

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

We currently have the following arrangements in place (via Zoom until further notice):

### SEPTEMBER

- 7th** **Nigel Rose** (from Hope Against Cancer) update  
**14th** **Tim Green**—'From Porter to Porter'  
**21st** **Nigel Jobson**, Business Manager at St Martin's House, sharing how the life of St Martin's House and the wider Diocese has worked through lockdown  
**28th** **Fellowship/Committee Meeting**

### OCTOBER

- 5th** To be confirmed  
**12th** To be confirmed  
**19th** To be confirmed  
**26th** **Peter Berry, District Governor** official visit (No other speaker)

## SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	

### ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings currently held on Mondays, 1.00pm via Zoom  
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Immediate Past President: Chris Saul  
 President Elect: Scott Gallacher  
 Junior Vice-President: Diana Esho  
 Honorary Treasurer: David Brunton  
 Honorary Secretary: Barry Davies  
 Honorary Assistant Secretary: Vacant

**Elected Council Members**  
 David Howard, Tim Lee, Mark Simpson,  
 David Brunton, Babs Marson

**Other Contacts:**  
 District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett,  
 John Saunders and Richard Power  
 Bulletin Editor: David Brunton  
 Club Protection Officer: Mick Marvell

### LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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



**PRESIDENT - PARMDEEP VADESHA**

**BULLETIN - SEPTEMBER 2020**

### MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

Club membership has taken a bit of a beating over the last couple of years, in large part sadly amongst our senior members. We do need to do something to engender interest in Rotary and our Club in particular for the current times. Recently we have had a steady trickle of interest from people who have found our website or seen social media postings and we are following up on those and must continue those postings.

We are also putting in place a number of initiatives to see if we can boost that interest, capitalising on the general interest in volunteering that has come out of the Covid pandemic.

Our President, Parmdeep, has made contact with an enthusiastic DeMontfort University student and things are looking hopeful that we may be able to develop a Rotoract Club on the back of making available volunteering opportunities. We are also looking to take that volunteering route as a means to grow membership amongst the 30 to 50 age group as well as the recently retired. A small working group had a productive discussion at the end of August and are actively pursuing project openings so that we can 'hit the ground running'. We would welcome any suggestions for suitable projects from Club Rotarians.

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It won't have escaped your notice that the Club membership is mostly men. There is a great opportunity to recruit specifically amongst women and Diana Esho is looking into how we might do that.

Finally, we do not want to abandon the bring a friend/colleague route, but it needs revitalising. This is difficult while we are only meeting on Zoom, but that won't be for ever!

*Nick Thomson*

### CHARITY DONATIONS

The following donations have been approved by Council and Club members, and have been actioned. Letters of thanks have been received from them.

Rotary Life Education Programme—£500

Leicester Salvation Army—£500

Vista—£500

Leicester Samaritans—£500

Leicester Help the Homeless—£500

Leicester Children's Holidays—£500

Leicester Blood Bikes—£300

### RESIGNATIONS

We have sadly received resignations from Clive Bouch and George Preston, both due to failing health. A difficult decision for both members but we wish them well and thank them both for their input to the Club over the years.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED ELECTION

In accordance with our by-laws I hereby give notice of a proposal that the following person be elected to active membership of the Club.

**Sarah Louise Jones**

Proposer: Diana Esho

Classification: Business Coaching

Louise has attended a lot of our Club meetings. She was introduced by Diana some months back before the Covid troubles.

Louise is from Leicestershire, has held managerial positions in manufacturing in Leicester followed by Director roles in national utility businesses. Two years ago in a career change she became a Senior Partner with Action-COACH, a business coaching organisation.

Any member wishing to object to the proposed election has a 7 day period during which he or she may send to the Secretary a written and reasoned objection.

### CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME (AND NEEDED)

We may be less active than normal but I am sure some have you have news you would like to share with our members. Please send any articles or notices to me and/or Kerry so we include them in the Newsletter. Thanks

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### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton,  
by 23rd September 2020