

**DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS  
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”

**APRIL 2020**

- 6th** **Professor Graham Shipley**, Archaeologist at the University of Leicester, will talk about “Finding a flag for the historical county of Leicestershire”
- 13th** **Easter Monday - No Meeting**
- 20th** **Fellowship/Committee Meeting** - we will be taking Chairman’s Reports
- 27th** **Laura Challis**, Community Fundraiser, will talk about the Fire Fighters Charity

**SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME**

MARCH		APRIL	
2nd	Vince Slark	6th	Vince Slark
9th	Richard Miller	13th	N/A
16th	Tony Jarvis	20th	Richard Miller
23rd	John Aldridge	27th	Tony Jarvis
30th	Mark Simpson		

**ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER**

Meetings held on Mondays, 12.25pm at the Mercure Leicester City Hotel  
Apologies: Telephone 0116 2233950 or e-mail :  
johannedraycott@pickeverard.co.uk

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

**PRESIDENT - CHRIS SAUL**

**BULLETIN - MARCH 2020**

**TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT**



On Tuesday 25th February we ran our 6th Technology Tournament and once again we were generously hosted by Leicester Grammar School.

This year we had 148 children taking part in 37 teams from 13 schools in the city as well as the county and Rutland. We had three new schools join us, but unfortunately two of our previous contestants were unable to take part, so a net gain of one school.

Once again we were supported by Rotarians from other Leicester and Oadby Clubs and by our sponsors - Thomas White Trust, Pick Everard and Hodges & Drake - both financially and with judges.

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We were also visited by Rotarians from Bradgate and Burton upon Trent who are keen to learn how to establish their own events.

Everyone had a great day and all three age group categories were won in a clean sweep by Leicester Grammar School. But it never has been about the winning; it's the taking part in something that is challenging and completely absorbing that is a stimulating extension to the school curriculum.

*Nick Thomson*

**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*

**ROTARY AMAM TOURNAMENT**

This year's Rotary AMAM Tournament will be held at The Leicestershire Golf Club on Wednesday 24th June 2020 in aid of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland and a charity or charities nominated by the winning team.

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The format of the competition will be 18 holes Stableford in teams of four. You will also enjoy a tea/coffee on arrival together with a two-course running buffet which is included in the team entry fee of £220.

If you wish to enter a team, please contact Simon Gravett (simongravett@sky.com)

**A MESSAGE FROM**  
**LEICESTERSHIRE LIFE EDUCATION CENTRES**

Rtn David Brown, Chairman of Leicestershire Life Education Centres Trust, (who provide health education to primary age children and bespoke programmes for those with learning difficulties up to age 18) has sent us a plea for help in finding a solution to their problems with towing their mobile classrooms since Leicestershire County Council ended their contract to tow last November after 23 years.

David suggests the alternatives are to a) find a company to take on the contract b) purchase a suitable vehicle and find drivers or c) find drivers with their own vehicles. The drivers might be volunteers paid expenses or with an agreed cost per school (2 trips).

David is therefore contacting Clubs in the hope that we may have suitable members or contacts who could possibly be interested in at least discussing the options with him, so if you would like to help out or have any ideas or suggestions please make contact with David at:

Davidbrown\_lec@hotmail.co.uk  
Tel. 0116 2365441

**STRICTLY COMES TO ROTARY!**

Guess who's taking part in a Strictly-style dance competition to raise money for good causes? No it's not John Aldridge, it's Diana Esho!

Having been let down by her first choice dance partner Anton du Beke, Diana will be dancing with Martin Stephens in the 'Leicester Ballroom Glitz' competition to be held at King Power Stadium on 2nd April.

Raising money for Loros and Hope against Cancer, Diana has a just giving page at:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/diana-esho>

Well done and good luck to Diana, and please do sponsor her and help to raise money for these excellent charities.



**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE**

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton,  
by 25th March 2020

**GRACE - MARCH 2020**

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

2nd - Mike Piper

9th - Ed Cufflin

16th - Michael Chamberlain

23rd - Tony Jarvis

30th - Scott Gallacher