

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

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September 2026 Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Lincoln Meeting – Monday 14th September

Attended by: JH, PF-R, LM, PH, TC, JC, PM & MC.

Special guests: Judith Holden, President R C of Colonia & Ann Shingdia, Secretary RC of Colonia

Apologies: MM, PB, NH, DM, BB

Opening the meeting Lochan Manandhar was formally introduced as President Elect for 2026/2027

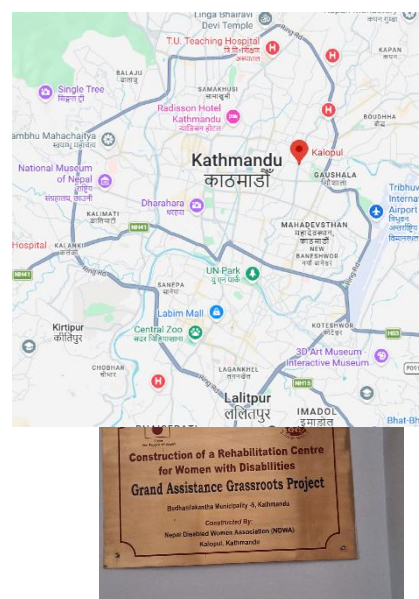
The club are delighted that Lochan has accepted the role and she has our full support.



Meeting Guest Speaker: Lochan Manandhar

Lochan spoke about the Nepalese Disabled Women Association Refuge that Lincoln Rotary Club donated £1000 to last year and a Community Based rehabilitation Centre in Patan Nepal which she suggests could be a focus for charitable funding this year.

Nepalese Disabled Women Association have their refuge in Kalopul a suburb of Kathmandu, east of the city centre as shown on the map to the right ,



Lochan described how last year's funding was spent partly on new bedding and partly on the refuge's staffing costs.

She also described the importance of the refuge to women in the area who have a range of physical and mental disabilities.



The refuge is producing and selling jars of food as part of a self-funding initiative but still requires external funding.



Lochan suggested another possible focus for this year's international charitable funding could be a Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in Patan, a city officially known as Lalitpur. Patan/Lalitpur is a historic city in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley with a population of around 300,000, located just south of Kathmandu.



The Nepal Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) organisation is a non-profit, non-political, non-governmental social organization (NGO) dedicated to enhance the quality life of all kind of people living with disabilities.

<https://cbrbnepal.org/about-us/#about>

The Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in Patan supports young people with a range of life challenges



Vote of thanks was given by John Cawdell who acknowledged the humanity which shone through in Lochan's presentation.

Other matters arising from the meeting:

1. Patrick and Lochan would attend the District membership meeting on Saturday 19th
2. Santa's sleigh to be hired by Branston community group at £100 per day. Lindum to share sleigh on one day. Our own club has more days booked.
3. Peter Morrison is hosting Malt Whisky tasting on 22nd October at 3p.m.
4. DG has been invited to 12th October meeting.

Club Meeting 28th September 2026

In attendance; JH, LM, PF-R, DM, JAC,PH,PH,TJC,MM,BL,NH.

Apologies: MC, BB

The President welcomed Bill Lee back after a prolonged absence. After a good meal and good fellowship Lochan was presented with a President Elect's chain of office.

The President then outlined a number of issues brought up at the council meeting on 3rd September which he wanted to engage a wider audience in. John Dehnel (District Secretary) had asked that we consider;

1. Planning for RYLA.
2. Defibrillators.
3. Community Service Team.
4. Use of Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection policy.

In addition Steve Howe (District membership Support Team lead) had outlined a number of initiatives and funding opportunities.

Council felt under- resourced to deal with these issues.

General club initiatives;

1. Santa sleigh - arrangements going well and outside help volunteered.
2. Canapés in the cloisters - fund raising to be confirmed.
3. Bench from St Mary le Wigford. MM said no funding implications and brass plaque to be sourced crediting the Club before being placed in the County Hospital Stroke Unit. Manton family did not wish Peter to be mentioned on the plaque.

President suggested communication had not been as good as it should be and a Council meeting should be held during Club meeting every 2 months.

He invited members to express their views.

PH said he would like more involvement with Inner Wheel who had good attendance at their meetings with visitors. Possible Associate membership suggested. More joint initiatives agreed and a joint Christmas's lunch was suggested. MM and DM to follow up.

PM supported the President's initiative to involve the Club more with Council decisions and said he had felt "divorced" from Council.

LM spoke about a Nepalese culinary event in November with Lindum Colonia for fund raising for disabled women in Nepal. A wish list of watertanks, beds and toilets was given. Money transfer problems were discussed and apparently funds may now be transferred to the Rotary Club of Nepal direct. Lochan's sister is a member.

MM said £500 was agreed to be sent to Shelterbox direct at the last Council meeting. This has not been sent. Memories differed and Council minutes had not been distributed but the President agreed with MM and the meeting unanimously agreed that the £500 should be sent straight away to Shelterbox. MM to contact Barry Dean to expedite payment.

A happy meeting was concluded with the President proposing the traditional Valedictory Toast.

Many thanks to JC for these meeting notes