



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 16 April 2025

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Easter filled with joy and renewal! 🌸 🌺

Please take note that there will be no meeting on Monday, 21 April, as we observe the Easter holiday.

That said, we have an exciting lineup of events ahead—don't miss out! Check all the details below.

On another note, we're thrilled to share that the Rotary Polio Event on 11 March was mentioned in Parliament by Bob Blackman on 20 March. I've attached the relevant excerpt for your reference. [<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2025-03-20b.497.0&s=speaker%3A24945#g501.2>].

It's fantastic to have Bob's support, and it's inspiring to note that Lucy Powell's mother had polio, adding a deeply personal connection to this cause.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Best Regards,
Candy Liu
President of Rotary Club of London
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Here are the photos taken during our last RCL meeting
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZtiLvPBSRxTBZSan8>



**A Special Thank You 🙏
and Chance to Join Us for the
★ International Gala Dinner
through our Online Fundraising
Platform**

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, 🙌❤️

Thank you for securing your place at our **International Gala Dinner** on **Saturday, 26th April 2025 📅** at the prestigious **Royal College of Surgeons 🏛️**. We can't wait to welcome you for an unforgettable evening in support of the **David Nott Foundation 🩺🌍**.

Get ready for:

- 🍷 Exquisite dining
- 🎵 Captivating entertainment
- 🎟️ A thrilling live auction & raffle
- ❤️ And the joy of coming together for a life-saving cause

Even if you can't attend in person, you can still make a difference 🙌.

Your generosity helps train frontline doctors in crisis zones and brings skilled surgical care to those who need it most.

🎯 How you can help:

- ✓ Visit <https://urka.co.uk/rcl/>
- ✓ or Scan the QR Code above or [Download QR Code](#).
- ✓ Bid on curated auction items 🛍️
- ✓ Enter our raffle – just **£9.97** per ticket for a chance to **win a Caribbean Cruise for 4!** 🇺🇸🌴

Every donation, bid, or ticket brings us closer to our goal. Let's make this night one to remember – and one that **truly changes lives 🙌**.

With heartfelt thanks 🧡

The International Service Committee
Rotary Club of London

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Please use this link to book: <https://buytickets.at/rotarycluboflondon1/1565468>



You are cordially invited to the
INTERNATIONAL GALA DINNER

The Forgotten Crises

Healing in Hostile Environments:
Enhancing Surgical Capacity in War-Torn Regions

DATE & TIME: Saturday, 26th April 2025, 6:00 -10:00pm

VENUE: The Royal College of Surgeons of England,
38-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE

DRESS CODE: Black-tie attire with a touch of white,
blue, or green accessories for both ladies and gentlemen

PROGRAMME: Welcome Reception with drink,
Three-course meal, Messages of healing and impact
by the David Nott Foundation, Live music, Auction,
Raffle, 'Infotainment', and Dance party

TICKET PRICES:

Early bird discount (if purchased by 15th February 2025): £125 per person

A table of 10: £1,200

Standard ticket price: £135 per person

Scan to Register



Registration and payment <https://buytickets.at/rotarycluboflondon1/1565468>
and email: RCLinternationalcommittee@gmail.com

RSVP by 11th April 2025 (Friday)

The evening is in support of the David Nott Foundation

David Nott
FOUNDATION

The David Nott Foundation is a UK charity that provides specialist training
for medical professionals working in countries impacted by
conflict and catastrophe. They strive for a world where safe,
skilled surgical care is available to all.

Social Evening at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, SW1Y 5HS

Thursday 1 May 2025 6.00pm till 8.30pm



Join fellow Rotarians for a couple of hours fellowship and conversation in the Long Bar at the prestigious RAC, Pall Mall. Initial drinks and sandwiches provided, with the opportunity to buy additional items.

Kindly hosted by Rotarian Tim Mac Andrews. Organized by Rotarian Stuart Castledine, to whom any enquiries should be directed.

