



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 30 April 2025

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday!
April has been a very busy and exciting month for our club.

On April 7, we held a successful event at the House of Lords, hosted by IPP Doug, which was a memorable occasion for all who attended.

Later in the month, on April 26, we came together again for another successful International Gala event, supporting the meaningful work of David Nott.

This is the photo link for that night, <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qDGGpWbBbYHB1okJ6>



I am also proud to share that Past President David Johnson and member Samen Ray traveled to India last week, where they collaborated on our Seagrass project with the local River Ganga Abhiyan project. Their initiatives and partnership were even featured in *Morning News India* – a fantastic recognition of their efforts and the international reach of our club’s work.

Saving the Hooghly: Kolkata & London Unite for River Revival



MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata remains a hub of vibrant discussions and meaningful engagements, as demonstrated by a dynamic interactive session held today at DPS Newtown. Young students, alongside senior environmental activists, engaged in a thought-provoking dialogue on combating pollution in the River Hooghly and drawing lessons from the revival of London’s River Thames. The session, moderated by Gautam Chakraborti, former Security and Heritage Advisor to Kolkata Port, featured prominent speakers including: Sonali Sen, Principal, DPS Newtown; David Thompson, former President of the Rotary Club of London; Saumen Ray, Convener of “Ganga Abhiyan”; Parthaprati Mukherjee, Director of Kolkata Maritime; A key high-

light was the discussion on the role of seagrass as a natural bioplant in erosion control and river restoration. David Thompson also announced an upcoming student exchange program, where learners from Kolkata and London will visit both rivers, fostering hands-on learning and idea exchange. The young participants raised pressing questions, from “How can we create a real impact?” to “When will the Hooghly regain its lost glory?” While experts acknowledged that full restoration may take time, the dialogue marked a crucial step toward collaborative action. The event underscored the power of youth engagement and global cooperation in tackling environmental challenges—proving that Kolkata remains at the forefront of meaningful dialogue.

Lastly, as we prepare for our upcoming Golf event on 27 May, we are seeking auction or raffle prize donations. If you are able to contribute, please reach out to Diana Olar diana.a.olar@gmail.com or Candy Liu candy.liu@rotary-london.org directly.

Thank you all for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you at our next events!

Best Regards,
Candy Liu

Here is the link to 76 photos taken during our lunch meeting on Monday 28 April 2025. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/AKNgib9PXoM4Bv8d7>

Next Lunch Meeting: **Monday 12 May 2025**

Arrival time 12.15am
Meeting starts 12.40pm

RCL Annual General Meeting

Hi Fellow RCL members,

Hope this email finds you well.

Please be advised the Rotary Club of London Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 12 May 2025 during the lunchtime meeting.

The primary objective of this meeting is to agree:

- Treasury Budget for next Rotary Year
- Election of Council Members
- Election of Honorary Rotary Club of London members
- Pending agreement for RGBI Policies and Statements
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Your participation to AGM is important, and we look forward to your contribution and seeing you at the AGM meeting on 12th May 2025 at 12.30 pm at the Chesterfield Hotel.

Best regards

Lin Wong

Honorary Secretary of Rotary Club of London

Please book in the usual way with Tom Swainland today (tomswainland @ icloud. com)

Price £31.50 (to pay on the day)

Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles St, London W1J 5EB

IMPORTANT NOTICE : MEAL CHARGES : "Missed bookings" at our regular Monday meetings results in RCL receiving a £20 charge from the Chesterfield Hotel.

>> We ask all members for their cooperation. If you book your place and you are not

attending, you will be asked to pay £20 to RCL.

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

Thursday 1 May 2025 6.00pm till 8.30pm



Dear Club Member,

Our social event in the Long Bar at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall on Thursday night this week, 1st May 2025, is fast approaching. If you have not yet booked, please do so via the ticket tailor link **[Buy tickets – The Long Bar at The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. – Long Bar RAC Pall Mall](#)** before the end of Wednesday 30th April 2025, so that we can order sufficient food and drink for all attending. Members, partners, friends and prospective members are all welcome.

I'm looking forward to a good evening of fellowship and look forward to seeing as many as can attend there.

If you have any queries please give me a call,

Stuart Castledine
07768977875

Click this link to reserve your space:

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

🏆 🏌️ 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 5 May: Bank Holiday - No meeting

Monday 12 May: Lunch Meeting - Annual General Meeting

Monday 19 May: Evening Meeting : Kah Wei Chong, Head of Group legal sharing Chanel Ltd, "Unknown facts" about the CHANEL

Monday 26 May: Bank Holiday - No meeting

Monday 2 June: Lunch Meeting - Steffen Ritter

Monday 9 June: Lunch Meeting - Club Assembly

Monday 16 June: Evening Meeting - Candy, Mia, Mark and Liam

Monday 24 June: Lunch Meeting - Glass boot day

Monday 30 June: Lunch Meeting - New president induction

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

MEMBERS' NEWS

A Heartfelt Thank You for an Unforgettable International Gala Dinner

Dear Esteemed Rotarians and Friends,

It is with deep appreciation that I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making our International Gala Dinner in support of the David Nott Foundation a resounding success.

Through your generosity, dedication, and unwavering spirit of service, we have not only raised vital funds to support specialist surgical training for frontline doctors working in crisis and catastrophe-affected regions but have also created an evening that truly exemplified the power of unity and humanitarian action. More than a fundraiser, this event was a celebration of hope, humanity, and the extraordinary impact we can achieve when compassion drives our mission.

To our esteemed guests, generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and exceptionally talented musicians and entertainers, your contributions have made a tangible difference. From the transformative leadership and determination of our **Club President, Candy Liu**, to the powerful and inspiring words of our **Chief Guest, Lord Hunt of Wirral; co-founders of the David Nott Foundation, Professor David and Mrs. Eleanor Nott**, and **CEO James Gough**, backed up by compelling videos showcasing the foundation's heroic work on the ground; and **Rotary District Governor Himanshu Jain** - each of you played an invaluable role in making this event extraordinary.

A special mention goes to **Margaret Pollock**, whose introduction of the David Nott Foundation to our Club has been instrumental in fostering this meaningful collaboration.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to the amazing volunteers whose dedication and excellent coordination ensured every detail was flawlessly executed, embodying the Rotary motto, "*Service Above Self.*" To **Olivia Ow, Rie Hamaguchi, PP Vasi Daniels, Chikako Osawa-Horowitz, incoming President Anahita Harris, VP Gillian Balcombe, Arti Syal, Annie Quaradeghini, Frances To**, and the remarkable team at the David Nott Foundation - **Lucy Lyon, Catherine McDevitt, Chelsea Daniels**, and **Yamann Salwan** - your hard work made this event truly special. And a special thank you to **Stuart Castledine**, whose charisma and infectious energy as our MC and auctioneer kept the spirit of giving alive throughout the evening.

Together, we have strengthened our commitment to making a meaningful difference where it is needed most. As Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International, so eloquently said, "*Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.*"

May the spirit of fellowship and giving continue to inspire us as we build on this momentum to create even greater impact. Thank you for being part of this unforgettable journey - I look forward to celebrating more milestones with you all.

Yours in service,

Bella Evidente

International Service Chair
Rotary Club of London

'Rise together' on 13 May to end polio: UK public called to join mass movement challenge with Strava

BOOK your morning of movement before 6 May

More info below



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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