

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

March 2026 Newsletter



Rotary Club Meeting 9th March 2026

Due to the proposed speaker cancelling, this meeting was purely about fellowship.

The initial lengthy and obvious fire safety and escape routes briefing was much reduced, and was appreciated by all.

Another excellent meal was followed by the President Elect chairing the meeting. His introductory comments on the President's absence because of health reasons were followed by;

Treasurer reported that the accounts to 30th June 2025 would be ready for approval at the next meeting (after which they may be filed with the Charity Commissioners).

Noted that a H&S and Safeguarding policy must be put on our website. Agreed that the District template should be used which is approved by our insurers. This will save time and effort in "re-inventing the wheel".

During the meeting David received a phone call giving the terrible news of the unexpected passing of Jackie Kalson. A few moments of quiet reflection on her life and considerable contribution to Rotary was respected by all.

The meeting closed with the traditional Valedictory toast "Rotary the world over" embellished with the words "and peace".

Tribute to Jackie Kalson Decd.

Jackie was a charming lady and a wonderful Rotarian. She joined our Club in 2016 after being President and many years of service in one of our daughter clubs in Lincoln. She was proposed by the late District Governor Peter Manton. Jackie quietly involved herself in many service activities including Youth and Membership. She was a regular elf at our Santa sleigh presence. She will be greatly missed.

Written by Rtn. John C



Meeting 23rd March 2026

Once again an excellent meeting with good fellowship was enjoyed by all. The accounts were again delayed so reconvened Special meeting was once more adjourned.

Cider Making Talk

Martin Curtis stood in a short notice to give an eloquent and fascinating talk on cider making. His orchard of 10 apple trees produces much fruit which used to go to waste. He invested in an apple press and demijohns. He now makes cider on an almost industrial scale. Most were unaware that the apples have natural yeast in them which converts the sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide. The alcohol content is an impressive 15%. His kitchen resonates to a pleasant orchestra of gas bubbles plopping.



President Patrick gave a gracious vote of thanks.

President's notices to members

President Patrick then segued into an announcement about Peter Morrison's upcoming whisky tasting evening. The DG and Area 2/3 ADG are keen to attend.

Members were reminded to contact Simon Kalson if they wish to attend the tea at Washingborough Hall Hotel after the funeral of dear Jackie on 14th April.

Patrick has secured a booking of our Santa sleigh from a community group and is negotiating a commercial fee.

Patrick has also been invited to talk on a local radio station in April and would like suggestions about Rotary topics.

The meeting concluded with the valedictory toast "Rotary the world over" embellished with the words "and Peace". (This is unnecessary if you understand the Rotary 4 way test).

Minutes of Council Meeting 23/03/2026

Present: Patrick FR David M, John H Neil C, Dennis B Malcom M, Peter H, Barry D, Martin C.

Apologies: Lochan B

Declarations of Interest – none

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved

President's Report: See President News Above.

Santa's sleigh at Waitrose confirmed for the 11th, 12th and 13th Dec

Possibilities of renting the Sleigh to other clubs and organisations discussed. Sister Lincoln Rotary clubs unlikely to be interested

Secretary Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's report:

News trustees needed with the resignation of trustee Terry C: Dennis B and Bob B proposed as the new trustees.

A donation of £100 per member to the Rotary Disaster Relief Annual Fund to be taken from the club's existing funds was confirmed

Membership Fees are to remain £140/ member in the forthcoming year

There remains an ongoing issue with the HSBC bank mandate in terms of changing signatories

Projects:

Disability games – Dennis B has organised a minibus from Lincoln to Ratcliffe College. Help is still needed to take the 9 participants from their homes to the minibus. Dennis suggests two participant per car because of luggage space for equipment. So far we have 3 volunteer drivers. Commercial Taxis are an expensive alternative and Dennis will initially ask the sister clubs for support. All Lincoln Rotary Clubs have agreed to cover ¼ of any costs. There are spare seats on the bus for anyone who wishes to attend (12th April 2026)

Public Relations Officer: Requests were made for photos and articles for the Facebook page. Our joint venture with Inner Wheel, the Orange the World campaign raised a lot of interest on the Rotary Facebook page and joint ventures could be a way forward.

Next Meeting: To be arranged