

Special General Meeting

President Jane welcomed just about two thirds of the club (41 members) with one honorary member (Derek Risbey) and two guests who were prospective members Mike Loft and Brian Jones. 9 apologies were received.

The meeting started with Paul Soderman from the Dolphin Centre reiterating how the building work would affect the club and was available for questions. These details have been widely circulated and come into effect from 8th December.

Alex Nicholson gave the Thought for the Day around a theme of Rotary Foundation and a reflection on the good it does across the globe.

The President's remarks included:

- Confirmation from Walid that we are all pretty healthy at the moment;
- She had attended Bob Devonport's funeral last Friday and was gratified that so many Rotarians were able to attend;
- Visiting Gurney Pease School who are singing at the TLC Choir concert;
- Wednesday was Club Council and Thursday she attended the Inner Wheel "Orange the World" walk for Family Help (the Women's Refuge);
- Tonight is the Polam Hall Interact Charter Dinner;
- Bonus ball won by Ann Carter and Gabriel Lowes;
- Wine draw won by David Selby who donated it to a club raffle.

Ged Wiper, standing in for the soon to return Secretary, confirmed that next week: Wednesday (3rd) Xmas Tree Tagging; Thursday (4th) Community Services meeting and Friday (5th) Breakfast with Mike Daynes speaking.

President Jane introduced the Special General Meeting then conducted it with efficiency and in detail. Governance and finance all unanimously approved. A full copy of her presentation which gives all of these details can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Her summary of the year so far was especially interesting and included her going through performance against her priorities for the year. These include specific ideas for growth, communication and to celebrate her theme of "Youth and The Arts." We can pat our selves on the back that we are on target to raise and give over £40,000 in charitable funds this year and have already achieved the standards to receive an RI Club Excellence Award.

Committee Chairs had declined to speak but Jane gave generous thanks for their work and went through some of the year's achievementshere are the team with Jane just to prove they were there.

Endnote: Jane announced that no candidate to be President in 2028 has been identified. We now have a nominee! Watch out for details.



Coming Soon

December

Friday 5th

07:15 Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Mike Daynes "My Life So Far"

Sunday 7th

10:30 St. T's Festive Run

West Park Academy, DL2 2GF

Friday 12th (Central Hall)

12:15 Lunchtime Meeting

Speakers: RYLA Presentation

Thursday 18th

19:30 Christmas Magic Concert

All Saints Church, Ravensdale Rd.

Friday 19th

Christmas Message

12:00 Central Hall

Details of booking overleaf



Friday 26th



Boxing Day
No meeting



Merry Christmas Everybody

January

Friday 2nd (Soft Play)

07:15 Breakfast Meeting

Friday 9th (Central Hall)

12:15 Lunchtime Meeting

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

Christmas Tree Collection

From 08:30 at Taylor's Café,
Lingfield Way, Darlington DL1 4PZ

Friday 16th (Soft Play)

07:15 Breakfast Meeting

Friday 23rd (Central Hall)

12:00 Austin Brooks Youth Day

Thursday 29th January

Meal in aid of Darlington Food Banks at Darlington College – see overleaf

Friday 30th January

"Fifth Friday" – No meeting

Dress Code is
"Christmas"

Christmas Message

Friday 19th December
from 12:00

Make menu choices on Event Hub – details below
Also state names of others on table if known.

Pay £27.50 on arrival

Details: [CHRISTMAS MESSAGE MENU](#)

Three speakers
on "Christmas
Memories"



Dolphin Centre

From 12th December lunch meetings will be in Central Hall with a limited menu – entrance in Bull Wynd. Exceptions are Christmas Message and Youth Day. Breakfast meetings from 2nd January will be in Soft Play with a changed menu.

29th January

DARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

DINNER

*A Sumptuous Dinner
of Store Cupboard Staples*

IN AID OF
DARLINGTON FOOD BANKS
DARLINGTON COLLEGE

TWO COURSES
(MAIN & DESSERT)
PLUS COCKTAIL/MOCKTAIL
ON ARRIVAL

£22

6.30 FOR 7.00PM
SERVICE



Committee Meetings

All 6pm at the Dolphin Centre unless stated

December 3rd: PR Group

5.00pm at St. Teresa's Hospice – schedule circulated to members of the group

December 4th: Community Service

1st Thursday monthly (not August)
Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

January 6th: International Service

1st Tuesday bimonthly

January 8th: Youth Service

Usually 2nd Tuesday bimonthly
Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

January 15th: Club Service

3rd Thursday bimonthly – venue TBA

January 28th: Club Council

4th Wednesday monthly

Club Information

Website: [click here](#)

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DARLINGTON ROTARY

Presents

Music for the festive season

DARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Christmas Magic

With Special Guests
TLC Well-being Choir

Thursday
18th December at 7.30pm

All Saint's Church

Ravensdale Road, Darlington

The programme includes seasonal music and audience carols played by a band of up to 35 musicians.

The concert will be the band's 45th Christmas Concert all the proceeds of which have gone to charity. Once again this year we are supporting Darlington Rotary's local and international good causes.

★ RAFFLE
★ REFRESHMENTS

TICKETS £10 Children under 16 Free

Please order using Event Hub (QR Code right) or email wiperg3@gmail.com then pay by bank transfer to Club account or on door by cash, card or cheque



Christmas Cards

order from Sue Campbell – only a few packs remaining!
£6 per pack of 6 (2 of each card)



Darlington Rotary Event Hub

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