



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 17 September 2025

Our Next Lunch Meeting: 🌐 International Peace Day at the Rotary Club of London

Monday, 22nd September 2025 - 11:30am - 2.30pm

at The Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 5EB

Pre-paid event: Book by Thursday, 18th September, 5:00 PM

👉 [Reserve your place HERE now](#)

Dear Members and Friends,

The Rotary Club of London warmly invites you to join us in marking **International Peace Day 2025** with an inspiring and memorable gathering on **Sunday, 22nd September from 11:30 AM**. This event, organised by our esteemed Past President **Vasi Hollinghurst-Daniel**, promises to be a true celebration of peace, unity, and global fellowship.

✨ With **four distinguished international speakers**, a moving **message of peace from the United Nations**, and the uplifting sounds of **live harp music**, this is an event not to be missed.

🔥 Why This Day Matters?

The **United Nations International Day of Peace** was established in 1981 to

highlight the urgent need for non-violence, ceasefire, and cooperation across borders. This year's theme, **"Act Now for a Peaceful World"**, reminds us that in times of global turbulence, peacebuilding is more vital than ever.

As **Rotary International** aligns with the 2025–26 presidential theme, *"Unite for Good"*, our role in strengthening a global culture of peace is both urgent and essential.

Our Distinguished Speakers

We are honoured to welcome:

- **H.E. Osman Topčagić** – Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina, diplomat, academic, and recipient of the *Ordre National du Mérite*.
- **H.E. Dr. Iruthisham Adam** – High Commissioner of the Republic of Maldives, leading voice for human rights, health, and climate action.
- **Dr. Rajni Rijal** – President of The Women's Council, dentist, researcher, and advocate for global health and disability rights.
- **Mr. Rashad Vahabzade** – Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Azerbaijan, career diplomat with extensive European and UN experience.

🌸 To enrich the occasion, we will also be treated to a performance by a **classical harpist**, adding beauty and serenity to our gathering.

A Personal Message from Vasi Hollinghurst-Daniel

"The demand for peace today is unparalleled. Conflict and warfare wreak havoc, poverty and inequality grow, and climate change threatens us all. Yet every one of us has the power to act. By uniting for good, by speaking out against violence, respecting diversity, and fostering understanding, we build the foundation of peace."

Secure Your Place Now

Seats are **limited** and must be **pre-paid in advance**.

🕒 Booking closes **Thursday, 18th September at 5:00 PM.**

👉 [**Click here to book now**](#)

Let us come together as Rotarians and friends to celebrate peace and reaffirm our commitment to a better, more compassionate world.

With warm regards,
The Rotary Club of London

[Here](#) is the link to photos taken at our dinner meeting at the Chesterfield Hotel on Monday 15 September 2025

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ffBfzjxdSzn2Wr2Q9>

⚡ Join Us for a Night of Celebration and Culture!

We warmly invite you to celebrate Immediate Past President Candy Liu's special event at the elegant Imperial China in Chinatown.

All RCL members and friends are welcome to enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and captivating traditional Chinese performances.

Please choose **your MENU** during check out!





CELEBRATE WITH US AT IPP CANDY LIU EVENT

Event Details: Save the Date Now

Date: 27 Sept 2025, Saturday

Doors open at 6:30pm,

dinner at 7pm & event ends 10.30pm

Captivating traditional Chinese performances,
accompanied by a delicious Chinese cuisine experience



BOOK NOW HERE

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rotarycluboflondon1/1824081>

Forthcoming Club Meetings and Events

September 18, 2025 - Darts Social Evening
September 22, 2025 - **Lunch Meeting** - International Peace Day
September 27, 2025 - Evening IPP Dinner
September 29, 2025 - **Lunch Meeting** - RCL VP Judith Diment
October 6, 2025 - **Lunch Meeting** - Lee Gibbs - Deputy Assitant
Chief Officer - The Joint Civil Aid Corps
October 13, 2025 - Evening Meeting *updated
October 20, 2025 - **Lunch Meeting** - HE Mr. Ivan Romero Martinez -
Ambassador of Honduras to the UK
October 27, 2025 - **Lunch Meeting** - The Rt Hon The Lord Soames of
Fletching

SAVE THE DATE

October 25 & 26, 2025 - Eastbourne District Conference
November 17, 2025 - Stanley Leverton Day
November 24, 2025 - International Men's Day
December 15, 2025 - Christmas Lunch
January 26, 2026 - Burns Supper
March 2, 2026 - International Women's Day
May 15 - 17, 2026 - Leonardo Da Vinci Awards, Florence
May 27, 2026 - Charity Golf Day
June 29, 2026 - Glass Boot Day
July 6, 2026 - Handover - New President
More events here : <https://rotary-london.org/events/>

MEMBER's NEWS

Message from Rotarian Alla Sirenko:

Thank you so much to all who supported our concerts this year.

At our last concert in July we managed to raise over £2,000 for the Children Hospital in Lviv. And we already sent them some medical supplies, and will send some more later on as well. The doctors there were very grateful for our help and their little patients have been smiling!

We have some more fundraising events left for this year. The next one is a charity lunch.

Sunday, 5th October at 1:00 PM

Sicily Restaurant, 2a Elizabeth Street, Belgravia, London, SW1W 9RB
(near Victoria bus station)

What to Expect:

- 🌟 Welcome sparkling drink
- 🎵 Special live music entertainment (just for us!)
- 🍽️ 3-course delicious Italian meal with wine and soft drinks
- 🎟️ Charitable raffle
- 👥 Wonderful company of friends united in supporting Ukraine

All funds raised will go to the Ukrainian Children's Hospital in Lviv.

Tickets

🎫 **£65 per person** (includes meal, drinks, entertainment, and raffle)

Our past events have been popular and very enjoyable—an opportunity to come together, enjoy, and make a difference.

Booking Details

Places are limited, so please book soon.

♦ Bank Transfer:

The Ukrainian Cultural Association in the UK

Sort Code: **60-05-16**

Account: **27978575**

Ref: **Your Name + Lunch**

Urgent: Responding in Afghanistan

Good afternoon all Rotary Members

ShelterBox is responding to a devastating crisis in Afghanistan. Two powerful earthquakes have struck the east of the country within days of each other, flattening entire villages and leaving thousands of families without homes. More than 1,400 lives have already been lost, and the death toll is still rising. Survivors are sleeping outside, exposed to the cold, terrified of further tremors. With winter fast approaching, the situation is desperate.

We are working with a trusted partner on the ground to deliver lifesaving emergency shelter to families who have lost everything. Tents are urgently needed to protect people from the harsh conditions in mountainous areas.

Your support today could save lives.

[Please Donate here](#)



URGENT UPDATE

FIND OUT MORE



🎂 CELEBRATING OUR BIRTHDAYS 🎂

September Birthdays

25th - Anjal Kariya

If your name isn't included, please reply to this email so we can celebrate you too.
Thank you



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! Share your stories,
insights, or feedback directly with us at
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