

ROTARY

Rotary Club
of Skegness



IN ACTION

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE, IN SKEGNESS AND WORLDWIDE

Speakers Corner *Jacob's Well*

Changing the World, one Life at a Time – this is the mission of The Jacob's Well Appeal.

It was humbling to listen to John at our meeting on Tuesday 2nd September, who talked about how his Parents founded The Jacobs Well Appeal back in 1982. The Charity has provided support in around 30 Countries over this time, from donation of medical supplies, to drilling water boreholes. From providing Seedbanks in Ghana to providing female hygiene training to young girls. The reach of the projects they carry out is vast. They have recently opened their first Disability Centre in Madagascar, allowing 60 Children the chance of support and education instead of being hidden away from view.

We were also afforded a presentation by Joe, from **Spark2Action** who has been working with Jacob's Well since 2018. They have recently completed the build of an orphanage in Sierra Leone. Joe and his 'wonder-wife' Sarah now live in Sierra Leone and are hands on with so many projects making a difference in the area including pioneering Destiny Village, a low-cost housing solution.



Some of the stats that were shared during the session were staggering in 2023 they distributed £4.5million of goods around the world, their transport costs were more than £100,000.

As a Rotary club we are so proud to be able to support such a phenomenal charity who clearly care to the core, we are still facilitating the knitted squares project, we have donated glasses and crutches and medical supplies. Did you know that the NHS class a pair of crutches as single use? They have a

value of approx. £80 per pair. However, after being used by only one person they are discarded.

Jacob's Well receive on average one transit van load of crutches per week!!

You will find more information about the work Jacob's Well are doing on their website www.jacobswellappeal.org

They are always open to receiving donations for their running projects. They will never say no to any volunteer who would give time to help with sorting and packing the donations they receive.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

I attended a webinar about membership recently, and our RIBI President, Francesco Arrezzo reminded us to "KEEP DREAMING, DREAM BIG and WORK TOGETHER". Our Club is already embracing this message in abundance. All Committees are working so hard, and I am really excited about the projects we are already working on and how the Committees are supporting each other.

We have three big projects that we are currently working on, The Nepal Project, Purple for Polio and our flagship Santa Fun Run. I really do encourage all members to get involved and keep taking those photos and short fun videos that we can then use to keep promoting our Club, the work we are doing, and the difference we are making.

We have recently received an award of excellence for our Club for last year,

this is something I know our Past President Sunil will be very proud of, as all our members should be too.

