is an Inspector of HM Prisons, will talk about his role in monitoring prisons
- 14th** **Joshua Shevas and Sam Davis**, who were our RYLA representatives this year, will speak about their experiences at Grafham Water this summer
- 21st** **Past President Rodney Spokes and new District Governor**, will be outlining his plans and vision for his year in office.
- 28th** **Jo Tallack**, General Manager at the Highcross Shopping Centre, will speak about the future of retailing in Leicester City Centre. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A M4B MEETING**

NOVEMBER 2019

- 4th** **Canon Pastor Alison Adams**, Sub-Dean at Leicester Cathedral, will be talking to us about "The Homelessness Charter"
- 11th** **Karen Rothery**, new Chief Executive of Leicestershire CCC, will give us an insight on Running a County Cricket Club. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A M4B MEETING**
- 18th** **Rtn Fiona Miles**, Volunteer for Global Sight Solutions, will speak about "Eye Projects in Action"
- 25th** **1st Business/Fellowship Meeting - Committee Reports**

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
7th	Tony Jarvis	4th	Richard Miller
14th	John Aldridge	11th	Tony Jarvis
21st	Mark Simpson	18th	John Aldridge
28th	Vince Slark	25th	N/A

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings held on Mondays, 12.25pm at the Mercure Leicester City Hotel
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Immediate Past President: Colin Derrick
 President Elect: Parmdeep Vadesha
 Junior Vice-President: Scott Gallacher
 Honorary Treasurer: Vacant
 Honorary Secretary: Barry Davies
 Honorary Assistant Secretary: Vacant

Elected Council Members

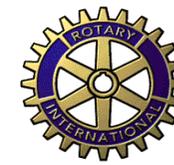
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Other Contacts:

District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett, Rodney Spokes,
 John Saunders and Paul Bonnett
 Bulletin Editor: David Brunton
 Club Protection Officer: Mick Marvell

LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Service Projects Moira Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent David Howard
Communications Diana Esho



President:
Chris Saul

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2019

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2019



This year's District Conference was very special for our Club as, for the first time in over 30 years, one of our members, Rodney Spokes, was District Governor. The conference was held in Southport, a very attractive sea-side resort. A large contingent of 20 members and partners attended the event, which ran from Friday morning through to Sunday afternoon.

The main event on Friday was the Golf Tournament, not at the Royal Birkdale Championship course but nevertheless on a challenging course. The Club had a very successful day in that our team of Clive and Carol Smith and Barry Davies won the team competition and Carol took home ladies first prize.

The main session started on Saturday morning with a welcome from Rodney and the local Mayor. This was followed by a talk on the Rotary Peace Programme by Professor Owen Green who explained the success of the Rotary

Peace Ambassador programme. Next up was probably the best speaker of the weekend, our past honorary member Bishop Tim Stevens.

We then heard the story of Tim Parry told by his father Colin. Tim was one of the two boys killed in the IRA Warrington bombing in 1993. Colin told us about the work of the charity he had set up following that event.

After the break, enthusiastic Rotaractor Chris Wells gave a lively talk about Dogoodery, which is Chris' translation of what Rotary is about. We then had an interesting interview with Mark Esho who told us about his challenges through Polio and discrimination. To close the session we had a light-hearted talk from Roy Lock, a tenor who has played the role of Phantom of the Opera across the world.

On Saturday evening there was a black tie dinner for all delegates with dancing to the music of Planet Abba. On Sunday we heard about Mission Aviation which provides air support in many countries across Africa and South America. Then Bernadette Halton told us a few interesting stories about being an Umpire and Line Judge at major tennis tournaments.

After the break Jeff Brighty revealed the increasing dangers of plastic in our oceans and the work his organisation was doing to help, and how we all need to take action to prevent this problem getting worse.

Concluding the event, we were treated to some interesting and amusing stories from auctioneer and antiques expert Eric Knowles.

Everyone attending the event thoroughly enjoyed the speakers, the venue and the comradeship. Rodney did a splendid job in hosting the event and introducing and thanking all the speakers. Members of the club, marshalled by Paul Bonnett, helped make the event run smoothly.

Next year the District Conference will be held in Wales at the Celtic Hotel – a great venue for keen golfers!

A CELEBRATION



The well-known cake maker, Emilia Leszczynska of Queniborough, has made many usual and unusual cakes, including a chocolate guitar. She generously offered 2018-19 President Colin Derrick a specially commissioned cake as one of the Auction of Promises prizes. Meeting the winner, Patrick Boylan, Emilia was unfazed when he asked if she could make a railway carriage cake for a big family gathering in August for his 80th birthday.

He explained that he was born just two weeks before the start of World War II in Hull, the most severely war-damaged British town (89,000 out of 93,500 buildings damaged or destroyed). At 18 months old, in February 1941, he was rescued from the ruins of his family home, and within the next three months four immediate family members were killed and three more family homes were also destroyed.

Patrick's father, desperate to move what was left of his family to somewhere safer, bought from a business associate his very unusual clifftop holiday "cottage" 20 miles east of Hull. This was one of just three luxury "family" railway carriages designed and built by the Great Northern Railway in 1912 in finest teak. Patrick's family lived in this until the end of 1946, when houses finally became available back in Hull. The family kept it as a holiday home until 1996. At Patrick's birthday party 15 of the 36 present had lived in safety or holidayed in the railway carriage over the decades, and all greatly appreciated Emilia's unique cake.

CELEBRATING POLIO ERADICATION - 24 OCTOBER 2019

A reminder that President Chris is organising a major event to celebrate Polio Eradication on World Polio Day, 24 October 2019. The main venue will be the Cathedral but other places of worship from all religions will be participating. Plans are underway to illuminate the exterior of the Cathedral and there will be a service dedicated to Polio Eradication and the work of Rotary. Please join in the celebrations!

Want to watch the Charity Link Christmas Panto?... Oh yes you do!!!!

On Thursday 12th December The Little Theatre in Leicester city centre will be opening the doors for its Christmas Panto, Robin Hood, for friends and supporters of Charity Link. All proceeds from the performance will help to ensure that local people are warm, safe and fed so please do show your support and join us for a great night! Who will join Robin's band to stop the evil witch of Sherwood Forest?!

The show will include all the traditional panto pandemonium (including fresh cream cakes!) so get your tickets now before they sell out – all tickets cost just £10* .

The show starts at 7pm and runs for approximately 2hrs 30 mins (including interval). You can find out more about the production at www.thelittletheatre.net/whats-on/robin-hood/

Tickets can be purchased via our online shop at www.charity-link.org/shop, email susan.mceniff@charity-link.org or at the Rotary lunch.

We hope to see you there!
Sue McEniff

GRACE

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

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
7th	Mark Simpson	4th	To be advised
14th	Tim Lee	11th	To be advised
21st	To be advised	18th	To be advised
28th	To be advised	25th	To be advised