

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

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

MAY

- 3rd** Bank Holiday—no meeting
- 10th** **Ivor Perry, CWGC Speaker** - ‘The Commonwealth War Graves Commission—Who we Are’
(Vote of Thanks: Roger Bowden)
- 17th** **Sir Peter Soulsby, Mayor of Leicester** - Message from the Mayor’s Office
- 24th** **Bill Barber, Trustee of Care for Wild (UK)** - ‘Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary’
- 31st** Bank Holiday—no meeting

JUNE

- 7th** **Patricia Parker, Founder of Kids for Kids** - ‘Kids for Kids Changing Children’s Lives in Darfur, Sudan’
- 14th** **Tony Donovan, Age UK** - TBA
- 21st** **Second Business Meeting**—no speaker
- 28th** **Bob Maskall, Retired RAF Pilot and Instructor**, - ‘A Life of Ups and Downs’

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 21st May 2021

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

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ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings currently held on Mondays, 1.00pm via Zoom
Apologies: Telephone 0116 2233950 or e-mail :
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Immediate Past President: Chris Saul
President Elect: Scott Gallacher
Junior Vice-President: To Be Advised
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

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



PRESIDENT - PARMDEEP VADESHA

BULLETIN - MAY 2021

SERVICE ABOVE SELF – AND OUTROSPECTION

The Rotary raison d’etre is “Service Above Self” and this is what we strive to achieve, not only in our Rotary activities, but also in our day to day behaviour. During the lockdown, I have had time to listen to many Podcasts around personal growth and development. Topics have been wide ranging, covering all manner of areas from business growth to personal behaviour and development.

Following an fascinating Podcast titled 'Outrospection', I started to think and question why we say 'treat others as you would want to be treated yourself'. This is a term I am sure is familiar to all of you and one I had been told to practice as a young child and something I always stand by. The Podcaster highlighted that this was an very introspective way of viewing others. He suggested that we should treat others as they would want to be treated. If not, he pointed out we are expecting others to conform to our level of acceptability and not theirs.

I wanted to canvas opinion on the Podcaster’s view and therefore discussed it with my team at work and at home. Whilst they had varied responses, they largely all lead to the same conclusion – the Podcaster has a very credible point. Personally I am not entirely sure about the Podcaster’s alternative view and would

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be interested in your take on this long established saying. Is it right that we should treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. After all, we do at least know our own standards. Or should we think about what the other person might expect and act accordingly. Maybe this will affect how we interpret "Service above Self" in the future.

Along similar lines I have been viewing some interesting Rotary videos on Youtube, one which you may want to have a look at is in the 'talk together' series the link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF2qOntoRUk>

Diana Esho

THE LAST WORDS

Throughout his many decades of Ministry Derek Hole has delivered around 200 Funeral Addresses, and he kept copies of all of these. Sixty of those delivered in Services in St James the Greater have now been published as a fascinating new book, 'Fellow Citizens of Heaven' covering a very wide range of Leicester men and women from very many different walks of life. These include six former members of the Club who made important contributions to the Club:

Bert Bream (President 1954)
Geoffrey Burton (President 1979)
Frank Doleman (President 1967)
Geoffrey Gill
Joe Josephs (President 1983)
Ted Turner (President 1978)

Derek hopes to be able to publish a further volume drawing on a wider range of funeral venues if this sells well. The 195 page book is reasonably priced at £12.50 and a very good read, revealing much about former Leicester citizens. It can be bought from the publisher's bookstore at: <https://www.lulu.com/shop>

GOLF AMAM 2021

I am pleased to say that there are a good number of entries for this year's Golf AMAM on 23 June. We also have the opportunity for sponsorship of the event and anyone interested in supporting it in this way should contact Mike Piper (mike_piper@btinternet.com). There will be a raffle on the day and would welcome raffle prizes from members.

Simon Gravett

RYLA

Last year's Rotary Youth Leadership Award had to be cancelled but I am pleased to report that this year the event will go ahead at Grafham Water (unless we are hit by another lockdown) and we have a good candidate lined up to take part. In due course we will hear from them at one of our meetings.

Chris Saul

RETURN TO THE GRAND

Whilst nothing can be certain in these strange and difficult times we are starting to plan our return to the Grand and how we can safely meet as a group in person rather than over the Internet.

If all goes to plan our first meeting will be on 5 July and this will be the Induction of the new President. We aim to have the technology in place to allow members to also join via Zoom if they feel uncomfortable about face to face contact.

Once we have more detail we will update members.

YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Following the assessment of the 120+ essays that were submitted for the Young Writer Competitions I am pleased to report that we have been able to put forward candidates at all age levels to District finals.

In the Young Photographer Competition we had fewer entries of which only a few managed to deliver on the theme of "Wild Nature". However we have been able to put forward one candidate to the District finals. I will let you know how our young people fare.

We hope to circulate copies of all the entries to members during May.

Moira Bartlett

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

This year's District Assembly will be held online on **Saturday 15 May**. To take part you need to register by **7 May** at <https://form.jotformeu.com/RotaryDistrict1070/district-assembly-2021>

The programme is;

8:45am – Log in
9:00am – Opening, DG Peter Berry
9:02am – First plenary, DGE David Morris, and including keynote speech by Past RI President Ian Riseley
10:00am- Break, and log in to chosen breakout sessions
10:15am – Breakout sessions with district team leaders (to include a 15 minute break part-way through)
12:15pm - Reassemble for final plenary, including keynote speech by past RI director Gordon McNally
1:00pm – Close by DG Peter Berry

If you have questions about registration please contact John Dehnel (secretary@rotary1070.org)