

ROTARY IN ACTION

Rotary Club
of Skegness



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2025

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, IN SKEGNESS AND WORLDWIDE

Donation to the Foodbank



On behalf of the Com Voc Committee, President Sunil Perera and Rtn. Rob Wilkinson were delighted to deliver an enormous donation of essentials to the Skegness Foodbank on Saturday 24th January. With thanks to the Palmer Fund for releasing funds of £1,000, and the generous 10% uplift by Morrisons, a total of £1,100 worth of goods were delivered.

The Skegness foodbank does amazing work throughout the year supporting some of the most vulnerable in our town. This critical donation was so well received and we know it will be put to good use.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

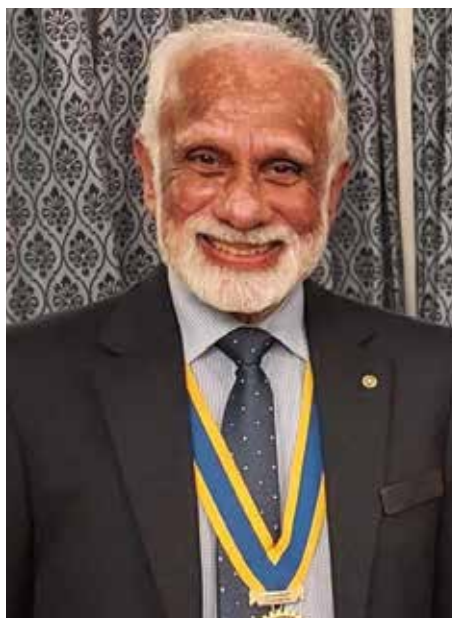
We are now into the second half of the 2024/25 Rotary year. Having worked tirelessly to complete the majority of their projects and fund-raising events our Committees expect to achieve all their targets by this June.

You'll see the highlights of last month's activities in this Newsletter.

As Rotarians, the enthusiasm and devotion to serve the needy in the community will stay high in our minds always.

The heart of Rotary is our dedicated members.

Yours in Rotary,
Sunil Perera, President



MOCK INTERVIEWS

On behalf of the Com Voc Committee, Rtn. Pat Lowe carried out Mock Interviews during January helping to prepare 12 people for a Job's Fair on 23rd January.

Interviews are scary at the best of times, and so mock interviews help to boost confidence and reduce anxiety, creating a safe space for interviewees to practice their skills, and receive invaluable feedback preparing them for their real interviews.

Starvation Dinner

Thanks to the International Committee for a great start to the new calendar year. Fourteen members met on 7th January at Winthorpe Community Hall for the annual Starvation Dinner, where it was not only a great social atmosphere, but the very beautiful Carrot and Parsley Soup was a massive hit too. This event is such a powerful event in our Rotary schedule, as it gives us all the chance to pause for a moment and be grateful for everything that we have. Huge thanks to Rtn. Lou Kelly and Rtn. Bob Field for making the event such a success. This event raised £302 which will be used to support our 'Links with India' project.



Presentation of ROTARY IN ACTION to President Sunil

On behalf of the Membership & Public Image Committee, Rtn. Alli Cowell was pleased to present our first edition of 'Rotary in Action' to President Sunil, thank you to all those that helped to make this happen, especially Rtn. Andrew Newton who did an amazing job in designing the Newsletter. We hope you have all enjoyed reading it.





The Com Voc & Youth Committee are pleased to announce that we have supported an application received in favour of Summer Willets to be considered for a Young Citizen Award organised by Rotary GB&I. Many of you will be aware of Summer and the fundraising work she has done in our local area. We wish Summer all the best with her nomination and will of course let you know if she has been successful.

Skegness Academy Community Awards

Members of the Skegness Rotary Club were invited to The Community Awards at Skegness Academy on 29th January 2025. We were represented by Rotarians Tamara Good, Ross Good and Bob Field. The Academy's Principle, Mr. Claudio Gissendorf was very pleased to see us there as he is as keen as we are to build the links between the school and our club, recognising that working together could create a tangible positive

