



The Rotary Club of Lincoln

December 2025

Newsletter



12th, 13th and 14th December: Collecting for charity outside Waitrose

“Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas” - Lincoln Rotary
Spreading Christmas Cheer! 🎄

For 3 days, Rotarians were outside Waitrose with the “Peter Manton” sleigh and reindeer, dressed up as father Christmas and his elves, bringing festive smiles and collecting donations for local charities and Age Concern for 3 day.

A huge thank you from President Patrick to everyone who supported this event



19th December: Providing a chauffeuring service to our community

On the last Friday before Christmas Rotarians were delighted to chauffeur a few of Lincoln's less mobile, but still wonderfully adventurous residents, to the Age UK Christmas Party on Park Street.

Four hours navigating the busiest Friday traffic of the year was a small price to pay for the laughter, joy, and smiles we witnessed at the party.

Moments like these remind us why Service Above Self matters.

President Patrick would like to thank all driver and Dennis who organised the service



Rotary Luncheon Meeting 8th December 2025

Speaker: Andrew Richmond (good friend of President Patrick) gave talk entitled “Performing Rights”.

Andrew gave a fascinating talk on his career from the 1970s in promoting records for the music industry. It was for many a walk down memory lane with mention of emerging rock and pop groups. Andrew initially gave free records to stores who would happily promote the records with a 100% gross profit. As the records moved up the charts interest would take off promoting large sales and eye watering profits for the record label companies.



Stone Roses, Hawkwind, Silvertone, Back Street Boys, Steps, Justin Timberlake, John Lee Hooker, Errol Brown were amongst many that got a mention. Later in his talk Andrew explained how small record company labels were leveraged into multi million pound deals. Only a very few benefited from the huge amounts involved.



In the best traditions of the Club a formal and eloquent vote of thanks was given by an experienced Rotarian.

22nd December: Rotary Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was well attended with 30 diners, all enjoying the delicious turkey main course with all the trimmings, followed up by a traditional Christmas pudding topped with rum sauce.

Following the meal Rotarian Terry entertained us with a “turn” (brief performance) on clarinet and saxophone, playing Christmas songs and some well-known classics.

A vote of thanks was given by Rotarian John C, acknowledging the substantial contributions Terry has made to Rotary over the period of his membership.



CLUB COUNCIL MEETING OF 8TH DECEMBER 2025

MINUTES

1 PRESENT: Patrick Forbes-Ritte, Neil Curtis, Lochan Manandahar, Peter Hill, David McKee

2 APOLOGIES: Martin Curtis, Bob Bellamy, Dennis Bambridge, Barry Dean

3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Santa's Sleigh, all set for lending to Branston and for outside Waitrose.

4 TREASURERS' REPORT: Credit card machine will be available for Waitrose collection. Suggested charities, St Andrew's Childrens' Hospice, Grimsby and Age UK (Lincoln).

Message from the editor: (Martin) hopes you have all had a wonderful Christmas and wishes you all the best for 2026