

# NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2025

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter - aimed to update our members and "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 finding out more about us—to have fun and to 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.**

### Joint Presidents for 2025-26 Rotary Year

At the end of June, **David Falkner** and **Tony Mellor** are sharing the role of President. Here is some background info:

A retired director of companies in such diverse sectors as insurance, logistics and manned security, **Tony** has been a member of Carlton Rotary since the late 80's, with a gap of only 6 years when he was working away.

He's witnessed a great deal of change during those years - including the admission of women and latterly the removal of some outdated formalities in the club.

Tony is looking forward to working with David to provide a year that's both fulfilling and fun.

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**The "Dynamic Duo"!**

During his working life **David** had always been involved and interested in properties and architecture of our Victorian buildings. During the latter part of his career, he enjoyed bringing life back into old houses with extensive modernisation.

David was invited to be a member of Carlton Rotary many years ago, and privileged to be President 2012/13, when tradition still played a big part. Fortunately over the years David feels we are now bringing a more relaxed attitude to Rotary that should engage many more people to know how fulfilling belonging to a worldwide organisation can be with likeminded people.

Fate seems to have played a part in being a joint President with Tony, and David looks forward to a varied and enjoyable year ahead.

## Defibrillator and Bleed Kit project update

Our second Defibrillator and Bleed Kit installation was handed over on 30th April to the Carlton branch of Lindleys Autocentres. A partnership between **Carlton Rotary**, **Lindleys Autocentres** and **1Tec Auto Hub**.



Over 30,000 people suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK each year. When a defibrillator is used within the first 3–5 minutes, survival rates can increase from 6% to over 70%.

A Bleed control kit can be vital in serious accidents, helping prevent fatal blood loss before emergency services arrive.

Having accessible defibs & bleed kits in local communities can literally be the difference between life and death.

This new defibrillator/bleed kit is available for emergency use 24/7, helping protect everyone in and around the Carlton area

***A third installation site for our next defibrillator is awaited.***

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



## Charter night at Woodborough Hall

With 70 guests in attendance, it was a truly special evening for our 48th Birthday Celebration. A warm night allowing for a pre-dinner drink in the beautiful gardens was a bonus. Woodborough Hall was a fantastic venue with excellent staff, superb food, and warm Rotary fellowship all around.

The night was topped off with brilliant live entertainment from Fern and The Badger, who had us all smiling and singing along.



## Carlton Rotary visits the Sherwood Observatory

We had a fantastic evening learning about the stars and the exciting developments at the new Sherwood Observatory, built on the site of a former Victorian underground reservoir, which is incorporated into the building as an exhibition hall. Highlights included watching a fascinating film in the planetarium and then seeing the impressive telescope designed and built in the 1980's by the Mansfield & Sutton Astronomical Society. We listened to an engaging explanation of how the telescope works, just a shame the cloudy skies kept the stars hidden!

A big thank you to our knowledgeable hosts for sharing their passion and showing us the wonders of the universe — and a special thanks to our member Paul Hicking for arranging such a memorable visit!



**Carlton Rotary will have a stall at this event.**

**Do come and see us and try your hand at a game or two.**

**We have also sponsored the St John's Ambulance presence for the event.**

**An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities below.**  
**Meetings (MGC) are at Mapperley Golf Club—**  
**arrive from 6.15pm for a 2-course meal with coffee @ £16 followed by**  
**speaker, business meeting or activity**

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	26-Jun	Morning walk and lunch	Gedling House, meadows and woods – discover things you didn't know about the area. With lunch afterwards at the Gedling Inn
Thursday	03-Jul	MGC	<b>SPEAKER: Wayne Asher of Redsmith Gin Distillery</b>
Thursday	10-Jul	Winkburn/Halam	<b>VISIT to Beermats Brewery, then meal at The Waggon, Halam</b>
Thursday	17-Jul	MGC	<b>SPEAKER: Pam Farquhar—Military working dogs</b>
Thursday	24-Jul	MGC	<b>Wine Tasting Evening</b>
Saturday	26-Jul	Newstead Centre	<b>District Council Meeting 9am-12noon</b>
Thursday	31-Jul	MGC	<b>Business Meeting</b>
Thursday	07-Aug	St Ann's Allotments	<b>VISIT to St Ann's Allotments, followed by a meal</b>
Thursday	14-Aug	Willow Tree Bistro 69 Main St, Burton Joyce NG14 5ED	<b>Two course meal &amp; coffee &amp; SPEAKER "Reflections of a City Fireman"</b>
Sunday	17-Aug	Carlton Recreation Ground NG4 1FY	<b>STALL at Carlton Hill Summer Event—12noon-6pm</b>
Thursday	21-Aug	MGC	<b>SPEAKER: Steve Wright—Nottingham in the Swinging Sixties</b>
Thursday	28-Aug	No Meeting	<b>Bank Holiday week</b>
Thursday	04-Sep	Visit	<b>Details TBC</b>
Thursday	11-Sep	MGC	<b>Business Meeting</b>
Thursday	18-Sept	Razzle Dazzle Pots 852 Woodborough Rd, NG3 5QQ	<b>SESSION 2.30-5.30pm Come and paint a pot of your choice— cost between £6-£70 according to pot chosen</b>
Thursday	25-Sept	Dorket Head Brickworks	<b>TOUR of Ibstock Brickworks, followed by lunch</b>

**If you are interested in joining in with any of the above, email [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrotary@gmail.com) to book in.**

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