



### Don't Quoit Me continued

Dave, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, ably assisted by Brian Parks, gave us a breakdown of the origins of the game. Originally started by the Romans, it fell out of favour until the Middle Ages when archers at Agincourt had to be stopped from playing in case it damaged their bow arms.

He'd brought along some heavy steel quoits, a pin, measuring plate and gauge. Dave explained how the club was set up by a group of local businessmen, and is the oldest in the country. The very first game in Darlington was played outside our very meeting room on waste ground where the fountain now sits.

He then showed a diagram of the construction of a court, detailing the depth and breadth of clay in the pit, which is set on a bed of ashes, (now hard to come by) how far the solid, metre long, spike is set down, so as not to move when struck. He then went on to describe the scoring and name for each type of throwing technique.

Following Dave's presentation there was a lively Q & A session from members of both clubs before the vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Tony Marshall, who is a member of the Quoits Club.

Our club holds an annual Rotary Quoits night with a cup to win, sometime in September or October and members are made most welcome by the club. All are welcome and help with technique and scoring is gladly given.



Doorknob embedded in a quoit. Pic courtesy of Chris Barron



Left to right: host Tony Marshall, speaker Dave Watson, Blyth President Jim Schofield, SVP Iain Anderson



### Hippodrome Visit

15 members and friends enjoyed an informative and detailed visit to our local theatre – pictured here are the Rotarians who went along with guide for the day Christopher Wellings. If you have ideas for other visits please raise with Club Service.

### Wild About Darlington

Click for [BELLBURN SHEET](#) or [SCHOOLS SHEET](#) circulated 13<sup>th</sup> February

1) [BELLBURN](#) Lane allotments full details 2) [SCHOOLS](#) full details

To sign up to take part or to find out more **contact Michelle Thompson.**



### DARLINGTON ROTARY EVENT HUB

Club events are booked by clicking [EVENT HUB](#) or using this QR code. Events are either "Members Only" or "Public" and can easily be found by scrolling through.

### Dolphin Centre

**Breakfasts** now in Soft Play. The Dolphin Centre will be serving our usual Full English or Continental.

All **lunches** will now be in Central Hall, entrance in Bull Wynd.

**PLEASE NOTE: Card payments only**

### Games Night



**The New Club (Key Club)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March (6.00pm)**

Quebec Street Darlington (opposite Wilko's)

**Pie & Peas & gravy and 2 free snooker tables all night + dominoes**

### Mental Health 1st Aid

**Training session for Rotarians with Mike Daynes**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Wolfson Suite

St. Teresa's Hospice

**FREE!**

Contact Steve Rose to book

### Committee Meetings

6pm, Dolphin Centre Function Room or as stated

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>: International Service**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday bimonthly

**March 5<sup>th</sup>: Community Service**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly (not August)

Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

**March 10<sup>th</sup>: Youth Service**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday bimonthly

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**March 19<sup>th</sup>: Club Service**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday bimonthly

**March 25<sup>th</sup>: Club Council**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday monthly

**April 8<sup>th</sup>: PR & Marketing Group**

4pm – Function Room, Dolphin Centre

### Club Information

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