

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026



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



David and Tony are pleased to present their programme for the first three months of 2026, with a few visits to places of interest, along with some speaker meetings at Mapperley Golf Club.

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They extend a warm welcome to all who would like to join them.

Brand New Website



Do take a look—www.carltonrotary.co.uk—This was designed for us by **Delivered Social** who also gave tuition on how to keep the site updated from now on. Delivered Social are a commercial website developer, and as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility offer a service to charities for a nominal fee. Well done to Martyn Bye for masterminding this change over for us and keeping the site up to date.

Volunteering at the Poppy Appeal

We're delighted to share that, together with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary, we helped raise an incredible £15,809.50 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at Sainsbury's in Arnold.

"Thank you" to members and friends of Carlton Rotary who gave their time.



Visits in the Autumn



First to **Ibstock Brickworks**, the factory and quarry you drive past at Dorket Head. Who knew what an interesting and impressive visit this would be! We had the chance to be shown around the site and learned about both the history and the current processes of brick making. It was so appreciated and most informative. They also provided us with a fantastic buffet. Thanks to the team.



Another great factory visit, and more PPE—this time to **British Sugar** in Newark. We learned about the incredible journey from beet to sugar, the scale of the operation, and the innovative processes that help support both local farmers and UK production. A big thank you to the British Sugar team for hosting us and sharing their expertise.



In November we went to the **Newark Air Museum**

A huge museum with so much to see inside and out. Highly recommended. On the right is a throwback photo from 2008, when some of our members visited RAF Coningsby — great memories and a reminder of

how much our club has enjoyed these kinds of outings over the years!



In October our visit was to the **Nottingham Archives** We explored some incredible pieces of local history and learned how the archives preserve



Nottinghamshire's past for future generations. A big thank you to the team at Nottingham Archives for an informative and enjoyable visit!



A return visit from Jayne Seagrave

In November we were delighted to welcome Jayne Seagrave, a former Rotary Foundation scholar who Carlton Rotary sponsored for postgraduate criminology studies in Canada back in 1984-1985.



Jayne shared her remarkable journey with us — from her academic roots in criminology; to founding a globally successful tool-company with her partner; to her thriving career as an author of travel guides, academic books, and even fiction. She also talked about her very meaningful role today as a Marriage Commissioner in Vancouver. It was truly inspiring to hear how Rotary's early support and experience presenting to various Rotary clubs played a pivotal role in her career, and how she's now giving back in such diverse and impactful ways. Thanks, Jayne, for coming back to share your story with us!

Where do our donations go?

The answer is, we consider requests from our local community and also support international Rotary projects. The **books** we collected last year have now arrived in Nigeria and were presented to the newly renovated, solar-powered e-library at

Edjeba College, Warri by the **Rotary Club of Edjeba**.



This project is boosting education and literacy for local students — and we're delighted to play a small part in it. Thank you to everyone who helped collect, pack and ship the books.

Locally, over the last 3 months we have given grants to the Carlton Life Saving club for new equipment and St John the Baptist Primary School, Colwick, for new dictionaries. These came in time for Christmas and were

presented by Carlton's Santa (aka President David) on their last day of term.

Santa said: "It was just so great to see about 130 excited smiling faces, when I appeared ringing the school bell, to start their day off, their enthusiasm and applause was amazing."

Other donations were made to a youth club for a trip 10-pin bowling; to the Rotary Toy Box scheme for presents for children in refuges; Christmas vouchers donated via schools and partners at Phenomenal Futures and St George's Centre for families in need; and we answered an appeal by Rotary International to contribute to the Melissa Hurricane relief fund.

Carlton Rotary Santa Activity

The great sum of £6,722.22 was raised this December. The funds will be distributed throughout the year as requests for help come in. **(See Santa page on website for Community Grant Application Form)**

The sleigh was towed to Netherfield and Carlton Hill Light Switch on and had 6 evening routes around the Gedling/Carlton/Netherfield areas. The sleigh also made appearances at Tesco and Sainsburys and our Rotary "pod" with music and lights was used at Morrisons supermarket collection.

Thanks go to Lindleys for sponsoring our event and servicing the Sleigh once again.





Carlton Rotary partners with Kids Against Plastic

A big thank you to **Kids Against Plastic** for providing Carlton Rotary with ECO Packs. Each pack includes LED bulbs, radiator reflectors and draught excluders – all simple but effective ways to save energy and money.

Amy from Kids Against Plastic and Martyn from Carlton Rotary popped along to **St George's Centre** in Netherfield in September to deliver 24 packs, where they met some of the mums and lovely volunteers. Centre Manager, Tina Simpson, will be making sure the packs go to families who'll really benefit.

Then in October Amy and Martyn again presented 21 packs to children at **Arnold View Primary School**. The children had researched and nominated local families in the Arnold area who they felt would most benefit from receiving an ECO Pack – a fantastic example of thoughtfulness and community awareness.



An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or visits 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.
Just email carltonrotary@gmail.com to book in.

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	15-Jan	MGC	SPEAKER: Graham Woodward—The Meadows Past and Present
Thursday	22-Jan	MGC	An in-house fun night
Wednesday	28-Jan	Visit	5.00 pm Talk & Tour of Bromley House Library
Thursday	05-Feb	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	12-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER: Michael Bolton—500 years of Nottingham High School
Thursday	19-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER: Alice Bates—Experiences in Uganda—work with women and children
Thursday	26-Feb	MGC	Rotary Showcase and “thank you” evening for all Santa Sleigh helpers
Thursday	05-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER: Sharon Sharman—Carlton Life Saving Club
Thursday	12-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER: “Would you believe it?”
Thursday	19-Mar	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	26-Mar	Visit	City Walk. 10.30am with stops at points of interest & lunch in Nottingham

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