

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

July/August 2025 Newsletter



Club meeting 14th July

At the meeting the 2025/2026 President of Rotary Patrick Forbes Ritte was presented with his President's chain of office by Immediate Past President Dennis Bambridge



Vice President John Herrick and President Elect Martin Curtis were also presented with chains of their office



Meeting Speaker: Martin Curtis (Rotary Club of Lincoln)

Martin presented the new look **Facebook page** to the members and showed the members some of our recent postings. It is requested that all member please support the Facebook page by taking photographs of any events supported





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Published by **Martin Curtis** · 24 May ·

Hope Carried Home: Backpacks and Brighter Futures,
We were recently reminded of the transformative power of education through Sally Searle's inspiring talk about the Bombolulu Educational Centre in Kenya.
This no-fee paying school serves children from the most impoverished families in Mombasa—children who have shown extraordinary determination in their early education, despite facing unimaginable challenges.
By learning in English at the school, these students aren't just g... See more





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Lifetime: 1 Apr 2019 - 30 Jul 2025



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A WHISKY AWAKENING: "An Unexpected Journey Back to the Dram".
A charity tasting with Peter Morrison rekindles a long-lost love for Scotch.
"Last Thursday, we were treated to a truly special experience, thanks to the generosity and expertise of Peter Morrison, who hosted a whisky tasting at his home in support of our Rotary charities.
Peter, well-known for his years running Lincoln's Whisky Shop, brought a wealth of knowledge—and a great deal of charm—to the event. He began b... See more



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Rotary Technology Competition

In his Youth Services role, Martin also reported that he had attended a **Rotary Technology Competition** in Leicester which have been organised by Oadby Rotary on 24 June. He was very impressed by the event, and felt the participating children clearly enjoyed it.

The challenge was:

- Launch a space capsule (golf air ball) vertically
- Capsule must reach at least 3 meters
- Advanced level includes a carrier and parachute
- Final test includes remote launch after 10-second countdown

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The aims of the competition are to inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), encourage creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration, and provide a fun and educational experience for students.

Key challenges identified to organising a similar event in Lincoln were:

- the securing of a venue,
- finding suitable judges to both judge and support the students in the project and
- Getting sufficient interest from schools
- The organisation workload, particularly in the first year

It remains a project under consideration for 2025/2026



Member Message

Although JAC is spending more time in Brazil, and has stood down from Council he wants you all to know that he is still a committed Rotarian”.



Tribute to Len Curtis (deceased)

It was a sad moment for the Club to know of the passing of Len to a higher service. He joined the club in the late 1960s and made an impact as a gentleman and a leader. He was one of only 2 existing members of the Club to become President whilst still in his 40s. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He had a good attendance and more importantly a good service record as a Rotarian. In his later years, although not in good health, attended the Club regularly with the support of his daughter Trish and son Martin. God bless you Len.



Approved Council Minutes 30th June 2025

1. Present; DB, DM, JAC, PF-R, BB, PH, MM, MC, MM, NC (joined later).
2. Apologies; BD
3. Missing in action; LM, JH.
4. Declarations of interest; None not previously notified.
5. Minutes of meeting 27/05/25; Agreed.
6. President's Report;
Lincolnshire Show - enjoyable and well worthwhile although not a recruiting event.
Acknowledgement of deceased members- one minute silence, funeral attendance, mention in weekly District Secretary's report, article in newsletter and of course plaque at National Memorial Arboretum for members of The Rotary Club of Lincoln "who have passed to a higher service" agreed to be enough.
7. Secretary's Report; DM asked for more suggestions for speakers particularly those who are not seeking finance. Many suggestions and reminders given.
8. Compliance; Council approved PF-R signing form to confirm that we will comply with relevant rules and regulations. Noted that guidance sparse.
9. Kids Out was a great success. MM was our representative.
10. Treasurers' Report; A detailed written report distributed. BB will replace the deceased PM as a signatory. DB will allow his credit card for the website and liaise with David Drury.
11. Membership; PF-R has 3 potential new members identified as he pursues his aspirational target of 6 new members in the new Rotary Year.
12. PRO ; MC to talk about technology project and Facebook at next meeting.
13. Projects; PF-R to distribute hard copies and emails of rotas for upcoming events in plenty of time. Canapés in the Cloisters not going ahead this year because of Cathedral building work. Agreed Bomber Command Memorial site not suitable.
14. Next Meeting; 28/07/25 2p.m face to face.
15. AOB; DB graciously thanked members for their support during his year in office. PF-R congratulated DB on his presidential year.

CLUB COUNCIL MEETING OF 28TH JULY 2025 2.00pm at the NIGHTINGALE

MINUTES

- 1 PRESENT: David McKee, Lochan Manandhar, Barry Dean, Patrick Forbes-Ritte, Dennis Bambridge, Bob Bellamy,
- 2 APOLOGIES: Martin Curtis, John Herrick
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
- 4 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30TH JUNE 2025: Agreed
- 5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT: One month into New Year, Len Curtis passed away. Hopes to have 6 new members this year. New candidate still being processed. DB look for suitable candidates to bring to Meetings. Recruitment leaflet underwhelming, PFR amending. New meaningful projects needed to impress new members.
- 6 SECRETARY'S REPORT : None

7 TREASURERS' REPORT: Lincoln City Foundation, confusion over amount of donation, £500 or £250. MM explained how Foundation Grants work to LM. BB to be TRUSTEES replacing JC and cheque signatures.

8 AOB: 29th September Macmillan Coffee Morning, we should be involved.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA