

DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

OCTOBER

- 4th** District Governor Visit (no speaker)
- 11th** **Olivier Carles**, Rotary Club of Bordeaux Quest, speaking about Bordeaux City
Vote of Thanks: Mike Piper
- 18th** **Peter Doleman**, Head of Agency Innes England 'Commercial Property Sector in Leicester'
- 25th** **Elaine Goodall**, Team Leader at Read Easy 'An introduction to Read Easy'

NOVEMBER

- 1st** **Sarah Davies**, Writer and Stand-up Comedian 'Finding the Last Chance Salon: a Writer's Tale'
- 8th** TBC
- 15th** TBC
- 22nd** **First Business Meeting** (provisional)

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton, by 20th October 2021

SPEAKER & VISITOR WELCOME

ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25
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Immediate Past President: Parmdeep Vadesha
President Elect: Nick Thomson
Junior Vice-President: Tara Pankhania
Honorary Treasurer: David Brunton
Honorary Secretary: Barry Davies
Honorary Assistant Secretary: Serge Mozota

Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Nick Thomson, Rodney Spokes, Clive Smith, Patrick Boylan

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 - SCOTT GALLACHER

BULLETIN - OCTOBER 2021

ROTARY CITATION FOR THE CLUB

Dear Parmdeep,

The Rotary Year 2020/21 was a challenging year for all concerned, the lack of face-to-face contact making maintaining our goals and objectives, so much harder. That is why I'm really pleased to be able to tell you, that your club has been awarded a Rotary Citation for the past year. This is a true reflection of all the hard work and commitment shown by your club in these trying circumstances.

Please pass on my congratulations and thanks to your members

Peter G Berry

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

Awarded to the Rotary Club of

for helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

Jolger Knaack
President, Rotary International

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS

Article by Rotarian Stuart McVey



Last September George Ritchie was our speaker and he invited me to accompany him on a flight when weather (and Covid) conditions permitted; I eagerly accepted but then had to temper this by saying that I am disabled and worried that I wouldn't be able to climb on-board and that I could be a safety risk. George seemed undaunted by this and told me he would get me on-board somehow.

Spring arrived and George invited my wife, Elspeth, and I to attend the Bembridge Fly-In on 24th June. He and his wife, Caroline, would fly in to Rochester Airfield, collect Elspeth and I, and continue to Bembridge. The staff at Rochester were exceptionally friendly and kindly allowed us to park very close to the Control Tower giving us a grandstand view of the action on the airfield.

I admit my concern about getting into the cockpit was mounting but when George and Caroline arrived, they had devised a plan, demonstrated by George whereby he sat on the wing-root walkway, slid up on his posterior then swung his legs round into the cockpit and used his arms to transfer on to the seat - simple! I followed his example and was soon into the right-hand seat.

We were soon airborne flying to the east of Tunbridge Wells and the Gatwick controlled airspace, over Goodwood race circuit and on to Bembridge. A moment of nostalgia between Goodwood and Chichester as I realised that somewhere below was RAF Tangmere (or the site of) where I first flew solo on summer camp as a member of St Andrews University Air Squadron.

The Propeller Inn is right on the perimeter of Bembridge Airfield; this was the venue for meeting other Rotarians who had flown in. Lunch and chats with other members and then we were homeward bound again using George's patented access procedure.

Finally, a photocall and wave goodbye as George and Caroline returned to Duxford. Elspeth and I had a truly happy and incredibly enjoyable day and we thank George and Caroline for making it such a memorable one.

George is a member of the Rotary Club of Westminster International and most notably, he is the International President Elect of the IFFR. During his two year tenure he and Caroline will travel the World visiting the other Sectors of the Fellowship.

You do not have to be a pilot or own a plane to be a member, if you have an interest in aviation visit our website www.iffro.uk to learn more.

Article courtesy of Rodney Spokes

VOLUNTEER NEEDED CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We need a volunteer to organise this year's Christmas Lunch which will be held at the Mercure Grand. If you can help please speak to President Scott.

ROTARY SCHOLAR – AYAKA UMETANI

We are currently hosting a Japanese scholar, Ayaka Umetani, from District 2770 Saitama in the Tokyo area. Ayaka is 24 years old, speaks excellent English, and is part-way through her Master's degree at the University of Tokyo, studying Russian arts (particularly literature and paintings) in the early 20th century. She is on leave of absence from Tokyo University for a year to follow the Master's course in Museum Studies at Leicester University. Her academic interests in two different disciplines – Russian Culture and Museology – have led her to attempt to obtain a double master's degree in each field. After her year in Leicester, she will return to finish her work at Tokyo University.

This is her first visit to the UK, and she's looking forward to experiencing British Culture, visiting brilliant museums, and meeting new people.

Having completed her quarantine in Opal Court – where she's living - she's currently doing an online course of academic writing, prior to starting her Master's course. Once she has her timetable, we will arrange for her to visit our Club.

Moira Bartlett

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY CURRY NIGHT

A Charity Curry night is planned for Tuesday 26 October at the Chef and Spice Restaurant on Hinckley Road. The cost will be £16ph with the restaurant returning £9ph to our charity.

Please put your date in the diary and bring along as many family and friends as you can muster for what will be an enjoyable social event.