

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

February 2025 Bulletin



Polio vaccination program remembered.

This is one of two messages we place among the crocuses which we planted at the Usher Gallery years ago to celebrate our contribution to the Polio vaccination program

The message says the following:

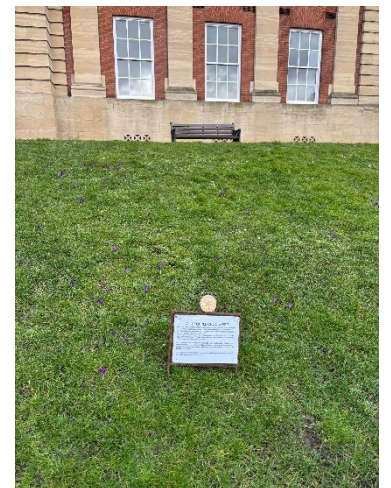
WHY PURPLE CROCUSES ?

Rotary has been working to eradicate Polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

The Rotary Club of Lincoln has planted these crocuses to celebrate our contribution to this important scheme. Why Purple? Each child has a finger dyed with purple when they are immunised to prevent return for more!

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is crucial to continue working to keep all countries polio-free.



Rotary Club Meeting 24th February 2025

Guest Speaker: District Governor Chris Knight

After the meal and the loyal toast, Peter Morrison was invited to speak, announcing a Whisky Tasting event at his house at Branston on 20th March at 7pm. Numbers are limited , please inform David Mckee if you intend to attend.

President Dennis then announced that a visit to the Mayor's Parlour has been arranged for 30th April at 3 pm.

He then welcomed the District Governor who first gave his greetings from his Club Ashby de la Zouch Castle. DG Chris then went on to say that he lives in South Derbyshire but can see our district from his window!

He then gave greetings from Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick. Chris then talked about the future of Rotary and the changes that we are experiencing. He recalled 2 Charter Dinners recently where Dinner Jackets are no longer worn. Just one indication of the many differences between the generations.

He talked about some of the charities which we favour and was enthusiastic about Mary's Meals, and aware that we had a speaker on that subject recently. He is sure that working together with other groups can make more significant donations to charities, Lions, 41 Clubs and Round Table were mentioned. Chris is enthusiastic about Santa and Sleigh events at Christmas, not forgetting that Santa is for the Children.

He was thanked warmly by President Dennis.

Club Council Meeting Minutes, Online 18:00 17th February 2025

Present; DB, DM, JC, BB, PH, BD, MC, JH, PFR.

Apologies; NC, L M.

Declarations of Interest; None(Age UK previously declared by PM and PH).

Minutes of meeting 20th January - Agreed.

- Matters arising; Details of charities to receive Santa collection and bank accounts now passed to Treasurers.

- President's report; Neustadt-an-der-Weinstrasse invitation put back to late September.
- Secretary's report; Agreed male voice choir would be challenging to market and sell tickets. Also the date suggested is day after similar concert in County. DM to politely decline. Funding for student from Nepal to study disability and gender issues at a Malayan university discussed. DM to reply explain Club policy is to fund charities not individuals. Zoom meeting from an ecology group has been distributed.
- Treasurers' report distributed. BD to chase ECKub for Richard Long's 6 month proportion of his subscription. Charity commissioners filing to be done this week.
- Projects; Lincolnshire Show volunteers identified. Disability Games all in hand- a large group from Lincoln attending.
- Membership; PF-R completing due diligence on Jonathan Rich.
- Public Relations Officer; MC keeping website up to date. JH to send a photo for Officers' page. A 4 Lincoln Club website has been set up by a person unknown.
- AOB; PF-R is researching our safeguarding responsibilities. He will consult with PK and MC.
- Next meeting; Monday 17th March.

Rotary Club Meeting 10th February

New member induction/Appointment of Vice President Elect

President Dennis and President Elect Patrick inducted Karen Dirichleau into the Lincoln Rotary Club. We were all delighted to welcome Karen into our club and hope that she has a thoroughly rewarding experience as a Lincoln Rotarian



President Dennis appointed John Herrick, former head of the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade as Vice President Elect. We look forward to John's presidency of the Lincoln Rotary Club in two years time.