(s_castledine@btinternet.com 077 689 77 875)

Arrival from 6.00pm, departure around 8.30pm. £25 per person. **Booking essential, preferable before Friday 25th April 2025**, to enable appropriate meeting sized area to be reserved and sufficient food to be ordered.

Click this link to reserve your space:

Buy tickets – The Long Bar at The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. – Long Bar RAC Pall Mall

**Leonardo Weekend
16 to 18 May 2025 in Athens Greece**

All participants are now registered and confirmed!

If you're still hoping to join, please reach out to me directly – I'll be happy to check if any spots are still available.

 Gillian Balcombe

gillianfbalcombe@gmail.com

  **The Rotary Club of London Golf Charity Day is back**
on 27 May 2025  



The Rotary Club of London Golf Charity Day 2025

To all **expert players, social beginners and supporters,**



Every year we raise thousands for children's charities through the Golf Day event, we hope this year will be no exception!

We're thrilled to announce our Golf Day fundraiser at the prestigious **Muswell Hill Golf Club** on **Tuesday, 27th May**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a day of golf, delicious food, and camaraderie, all while supporting **Lifeline4kids** which do amazing work in supporting severely handicapped and terminally ill children, and in these hard economic times are in greater need than ever for our support.

Here is a link to the Club website: <https://www.muswellhillgolfclub.co.uk/>

This year we have **three packages** for you to choose

Package 1 - For the Avid Golfers (£75 per person)

- Teeing off at c12.30
- 18 holes of golf, and a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded).

Package 2 – Putting competition (£40 per person)

- Putting at 5pm – 6pm
- Putting competition included a glass of prosecco (or non-alcoholic drink)
- Plus, a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded).

Package 3 – Dinner only (£25 per person)

a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded)



How to Book: Please email to: Diana Olar (Diana.a.Olar@gmail.com)

For payments, please transfer to Rotary Club of London:
Account Number: 00152687, Sort Code: 60-01-73 (put your name+Golf)

book here : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rotarycluboflondon1/1648223>

Save the Date: Rotary London's Multicultural Fête 2025

📅 Saturday, 14 June 2025 | 🕒 12:00–19:00 | 📍 Victoria Embankment Gardens

We're thrilled to invite you to "From Rotary's Heart to Yours," our first multicultural fête celebrating community, diversity, and service. Mark your calendars for a day of live performances, global cuisines, and family-friendly activities—all in support of Rotary's local and global humanitarian projects.

Express Your Interest (For Accountability Purposes): <https://buytickets.at/therotarycluboflondon/1661291>

You can of course walk in, but this link helps us estimate attendance for health, safety, and logistical planning. Your response is greatly appreciated!

For More Details: Contact Stephanie Tumba at Stephanie.tumba@icloud.com



Forthcoming Club Meetings and Events

Monday 21 April 2025: Easter Monday - NO MEETING

Saturday 26 April 2025: RCL International Gala Dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Monday 28 April 2025: Lunch meeting

Monday 5 May: No meeting

Monday 12 May: Annual General Meeting

More events here : <https://rotary-london.org/events/>

MEMBERS' NEWS

Message from Anahita Harris:

I had the wonderful opportunity to represent the Rotary Club of London and visit **Supportdogs** 🐕, a pioneering national charity dedicated to providing life-saving and life-changing health and social care for children and adults living with challenging medical conditions through the skilled training of assistance dogs.

During my visit, I engaged with the dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers 💙, observing firsthand the profound connection shared between the handlers and their dogs 🍌🐕.

Founded in Sheffield over 30 years ago, Supportdogs' vital services save the NHS over **£35 million** each year.

Their services are **free of charge** to those in need 🙏. The charity relies entirely on voluntary donations and receives **no government funding**.

I look forward to sharing insights from my experience and inspiring stories that showcase the impactful work at Supportdogs.

