

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025

Rotary
Carlton



Welcome to our latest Newsletter - aimed to update our group of "Friends of Carlton Rotary" with activities undertaken, and those planned. We hope you enjoy!

We are always keen to welcome new members, so please pass this on to any friends or family who might be interested in joining Rotary—to have fun and make a difference to our world. Do contact us, too, if you have a community project or particular need you feel we could help with.

Our 48th Birthday Celebration !

Friends and family are welcome to join us for a fun, relaxed evening, with great entertainment to mark 48 years of Rotary in Carlton.

Date: Thursday 1st May 2025

Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start

Place: Woodborough Hall, 1 Bank Hill,
Woodborough, Nottingham NG14 6EE

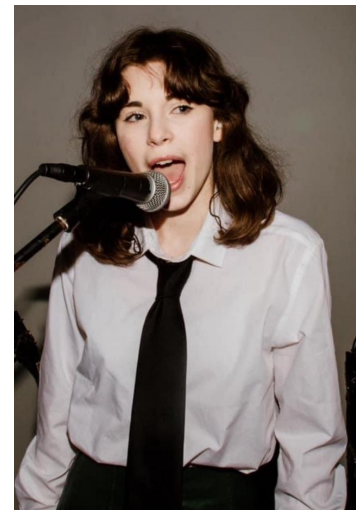
Dress code: Smart (black tie preferred)

Fabulous 3 course meal with choice of
four starters, mains and desserts

Cost: £35

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by
FERN AND THE BADGER
a unique father-daughter musical
duo

Join us for an unforgettable musical
journey through jazz, film, and pop
classics



Book by emailing carltonrotary@gmail.com

Defibrillator and Bleed Kit project update

Our first Defibrillator and Bleed Kit installation was handed over on 8th February to the 1st Gedling Scout group.



Our next installation is in hand, using the matching District Grant.

Further donations for this project can be made via our website here:



Bananas to Books

We are often asked: 'What do Rotarians do?' Well, I'll give you one idea. We have what I call a true Rotarian in our midst; he is an active member in his club in Nigeria, but also a most welcome attendee in our club. A quest was put to us—would we collect any unwanted books—to be used in a new library that was being created out of a dilapidated old toilet block alongside a primary school of about 700 pupils, in Nigeria that his home club was sponsoring. So, our task was set, we checked our book shelves, went to schools, libraries, colleges, and charity shops, then over a few weeks many bags and boxes started to pile up. We then had to think of a strong secure manageable way of transporting them overseas. This is where the bananas come in. I remember bananas from Jamaica arriving into this country in long wooden boxes, not now, they come in strong double thickness short cardboard boxes. You've guessed it, ideal for packing our books in. So, there was the answer, after a morning packing some 23 banana boxes, with about 40 books per box, yes over 900 books, ready to be palletised and shrink wrapped for the long journey to the school in Nigeria. That's just one story about 'what Rotarians do', there are loads more.

David Falkner



THANK YOU to Burton Joyce Primary School ...for their donations of books to add to our own club collection. A big "thank you" too to our Friends of Rotary and everyone who contributed—your donations will make a real difference.

Carlton Rotary goes backstage at Nottingham's iconic Playhouse

Since the mid 60's, the Playhouse has been part of Nottingham's arts scene. It's one of the country's leading producing theatres and creates a range of productions throughout the year, from timeless classics to innovative family shows and adventurous new commissions.

Carlton Rotary members were privileged to enjoy a backstage tour of this iconic building, visiting every nook and cranny from the dressing rooms to the 'green' room – a space where performers can relax before, during and after a show, when they're not on stage.



Of particular interest was the host of props acquired over many years. Everything from furniture and enormous backdrops, to a giant mechanised hand that was used in 2024's panto.



Whilst the building's modern design provoked some controversy in the 1960's, it since been awarded Grade II listed status.

Before leaving for an enjoyable lunch in the shadow on Nottingham Castle, members could not miss the opportunity to be photographed by Anish Kapoor's famous 'sky mirror' sculpture.



Tony Mellor

Speakers are always welcome— here's news of 2 recent evenings:

In February we had the pleasure of welcoming Alan Boulton from Wylde Green Rotary, who delivered a fascinating and informative talk about the Belper Nailers. He shared insights into the rich history of nail-making in Belper, the lives of the skilled craftsmen and women who shaped the industry, and how this trade played a vital role in the town's heritage.



In March we were over-awed by Dr David Nunn (BEM) and Tom Styles from Tailwind Digital speaking about the Nottinghamshire Roll of Honour.



Tom has developed the website <https://rollofhonour.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>, a vital resource that preserves the names and stories of those who died in the World Wars. David and his dedicated team of volunteers are tirelessly researching and compiling this important history.

Community Grants Fund

With plenty of funds in our Charity Account, thanks to the successful Christmas Sleigh activity, we have launched a “Community Grants Fund”. The fund is open to applications from small community organisations, individuals or groups, for projects based within, and supporting residents of Carlton Rotary’s local area, ie Carlton/Netherfield/Gedling/Mapperley.

It is intended to provide funds to support projects or activities which would not be possible without this grant, and which will benefit local people. The maximum sum which can be awarded for a project or activity is £500.

An Application Form and further details can be found on our Facebook page—or website here: <https://carltonrotary.co.uk/rotary-club-of-carlton/recent-activities/>

**An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities below.
Meetings are 6.30pm at Mapperley Golf Club with a meal.**

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	03-Apr	MGC	AGM & Business Meeting
Thursday	10-Apr	MGC	SPEAKER: Richard Usher—from The Great British Car Journey—My life and cars
Thursday	17&24-Apr		Bank Holiday weeks, no meetings
Thursday	01-May	Woodborough Hall	48th CHARTER NIGHT
Thursday	08-May		Bank Holiday week, no meeting
Thursday	15-May	Visit	Visit to Sherwood Observatory
Thursday	22-May	MGC	Exploring “ChatGPT” with Martyn
Thursday	29-May		Bank Holiday week, no meeting
Thursday	05-Jun	MGC	Club Assembly
Sunday	08-Jun		Carlton Gadabout Afternoon
Thursday	12-Jun	MGC	All Members—Holiday Snapshots & Stories—send Martyn a favourite photo and be ready to talk for 3 minutes to explain
Thursday	19-Jun	MGC	Handover meeting

If you are interested in joining in with any of the above, email carltonrotary@gmail.com to book in.

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