

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 2020

- 3rd** **Paul Holden**, the Regional Manager for the Macular Society, will be talking about "Beating Macular Disease"
- 10th** **Sir Peter Soulsby**, the City Mayor, will give us his regular update on what is happening in the City Centre
- 17th** **Bethany Corbett**, Manager for Open Hands, will be telling us all about "The Open Hands Trust"
- 24th** **David Newman**, current warden of Launde Abbey, will speak about the 900th Anniversary of Launde Abbey

MARCH 2020

- 2nd** **Carl Gunns**, the well known boxing gym owner Will talk about "The history of Boxing in Leicester"
- 9th** **Phil Godfrey**, an Ambassador for APS Support UK, will give a talk entitled "Raising awareness Of APS by attempting to walk from Scillies to Shetland, and around Britain rail tour"
- 16th** **Councillor Annette Byrne**, Lord Mayor of Leicester and our honorary member, will speak About her year in office to date
- 23rd** **TBA**
- 30th** **Sandra Sharpe**, an Action Supporter will talk About "Action Medical Research; Transforming Medicine and brightening childhoods"

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
3rd	Richard Miller	2nd	Vince Slark
10th	Tony Jarvis	9th	Richard Miller
17th	John Aldridge	16th	Tony Jarvis
24th	Mark Simpson	23rd	John Aldridge
		30th	Mark Simpson

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
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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
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Rotary Foundation/Benevolent David Howard
Communications Diana Esho

PRESIDENT - CHRIS SAUL

BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 2020

GONDAR UPDATE

In January Richard Power and some of his colleagues visited Gondar to provide training to the medical staff who will be working in the new orthopaedic facility we are providing.

The trip did not go entirely to plan as the construction work is still ongoing. There was an ongoing dispute regarding the epoxy floor in the operating theatre mainly relating to the payment terms. Before Richard's team left, the way forward had been agreed and the hospital unit will be up and running in the next three months.

Whilst the team were there the Ethiopians were commemorating the baptism of Jesus at the Tim-



ket Festival - a major orthodox Christian celebration.

Temporary wooden stands had been erected but due to a combination of poor construction techniques and massive crowd numbers the stand collapsed killing ten people and injuring many more. This stretched the resources at the hospital and everyone was called on to help.

Despite the ongoing construction difficulties Richard is confident that the equipment the Club have provided will shortly be in use and providing essential services.

DAVID SHORT

It is with sadness we report that David Short passed away in January. David was a member of the Club for almost 30 years and will be missed by all who knew him.

David's funeral service will be at 11.30 am on Wednesday 5th February at St Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG.

STROKE AWARENESS DAY

Saturday 14th March 2020

ASDA Superstore, Abbey Lane, Leicester

As in previous years, Nurses will be testing the blood pressure of members of the public during the day, and Rotarians from Novus, de Montfort and our own Club will be on hand to encourage shoppers to take part. If you would like to help, and can spare a couple of hours between 10.00am and 3.00pm, please let me know as soon as possible, so that a rota can be organised. Thank you.

Peter Collier

HELP/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS PLEASE!

Young Musician Competition (8th February/1st March 2020)

For those who have not helped out before at the competition, it is inspiring and well worth seeing. Many of the musicians are extremely talented and may well go on to be very accomplished musicians. If you would like to help, please contact Moira directly.

Technology Tournament (25th February 2020)

Each year the students are given a difficult technical puzzle to solve. Although details of the challenge are not released until the day of the tournament, we do know this year it requires a number of old AA batteries. If you have any, Nick Thomson will take them off your hands, until he has enough that is!

Disability Games (19th April 2020)

Following our involvement in the Disability Games last year we have agreed to help again this year and the President is looking for volunteers to help with the event at Stamford on 19th April 2020. Please contact President Chris if you can help.

Speakers for Monday Meetings

Tony Jarvis has some gaps to fill between now and the end of the year, so if you know of any interesting speakers please pass their details to Tony.

THANK YOU!

FOUNDATION

In January we heard from Rotarian Hugh Holden about many of the amazing projects that Rotary Foundation support and facilitate. Not least were the projects instigated by our Club for which we received matched or major contributions from Foundation. As a Club we are asked to commit \$100 per head to Foundation each year. Many members contribute annually or monthly an amount which to allow us to meet this target and also provide funds for the Club to distribute locally.

If already contribute, thank you, but if not maybe you could consider donating. Please ask the Hon Treasurer for details.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 21st February 2020

GRACE - FEBRUARY 2020

The following members have kindly agreed to "say grace" in February

3rd Feb - Keith Smithson

10th Feb - David Nisbet

17th Feb - Parmdeep Vadesha

24th Feb - Stuart Almond