

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS
(Via Zoom until further notice)

JUNE

7th Patricia Parker, Founder of Kids for Kids -
'Kids for Kids Changing Children's Lives in
Darfur, Sudan'
(Vote of Thanks: Bob Collins)

14th Tony Donovan, Age UK - TBA
(Vote of Thanks: Chris Saul)

21st Second Business Meeting—no speaker

28th Bob Maskall, Retired RAF Pilot and
Instructor, - 'A Life of Ups and Downs'
(Vote of Thanks: Chris Mitchell)

JULY

5th TBC

12th Joanna Burrows, Fundraiser at Twenty-
Twenty
'Update from TwentyTwenty'

19th TBC

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton,
by 23rd June 2021

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings currently held on Mondays, 1.00pm via Zoom
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Immediate Past President: Chris Saul
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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 - JUNE 2021

BRADGATE PARK

At the start of May the new permanent Director took over at Bradgate Park, replacing the interim Director, Steve Palethorpe. The new man is James Dymond and I met him this week. He previously worked as Development Manager for Parks at Nottingham City Council.

I discussed with him the history of Rotary's involvement at Bradgate and in particular the Visitor Centre and the promises made by the Trust in 2016 when it opened. I explained that many who contributed to our fund raising campaign did so in the knowledge that the Centre would open every day and be free of charge.

Whilst he accepted this point he said that the reopening plan following the loosening of Covid restrictions was to open the Centre at weekends and school holidays only. I pointed out that this equated to less than 50% of the year and was a long way off what was agreed in 2016. In response he said he hoped to have a calendar of school visits and other learning events on other days during school terms.

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James suggested that if they had more volunteers they would be able to open the Centre more often. He asked if any Rotarians would like to volunteer.

Those of you who attended the Zoom meeting when Sir Peter Soulsby spoke to us will be aware I raised this issue with him. I was surprised he was not up to speed with the proposals for the Visitor Centre given he is vice chairman of Bradgate Park Trust, but he did volunteer to look into the matter. I wrote to him the next day. He has replied saying he has asked the matter to be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Trust Board on 7 June.

If any members have influence, either at the Park or at the Councils, then please use this to support our position and keep the Centre open throughout the year.

David Brunton

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN WEBSTER

We have been informed by Hilary Dixon, one of Ken's daughters, that a Memorial Service for Ken is planned;

Date: Friday 20th August, 2021

Time: 1pm - service approx. 45 minutes

Place: Church of All Saints, Main Street, Slawston, Leicestershire, LE16 7UA

The family hopes to offer light refreshments, tea/coffee afterwards at the village hall in Slawston. Please let Hilary know if you plan to attend. Her email address is dixonne46@btinternet.com

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER

We did not have many photography entries but we were pleased to put forward Photographer Shambhavi Sinha in the Intermediate Competition (11-13). These are the photos;



YOUNG WRITER

As a supplement this month you will have received the Young Writers essays which went forward to the District competition.

In addition we put forward Scarlett East-Burke from our competition, via Leicester Novus. Scarlett won the Senior Young Writer class at District level, and goes on to the National round!

NETHERHALL SCHOOL MULTI-SENSORY GARDEN PROJECT

Earlier this year we embarked on a project to build and design a multi-sensory garden for disabled children at Netherhall School. The competition was given to year 10 students at the neighbouring Orchard Mead School who have recently submitted their entries for judging.

In order to build the garden, we are looking for donations which could be in the form of e.g evergreen planting, seeds for flowers and vegetables, gravel, larger stones, etc, or cash donations. We are also looking for company donations for building materials such as sand, concrete, gravel, and paving. Our Club will have the Rotary Club of Leicester written on the Rotary peace pole as recognition of the club's efforts as a whole.

Please contact Diana Esho, the project lead, either by email or by phone (details in the members' directory).