Anahita Harris

President-elect 2025–2026



Vice President Elect PDG Judith Diment moderated **ESRAG's webinar** held on Saturday, April 12th, which had a **worldwide audience**:

Future-Proofing Our Planet: Adapting to a Changing Climate

📺 Watch the replay here: <https://vimeo.com/1074965941>

🌟 **About the Speakers**

Christiana Figueres is a renowned Costa Rican climate leader 🌍, former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and a pivotal figure behind the 2015 Paris Agreement. As co-founder of *Global Optimism* and co-author of *The Future We Choose*, she continues to advocate for sustainable development 🌱 and global cooperation. Figueres chairs the Earthshot Prize Foundation 🏆 and has been recognized globally for her unwavering commitment to climate action 🌟.

Mário César Martins de Camargo, Rotary International's 2025–26 President, is a seasoned leader in the print industry and a passionate environmental advocate 🌱. Formerly leading Casa da Esperança 🇺🇦, he emphasizes unity and sustainability through his presidential theme, *Unite for Good* 🤝. A strong proponent of environmental focus within Rotary, he envisions significant engagement at COP30 in Belém, Brazil 🇧🇷.

Message received from Rotary Club Kharkiv International thanking us for our help:

Dear Rotarians, Dear Friends,

Today, on the 15th of April, we are celebrating not just another anniversary. We are celebrating another year of our joint efforts, our good deeds, and every moment we have shared while working together to make the world a better place. 🌟🌟🌟

This is more than just a date on the calendar – it is the anniversary of our shared mission, our commitment to serving others, and creating positive change. 🎉🎉🎉

We are all part of a great family, where each of us holds a unique place, and together we form an unstoppable force.

Thanks to your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, we are achieving great results, and every day our club becomes stronger. These are not just words – they represent real changes that we are capable of creating together! 🌟🌟🌟

Let this day be a reminder that we not only celebrate our accomplishments, but also carry tremendous potential for new achievements.

May every coming year of our activity be even more fruitful, bright, and filled with the joy that comes from helping others! ✨✨✨

With best wishes,
respect and warmth,
Members of
Rotary Club Kharkiv International (Ukraine)

Rotary Initiative in Action

Renewable Energy for Emergency Medical Service Facilities in Kharkiv, Ukraine



April 2025

Message from Shirley Faiers:

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

Adrian (Faiers) has concluded all his District Governor training and has just come back from Orlando having met with next year's Rotary International President, Mario César Martins de Camargo, and the 530+ other District Governors Elect.

Now it is time to share the message from Orlando and other plans for the next Rotary year with members of the District.

Please may I invite you to come to the **District Assembly Dinner** at the Memoir Club in Upper Woburn Place, Bloomsbury WC1H 0HX (Opposite Euston Station) on **24th April 2025, 6.30 for 7pm.**

If you have already registered to attend the District Assembly, thank you and we look forward to seeing you on 24th April.

If you haven't registered yet, please click on the link below to book your ticket for an enjoyable evening of Fellowship with Adrian and other Rotary members.

<https://rotaryinlondon.org/dad25>

Yours in Rotary Service

Shirley Faiers

Direct Member Hub Coordinator

Your 2025/26 Rotary journey starts *HERE*

at the

**ROTARY IN LONDON
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

with **Adrian Faiers DG 2025-2026**

The Memoir Club
formerly The Ambassadors, Bloomsbury

12 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H 0HX

Thursday 24 April, 18:30 for 19:00

with keynote speaker
Bob Maskall
RotaryGBI Chair of the Board 2026/7

Tickets: £50 each for 2 course meal served buffet style
from: <https://rotaryinlondon.org/dad25>

Rotary  **UNITE FOR GOOD**
District 1130

WELL-BEING UPDATE

If you or another member are feeling unwell, recovering, or have any other updates to share such as Anniversary or Birthday, please get in touch with **our Almoner, Past President Vasi**. You can reach Vasi via phone or WhatsApp at 07940 312930, or by email at vasidaniel41@gmail.com.



 **Your Feedback Matters!**

We hope you enjoyed this week's bulletin. We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's your news, ideas, or updates, your contributions help us make this bulletin truly reflect our vibrant community. Share your stories, insights, or feedback directly with us at elisabeth07816@gmail.com.

Elisabeth Reyes
RCL PI and Communication Chair



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