

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

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October 2026 Newsletter

“The Whisky Tasting” 22nd October

Our own Rotarian Peter Morrison organised and presented not only an interesting introduction to Single Malt Whisky but provided us with an excellent selection of ‘Samples’.

Our picture is of Peter (seated) accompanied by Club President John Herrick and District Governor Dawn Denton. PF-R



The Rotary Club of Lincoln Meeting – 12th October 2026

We were delighted by the attendance of District Governor Dawn Denton to our meeting.

Dawn spoke about her introduction to Rotary 30 years ago. While volunteering at the British Grand Prix, she worked alongside members of the Towcester Rotary Club, who were responsible for driving VIP guests from the heliport to the hospitality areas. Impressed by their dedication and camaraderie, she accepted their invitation to join Rotary.



Since then, Dawn has served as Club President on two occasions, Assistant District Governor and now District Governor.

Earlier this year, she attended the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, held from 13 to 17 June. More than 37,000 Rotary members and participants from over 140 countries attended. The experience reinforced her belief that Rotarians are part of something much bigger than their individual clubs. The convention's key message was to "do better than your best".

Dawn encouraged members to focus on creating long-term impact and meaningful change within their communities. For her, Rotary is built on the principles of service, friendship and fun, combined with active involvement in the local community.

She highlighted the importance of setting membership targets while remaining aware of the challenges facing clubs. She discussed the potential for revitalising Rotaract as part of Rotary's future development and noted the opportunities that corporate memberships, such as those promoted through Expos, could provide.

To mark World Polio Day, Dawn is undertaking a 40,000-step walk to raise funds for Rotary's global polio eradication programme.

She concluded by wishing the club every success for the forthcoming year.

Member Announcements

1. Patrick F-R

(Safeguarding, Santa's Sleigh Project and District Membership Meeting)

Patrick reported good progress on safeguarding matters. He has produced a single A4 summary sheet outlining the key elements of the District's safeguarding policies.

The club will be working in partnership with Lindum Rotary Club on this year's Santa's Sleigh charity collection project. An arrangement has been agreed for dividing the proceeds between the two clubs before distribution to charities. The sleigh will be stationed for four days at the entrances to local Tesco stores.

Patrick and Lochan attended a District membership meeting. While they found the event informative, they felt that few new ideas for membership growth were presented beyond those already suggested to the club by District officers.

2. Malcolm M

(Bench Donation)

A bench has been donated in memory of former member Sid Proud and includes his name carved into the wood. As a result, it would not be practical to add a Rotary Club of Lincoln plaque.

The intention remains to install the bench in the garden of the Stroke Department at Lincoln County Hospital.

The Rotary Club of Lincoln Meeting – 26th October

A small but select group attended the meeting. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

President John said that he had attended the whisky tasting event. It was thoroughly enjoyable and exceptionally well presented and hosted by Peter Morrison. Single malt coastal whiskies from Scotland and Wales were sampled.

Malcolm Miller announced;

1. The whisky tasting event raised £110 which would be donated to St Barnabus hospital.
2. The bench it has been decided will not have a plaque because it will spoil the existing carving. Neil Curtis will help transport it to the Stroke ward garden.
3. He has not yet spoken to either Treasurers re the Shelter Box donation for Nepal.

Patrick announced;

1. The Santa sleigh rota had been sent out by email. Please volunteer for Santa/ elf duties at the 4 collection days at the 2 Tesco stores'
2. The sleigh will be under cover.
3. If you have IT difficulties in populating the rota, phone Patrick.
4. The first £100 on each day will be allocated to our club and the balance pro rata on the manning by each club.

The Speaker was introduced; George Elson of Opera Fenwold. He gave a lively talk on the challenges of producing Opera productions to small venues and small audiences in Lincolnshire. He was a Bass Baritone who has relative pitch but is not pitch perfect.

Peter Hill gave the vote of thanks commending George on an inspirational talk and for the impressive organisational skills that he clearly has.

The meeting concluded with the more modern Valedictory Toast. JC

Rotary Club of Lincoln Plaque in the Arboretum

The National Memorial Arboretum has been renamed the Royal British Legion National Remembrance Gardens. Our club plaque (see photo) still stands proud on Rotary Ridge (above a section of the Burma Railway). JC



Secretary David Mckee's Announcements

1. Christmas Lunch

The Rotary Club of Lincoln will not be holding a Christmas lunch this year. Instead, members and their partners have been invited to join the Inner Wheel Club of Lincoln for its Christmas meeting on Thursday 3 December.

The event will be held at the Nightingale Rooms, with guests gathering at 12.00 noon for lunch at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £21 per person. The speaker will be Malcolm Fatchett, who will present "*Amusing CID Incidents*". A hamper raffle will also be held.

Members are referred to David's email of 30 October 2026 for further details and booking arrangements.

2. No Club Meetings in December

There will be no Rotary Club of Lincoln meetings during December this year.

The meeting scheduled for 14 December conflicts with the Santa's Sleigh rota, while 28 December falls during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Members should refer to David's email of 30 October 2026 for further information.

3. Invitation to Join the "Orange the World" Awareness Initiative

The Inner Wheel Clubs of Lincoln and Bailgate have invited Rotary members to participate in Orange the World Day on 25 November.

Orange the World is a United Nations initiative that seeks to raise awareness of violence and abuse against women and children worldwide. Participants will meet at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bailgate, at 10.30 am for coffee and cake before taking part in a walk through Lincoln to promote the campaign and distribute information leaflets. Members are encouraged to wear something orange. Those without suitable clothing will have the opportunity to purchase an orange badge before the walk begins.

A choice of walking routes will be available, ranging from a short walk around the Bailgate area to a three-mile route extending to the Brayford. Participants should note that the longer route includes the climb back up Steep Hill.

Refreshments will be available on return to St Mary Magdalene Church.

Last year's event attracted an excellent turnout, and organisers hope to involve Lincoln's universities this year. Members are welcome to attend for the coffee gathering even if they are unable to participate in the walk.

See David's email of 28 October 2026 for contact details and further information.

4. Coffee Morning Invitation

The Inner Wheel Club of Lincoln has invited Rotary members to attend a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17 November.

The event will commence at 10.30 am and will include craft stalls, cakes, preserves, greetings cards and a raffle. Admission is £3, which includes tea or coffee and cake. All proceeds will be donated to the Wheelchair Foundation.

Further information can be found in David's email of 28 October 2026.

Alfred Schneider (Deceased)

As we go to press we are very sad to report the passing of our dear friend and Rotarian, Alfred. He was a member of our Club for over 25 years. He was proposed (I think) by Richard Lucas, He lived in James Street (named after James Bromhead) before he and Joy moved out to the Wolds. He was a quietly spoken German gentleman, He regularly helped with service activities. For many years he was a prominent figure in the International Committee. He was also a Past President. JC



Our thoughts and condolences are with Joy and their family at this difficult time.



Alfred's wife Joy extends her thanks to the members of both Rotary and Inner Wheel who have visited and supported us throughout the long years of Alfred's illness.

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