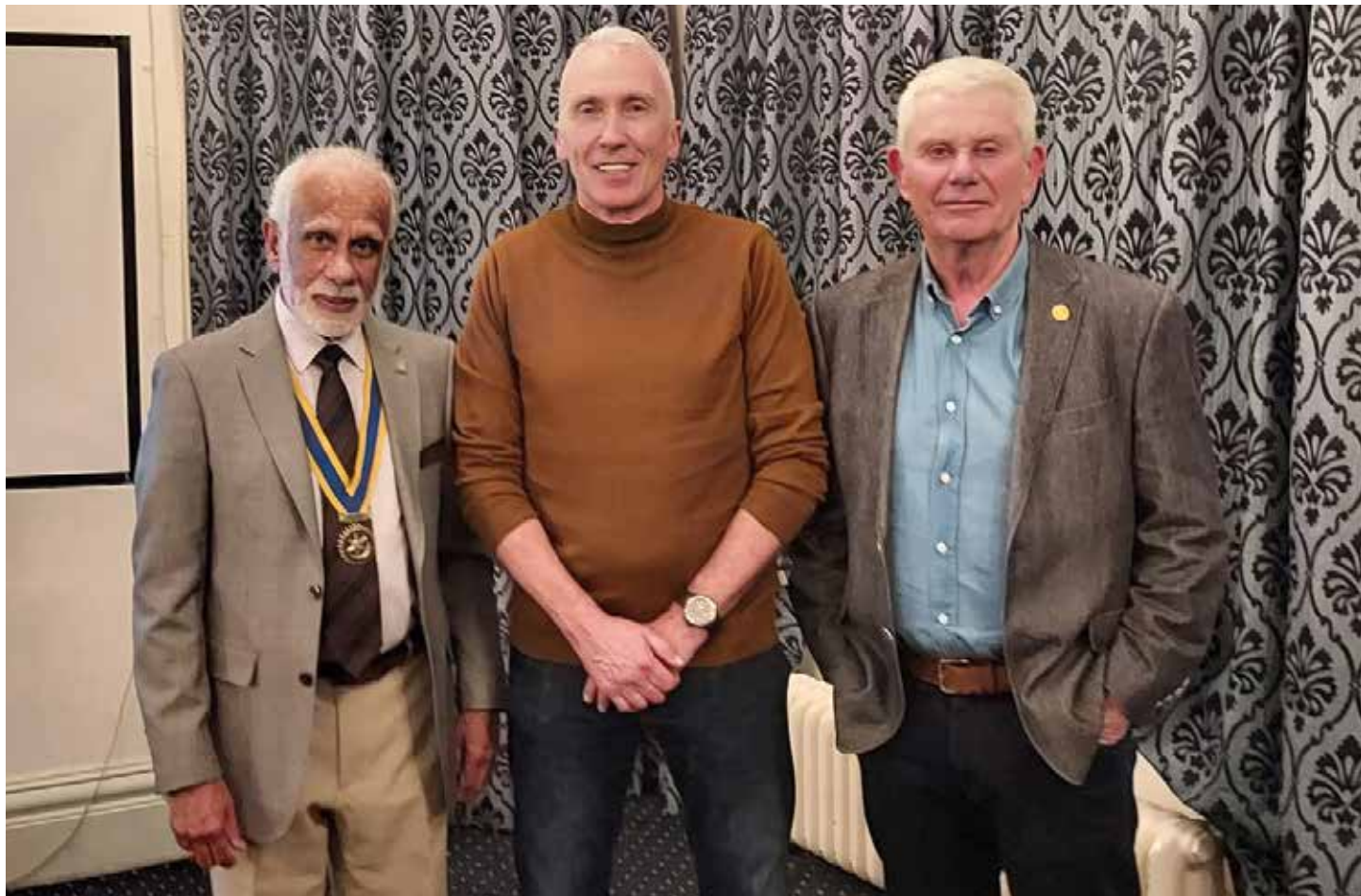
difference for young people in Skegness. The Awards were for certain members of staff, parents and pupils, in recognition of things that they have done for the community, and also for other pupils. It was a very interesting evening to witness the appreciation of young people for things that they had chosen to do in their spare time, for the benefit of others..... Young Rotarians in the making maybe!?!



Speakers Corner

We welcomed Neil Woodmansey MBE to our weekly meeting on Tuesday 28th January to speak to us about his participation in International Search and Rescue missions (ISAR), accompanied by his exceptional canine partners, Holly and Colin. His journey in this field began in 1995 when he joined the UK International Search and Rescue team along with our own local hero and fellow Rotarian, Robin

Wilkinson. By 2000, Neil had become a ISAR dog handler, a role that saw him and his dogs deployed to disaster zones worldwide. His incredibly engaging presentation gave us an insight into some of the extremely challenging missions he has been part of, and highlighted the unbreakable bond between handler and canine, showing just how important this teamwork is in response to disasters worldwide.





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th February, 6pm,
The Royal
'Something a Little Bit Different'
(Membership & Public Image)

Friday 28th February
Business Quiz at The Vine (Com Voc)

Tuesday 4th March
Scatter Week (Com Voc)

Tuesday 11th March, 6pm, The Royal
Rtn. Alli Cowell, **An update on the
Nepal Project** (International)

Friday 14th March
Greek Night, No 9, Skegness
(International) £28.00 per person

Tuesday 18th March, 6pm, The Royal
Business Meeting

Tuesday 25th March, 6pm, The Royal
**Steve Andrews from the
Hildreds Centre** (Com Voc Youth)

Sunday 30th March, Gibraltar Point
Beach Clean, they would be grateful for
any helpers.

Wednesday 9th April
Cybersecurity Breakfast Meeting
(Membership & Public Image)

Tuesday 15th April
AGM at The Royal Hotel

Sunday 27th April
Beach Clean (Com Voc)

Friday 18th July
RISCA Male Choir
at St. Matthews Church (Com Voc)

BIG BREAKFAST – POSTPONED

It is with deep regret that we are going to have to postpone one of our flagship events, The Big Breakfast, which was due to take place on 4th March at The Royal. This is due to a morning staffing issue at The Royal Hotel.

We are working on an alternative arrangement and will let you know as soon as we have details.....
watch this space.

If you have anything that you would like to add to the next edition of the Newsletter, please forward a picture and a few words to Alli on alli.cowell@gmail.com

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Wednesday 9th April 8.00am-10.30am
Southview Park Hotel, Skegness PE25 2LA

Join Lincolnshire Police and The Rotary Club of Skegness for a comprehensive Cybersecurity Training Presentation designed to help you understand and mitigate the growing threats in today's online world.

Entry: £10.00 continental breakfast and refreshments included.

Com Voc



Please come and join us at our Beach Clean
on **Sunday 27th April 2025**

This is a great community event where we can roll our sleeves up and make a visible difference in our local town.

Friends and Family are very welcome.

More details will follow in due course, but for now please **SAVE THE DATE**, we would love to see you on the day.

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Rotary and Peace the world over

Skegness Tec Presentation Day

We have been given the opportunity to promote Rotary at this event on Monday, 24th March being able to share the work we do in the local community. The event is aimed at an audience of 16 to 19 year olds, so hopefully we could inspire a helper or two to join us at future events.

We still need some volunteers for the day, so if you are interested, please contact Rtn. Carole Cameron directly.