Yours in Rotary
Tamara Good,
President
2025/26



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The Presidents Pal

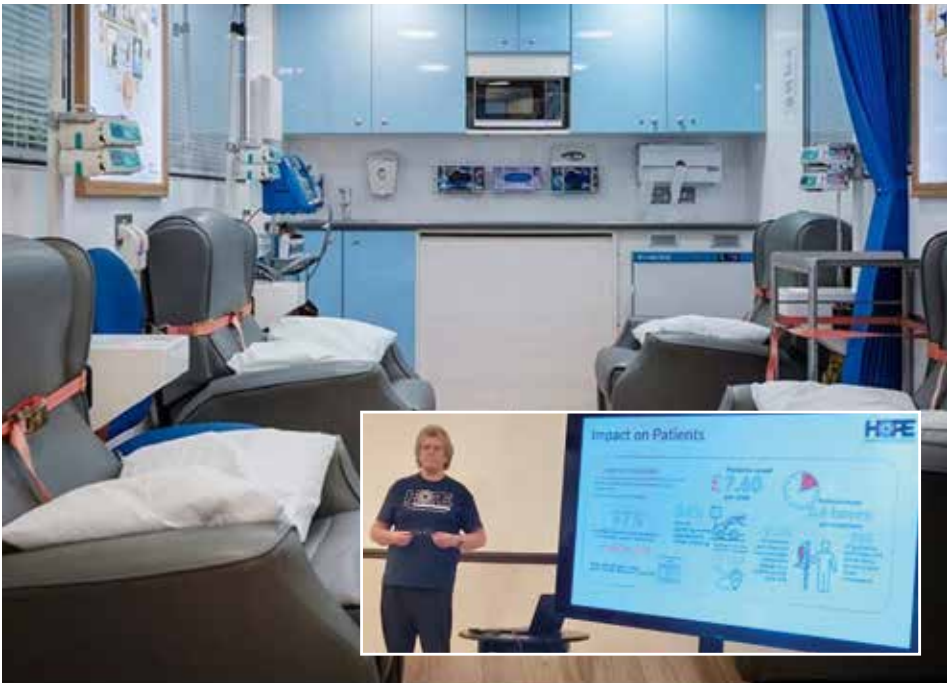
Speakers Corner

Hope for Tomorrow

You may remember that we made a £500 donation to this charity last year, and on 19th August, we were delighted to welcome Liz Murray, a volunteer with Hope for Tomorrow to come and speak to us to tell us about the work they do, and how our donations help to make a difference.

They provide Chemotherapy treatment in a unit built on the chassis of a coach. The unit is based at the Pilgrim Hospital in Boston and visits Skegness twice a week and is located in the hospital car park. This helps patients in Skegness to receive Chemotherapy treatment locally.

The charity has a total of 14 mobile units that operate in England. Our local unit is called Elaine and provided 2,574



patient visits in the last year.

The nurses that man the unit are funded by the NHS as is the driver, but the cost of the unit and its running costs are all funded by the charity. Each unit costs approx. £300,000 to build, and the coach body is replaced every 10 years with the internal

equipment being replaced every 3 years. They receive no government funding.

While this is clearly a sensitive subject, Liz had a great tone to her presentation and had us all engaged throughout.

Lincs with India

This is a long-standing project we have supported which sees us currently funding 2 pupils in Srivilliputhur, southern India. The annual cost of our support is £150 per pupil which includes accommodation in 2 purpose-built hostels – each for up to 50 boys and 50 girls. It also includes school fees, food, clothes, transport to and from their very remote home villages at the start and finish of each school term plus medical attention when required.

Myrtle and I joined their annual visit for supporters in January 2003 and have met the boy we then sponsored and his mother together with teachers and representatives of Social Democratic Education Trust (SDET), the organisation that manages the project in India.

When I say remote, I mean remote. One village we visited was a 3-hour mini-bus drive, 30 minutes in a canoe and a 1-hour walk. The area involved is the mountainous Western Ghats range. The return journey was downhill and a lot easier!

As well as contributing to the cost of building and fitting out of the hostels we have funded a borehole to supply water and contributed to the construction of a communal dining room and kitchen. That building is now complete but some fitting out remains to be done.

The driving force behind the formation of Lincs with India was the late Rtn. Brian Harrison of the Alford and Mablethorpe Club, (our “daughter Club”) who led our visit. He was supported by other Clubs in Lincolnshire.

SDET have recently faced a new challenge – the Indian government have introduced a range of legal requirements designed to bring safeguarding up to European standards. They have had to buy a second minibus as boys and girls cannot travel in the same bus. They have had to build high security fences round each hostel with CCTV inside and out. They have also had to improve the ratio of adults to children, i.e. employ



more adults. This for a time constrained their accepting additional children and is a longer-term challenge to their funding.

The annual supporters’ visit is a stress-free opportunity to visit rural India and is recommended to all our members, particularly those who have not experienced this area of the world. Ours was Myrtle’s first visit there – she loved it, as did I. Anyone interested, please let me know and I can arrange contact with the organisers at Lincs with India.

Rtn. Lou Kelly

PURPLE FOR POLIO DAY

24th OCTOBER 2025

Rotary Clubs all over the world have been helping to eradicate Polio since 1985 when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 125 countries. In addition, Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$9 billion to the effort.

