

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

May 2025 Newsletter



A WHISKY AWAKENING: “An Unexpected Journey Back to the Dram”. 22nd May

A charity tasting with Peter Morrison rekindles a long-lost love for Scotch.

“Last Thursday, we were treated to a truly special experience, thanks to the generosity and expertise of Peter Morrison, who hosted a whisky tasting at his home in support of our Rotary charities. Peter, well-known for his years running Lincoln’s Whisky Shop, brought a wealth of knowledge—and a great deal of charm—to the event.

He began by guiding us through the fascinating world of Scotland’s Single Malt Whiskies, which he explained are broadly divided into three regions: Lowland, Highland, and Islay. For each, Peter had carefully selected a representative whisky, drawing on his extensive experience in the trade.

Now, I must confess—I had not touched whisky in over 50 years. But under Peter’s expert tutelage, I found myself not only appreciating the subtle differences between each region’s offering but also discovering a new favourite: Glenlivet. A gin drinker no more!

After the formal tasting, Peter decided to go “off piste,” generously sharing a few of his personal favourites. Among these, Dalwhinnie stood out—not just for me, but for many others as well. One member, in particular, seemed to be enjoying the “piste” a little more than most!

It was a delightful afternoon filled with learning, laughter, and camaraderie. Thanks to Peter’s generosity and passion, we not only expanded our palates but also raised a three-figure sum for charity—a wonderful result by any measure.



Here’s to good whisky, great company, and the spirit of giving. Slàinte!”

Written by: Dennis Bambridge, (President)

Club Luncheon Meeting 12th May

Our speaker today Sally Searle from the Rotary Club of Bedford was inspirational. She spoke about the [Bombolulu Educational Centre](http://www.empoweringkidsinkenya.org) in Kenya. See www.empoweringkidsinkenya.org.



It's strictly a no fee-paying school and they only take children from the poorest, local families, all based in Bombolulu and the surrounding area. They also select on the basis of how hard the children have worked in primary school. They are taught in English because Swahili gives limited employment opportunities.



Our last donation funded backpacks for every student to take books home to study in the evening. The lead club for the project is the Rotary Club of Mombasa North.

No second meeting in May because of Bank Holidays.

14/05 Peter Manton's funeral was well attended by the wider Rotary membership.

17/05 District Assembly attended by Dennis Bambridge, David McKee and Malcolm Miller.

20/05 Charter Anniversary celebrations of Lincoln Colonia Rotary Club.

Last Tuesday, Alison and I had the pleasure of attending the Charter Anniversary celebrations of Lincoln Colonia Rotary Club. We were warmly welcomed by the Club's Treasurer Sally Newlove and Jerry (a former member of our own Club). President Bob Alder made a formal welcome, and, after a pleasant meal, an entertaining talk was given by Chris Knight, District Governor. (Chris didn't speak much about Rotary !).

Written by: Dennis Bambridge, (President)



21/05 Charter Anniversary celebrations of Bailgate Rotary Club

On Wednesday, Alison and I attended a much less formal Charter event at the Bailgate Club. We were joined by fellow members Patrick, David and Malcolm (and after some initial confusion food was eventually found for Alison, Malcolm and I ~ apparently our bookings had gone astray and our attendance was not expected). President Allan introduced the guest speaker Eddie Strengiel (another former member of our Club !). As retiring chairman of L.L.C, Eddie regaled us with tales from his life in local politics.

Our Club no longer celebrates its Charter formally, which seems a shame. Perhaps the Club will reconsider that decision in the future.

Written by: Dennis Bambridge, (President)

Draft minutes of Council meeting 27th May 2025

Present; DB,DM,JAC,PF-R,BB,PH,MM,LM,MC.

Apologies;NC,BD.

Missing in action;JH.

1. Declarations of interest; Age UK (PH).
2. Minutes of meeting 22/04/25; Agreed.
3. Matters Arising; Box of badges to be retrieved from Assembly Rooms (PF-R).
4. Compliance policies; To be finally approved at next meeting at which a succinct statement of where we may be in default will be made (DB).
5. President's Report; A busy time at District Assembly, Colonia and Bailgate Charters, whisky tasting afternoon etc.

6. Secretary's Report; DM unable to communicate because of audio problems.
7. Treasurers Report; Neither treasurer were able to attend but a written report was provided. Concern was expressed about many items not paid because of bank internet problems. Cheque book payments could possibly be made. £3k transfer will be reduced because some benevolent payments made from General Account. Disabled Games transport costs will come out of provision, not an additional cost. Payee details can be fairly easily found. Council did approve 100 dollar contribution per member less any contribution already made. DB to contact David Drury re website payments and credit card use.
8. Membership; PF-R to actively pursue potential new member. DB to invite 2 potential new members. 4 Club initiatives disappointing.
9. PRO Report; MC updating Facebook and asked for a 10 minute slot at a Club meeting. MC interested in being a Peace Advocate.
10. Projects; Kids Out on 17 th June, MM to attend to represent us but no child protection duties involved. DB to ask at RAF Waddington if Santa sleigh required. Lincs Show attendance DB, MM, NH and also LM and PF-R who are not yet on the rota.
11. Next meeting; Monday 30th June.