

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### DECEMBER 2019

- 2nd Meeting cancelled.** Hopefully Sir Peter Soulsby will visit in the New Year
- 9th Catherine Mason**, HM Coroner for Leicester City and South Leicestershire is coming back to talk to us again, this time about her “career Journey”. **This will be a Charity Lunch**
- 16th Kevin Routledge**, Director of the Morning side Arena, will give us his story of the “Leicester Riders”. **Our Christmas Meal**
- 23rd No meeting**
- 30th No Meeting**

### JANUARY 2020

- 6th Rabbi Shmuli Pink**, Head of Leicester Jewish Orthodox community, will be returning to give us his New Year message
- 13th Natasha Adams**, a Princes Trust leader, will be speaking about a development programme for unemployed young adults In Leicester
- 20th Right Reverend Guli Francis-Dehqani**, the Bishop of Loughborough, will be talking about “Faith and Diversity”
- 27th Rotarian Hugh Holden**, from the Rotary Club of Uppingham, will give us an update on Rotary Foundation Objectives and Projects

## SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
2nd	Mark Simpson	6th	Tony Jarvis
9th	Vince Slark	13th	John Aldridge
16th	Richard Miller	20th	Mark Simpson
23rd	N/A	27th	Vince Slark
30th	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: David Brunton  
 Honorary Secretary: Barry Davies  
 Honorary Assistant Secretary: Vacant

#### Elected Council Members

Diana Esho, David Howard, Tim Lee, Mark Simpson, David Brunton, Babs Marson

#### 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

**Club Service** Mark Sandall  
**Membership** Vacant  
**Service Projects** Moira Bartlett  
**Rotary Foundation/Benevolent** David Howard  
**Communications** Diana Esho

## BULLETIN - DECEMBER 2019

### PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS UPDATE

My presidency is almost half way through and there have been many highlights to date, with much more to look forward to in the New Year.

One of my first fundraising events was a Gala fun afternoon at Witham Villa Equestrian Centre in support of the Kimberley House RDA Group. I was then able to present much needed items of clothing and equipment to the Group, purchased from the funds raised, which were matched by a donation from Rotary Foundation to a total value of £2000. The children and volunteers were thrilled with the items provided.



Something I hadn't expected to be a highlight but turned out to be so, was my trip to the District Conference in Southport in September. My wife and I really enjoyed the weekend and Rodney should be proud of his input into a very successful conference.

Another highlight was my sudden dash to Chester to compete in the marathon there on the 6th October following cancellation of the Leicester Marathon. I was just outside my target time so, much to my wife's displeasure, I have to run another one! Nevertheless almost £1500 was raised for Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland which, with my earlier London Marathon, has meant we have raised over £4,000 for Age UK.



A particularly significant event was World Polio Day on the 24th October. The lighting up of the Cathedral, Masjid Umar, Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurdwara and BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir coupled with the link up by 20 runners from GoodGym was fraught with potential pitfalls but fortunately all worked well on the night!



Many thanks to all those that made this possible and to the kind attendance of the Lord Lieutenant and Lord Mayor.

In my final event before Christmas I will be dressing up as Father Christmas with a life-sized sleigh and reindeer in the City Centre on Saturday 21st December. Hopefully a number of you will be able to join me to mix last minute shopping with an hour or so of bucket collecting in aid of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland.

That just leaves me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year!

*Chris Saul, President*

### BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE DONATIONS

The following donations of £250 each have been approved by Council and will go forward subject to Club approval.

- Remap - custom made equipment supplied free for people with disabilities
- Royal Voluntary Service
- Global Sight Solutions
- Salvation Army

### ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

#### A REQUEST FOR HELP

**25th February 2020, Leicester Grammar School**

As we move towards the 2020 Technology Tournament, I am keen to recruit volunteers to help on the day. In the first instance I am looking for volunteers to be judges; I will need 12 to 14 judges. There will be a briefing session about ten days beforehand but if anyone wants to know more details about what judging involves before volunteering, please get in touch. I am also looking for someone to step up and be Chief Judge, which is fundamentally a scoring co-ordination role.

Please respond to me at [nick.thomson80@ntlworld.com](mailto:nick.thomson80@ntlworld.com)

*Nick Thomson*

### AN INVITATION FROM RICHARD POWER

Myself and four medical colleagues have put together a clarinet quintet to put on a chamber concert on Sunday January 5th.

Tickets are free but we are politely asking for any donations to the Club to support our twin Club in Guimaraes with their Cerebral Palsy Unit and also Health Action Leicester for Ethiopia which supports our ongoing training for the Gondar project. It should be an enjoyable afternoon so please come along!

*Richard Power*

### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 23rd December 2019

### GRACE

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

DECEMBER		JANUARY
2nd	Patrick Boylan	To be Advised
9th	Paul Bonnett	
16th	Derek Hole	
23rd	N/A	



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM YOUR BULLETIN EDITOR!**

