

NEWSLETTER

Spring 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 last three months of their Rotary presidential year, with a few visits to places of interest, along with some speaker meetings at Mapperley Golf Club. See the back page.

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

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Thank you evening for our Santa volunteers and other invited guests

In February we were pleased to host a special "Thank You Evening" at the Netherfield LOCO Centre.

We celebrated the incredible Friends of Carlton Rotary and other volunteers who helped make our Christmas Santa Collection such a success and thanked them for their time, energy and community spirit. We

enjoyed a great buffet and there was

plenty of networking and chatter around the tables.

We were also delighted to hear from some of the wonderful organisations supported through the collection, including: Carlton Hill Action Group, Synergy GBC, Royal British Legion, Gedling Scouts, Young Lives and Carlton Life Savers.



January visit to Bromley House Library

A hidden gem in the heart of the city—what a great experience this was!



Founded over 200 years ago in 1816 and housed in a beautiful Grade II* listed Georgian building we discovered much of the history of this private library. The tour guides took us through its elegant reading rooms, where we could see the fascinating collection of over 50,000 books, and learn about its unique history,

including a former photography studio and museum on the top floor.



A special highlight was seeing the stunning spiral staircase. Our group also enjoyed the welcoming, tranquil atmosphere and the sense of community that the library fosters.

Thank you to the team at Bromley House for hosting us — it was an inspiring and enjoyable evening! We highly recommend a visit to anyone with a love of books, history, and beautiful spaces.



Litter-picking in Netherfield

Caring for the Environment is one of Rotary's "Areas of Focus", and our member Kamala organised a group litter-pick in March around the streets of Netherfield and Jackie Bell's Fields Play Park.

Great work everyone!



Appeal on Facebook

Wow! What a result from social media. We appealed on Facebook, as our club laptop and projector both let us down on two separate occasions and it transpired that both were too old to repair.

A former member, Jack, saw the post and offered his projector on long term loan and also a laptop which, with a bit of updating, will function well enough for our Powerpoint needs.

Then—Lindleys Autocentres kindly offered us both a projector and laptop as a donation, so we are well set up now to keep one for club use and one as a spare!

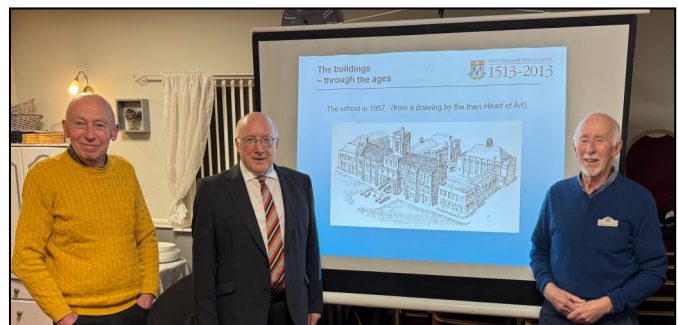
Recent speakers at Carlton Rotary

Alice Bates from Broxtowe Women's Project came to tell us about a 6 week sabbatical working in Uganda with **Ziingo**—a Women & Children's Initiative. Alice shared powerful first-hand experiences of supporting families living in extreme poverty, and the very real, life-saving impact of Ziingo's work. She told us about the children whose education and wellbeing rely on sponsorship, and how even the smallest act of generosity can completely transform a young person's future. A most inspiring presentation. See here for more info: <https://www.ziingo.org/>



Verity and Jon from **Carlton Life Saving Club** spoke about the fantastic work the club does in teaching young people valuable water safety and lifesaving skills. The club provides training and awards for different age groups, helping members build confidence in the water while learning skills that could one day save a life.

Michael Bolton from Woodthorpe gave us a really interesting and engaging talk about the 500-year history of **Nottingham High School** (1513–2013). It's amazing to think the school has been part of Nottingham life for over five centuries. Such an informative and enjoyable presentation – plenty of facts, stories and history to keep us all listening!



Donation to Emmanuel House

Using some of our Christmas collection monies, Joint President, David Falkner, collected a variety of clothing from a wholesaler and delivered the items to Emmanuel House, who were so grateful, for such a great donation. Some would be given out as needed, others put in their shop to raise funds.

Guided tour of our City

On a sunny day in March, Joint President David Falkner led us on a tour, regaling us with snippets of history along the way.



We started at Canning Circus, walked through the Park and down into the fascinating tunnel. We stopped at the Albert Hall and the Playhouse Mirror and viewed some wonderful Watson Fothergill

architecture through the city centre. We then stopped in the Lace Market and St Mary's Cathedral before concluding with a well-earned lunch at Nottingham Contemporary.

A great mix of history, fresh air, and fellowship! Thanks David for including such interesting facts about the history of our city.



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	16-Apr	MGC	SPEAKER: Hilary Brown of Phenomenal Futures with invited guests
Thursday	23-Apr	MGC	AGM & Business Meeting
Thursday	30-Apr	Visit	Lace Market Theatre for performance of Hansard
Thursday	07-May	MGC	Club Membership & Growth Workshop run by our Assistant Governors Paul Jones and Sophie Leadley
Thursday	14-May	Chungs	Charter Celebration at Chung's of Mapperley
Thursday	21-May	Visit	Hucknall Flight Test Museum
Thursday	28-May		No meeting—bank holiday week
Thursday	04-Jun	MGC	Club Assembly & Business Meeting
Thursday	11-Jun	Walk	Short walk and lunch in Woodborough
Thursday	18-Jun	MGC	SPEAKER: Father Lee Dunleavy—"My life in the church"
Thursday	25-Jun	MGC	HANDOVER to incoming Presidents Charlotte and Paul for forthcoming year.

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