Rotary through its Foundation Charity has worked alongside partners such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to reduce polio cases by 99.9% worldwide. Today, only a handful of countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, testament to the remarkable progress achieved through international collaboration, relentless advocacy, and sustained financial commitment. Rotary’s dedication to



END
POLIO
NOW

public health has transformed millions of lives and stands as a beacon of hope in the ongoing fight against preventable diseases.

This year the Rotary Club of Skegness have purchased 8,000 crocus corms as part of our “Purple for Polio” campaign. We intend to plant 4,000 crocus corms together with our partners in and around Skegness to highlight awareness of the vital immunisation programme and its lasting impact.

The remaining 4,000 corms will be sold to our supporters and the general public- £5 for twenty corms. The variety is Crocus Tommasianus, Ruby Giant. Our aim is to sell every corm and raise £1,000 which will attract funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation raising our total contribution to £3,000.

We need volunteers to help us with the planting and also the selling of the corms so, watch out for more news on our Facebook page and Website.

COULD WE BE THE GENERATION THAT ERADICATES POLIO ONCE AND FOR ALL?

Our Geocaches Hidden Forever

As another summer comes to an end, we have decided to disable the Geocaches that we have had hidden in the town.

Over the last two years we have had 4 caches hidden and collectively they have been found 406 times. We have received some lovely messages thanking us for our hides and some great photos have been uploaded with beautiful scenery and happy faces. A notification is sent when someone finds your treasure, and those pings still

make me smile as they come through.

One of our hides was the first find for two separate people, and another one of our hides was the 20,000th find for another person Wow!!

Geocaching is totally free and is a great activity for all ages. It is not just the local community that gets involved, Geocaching is a big hit with visitors to the town too.

It’s just a great way to be outside in the fresh air going in search for an unknown piece of treasure seeing parts

of a town that you may otherwise not see.

So, from the Com Voc team, and our hides; ‘Protector of The Town’, ‘Pier Pressure’, ‘ForesTREE’ and ‘Take a Putt on Finding me’, Thank you, and Goodnight!



ROTARY HOROSCOPE As a Rotarian, the stars align not just for your personal journey, but for the impact you create in your community. This season, your sign carries the energy of Service Above Self, reminding you that true fulfilment comes from lifting others.



ARIES
The Go-Getter:
You volunteered for one project... and somehow ended up chairing three. The stars suggest buying a bigger calendar.



VIRGO
The Organizer:
You’ve colour-coded the service project spreadsheet... again. The universe says: relax, no one else can read your system anyway.



SAGITTARIUS
The Adventurer:
You’re already planning your next Rotary trip abroad. The stars remind you: don’t forget to pack club banners.

Please note this is just a bit of fun, we will not be held responsible for any excess calendars purchased, spreadsheets rehashed or club banners pushing you over your luggage allowance!!



Dates for your Diary

20 September **Beach Clean**
Gibraltar Point (Com Voc)

23 September **Bowling Night**
Empire Bowl

30 September **Scatter Week**

24 October **Purple 4 Polio -**
Community Crocus Planting
(Foundation)

4 November - North Shore Hotel
Police & Crime Commissioner
SOCIAL (Club Service)

5 November
Rotary Club of Spilsby Fireworks

28 November **Quiz Night** - Artisan
(International Committee)

7 December **Santa Fun Run**

20-24 December
Tesco Collection

16 December - North Shore Hotel
Family Christmas Party

6 January - Winthorpe
Community Centre **Starvation Dinner**
GUESTS WELCOME (International)

27 January - North Shore Hotel
Burns Night SOCIAL
(Foundation)

27 February - TBC
Business Quiz (Com Voc)

15 May - North Shore Hotel
92nd Charter

28 June - TBC
End of Year Garden Party

RECOGNITION



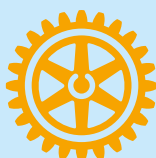
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SANTA
FUNRUN
7.12.2025



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