

Wild and Wonderful (with a husky voice) continued

Jane whisked through the rest of the week including Community Service (efficient and busy); Bonus Ball: Nigel Waterfall-Brown (March 28th) & Ajit Sarkar (April 4th); Wine Draw won by Bill Harrison. Secretary Ged announced no meetings this week – next Friday’s breakfast will be addressed by Peter Phillips giving a “Kenya Update”.




Our speaker, Michelle Thompson, was, as we have all come to expect, very well prepared with a detailed presentation which described *Wild About Darlington* from inception to where we are today. She showed again the slides with the full range of intended outcomes at Bellburn Allotments and in some of our Rotakids schools.

Central to the presentation were descriptions and slides of what is being achieved at Bellburn by remediating some wasteland and making it pollinator friendly as well as a public amenity where local people can relax. She described how the Allotment Association are engaged and want to ensure its long-term future.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This is Rotary at its very best!
 We don't just meet.
 We don't just talk.
 We create.
 We connect.
 We make a difference.



The presentation ended with thought provoking slides one of which is copied left. Full presentation: click [WAD PRESENTATION](#).

Vote of thanks given by Steve Rose.

“Fifth Friday” Meal

Thursday 28th May
 at Bannatyne’s Hotel, Southend Avenue, Darlington, DL3 7HZ
 6:30 for 7:00 start.
 Cost £22 – book on Event Hub please

Speaker: Michelle Thompson B.E.M.

“A Life of Fundraising the Hard Way – including my recent trek in Peru”

**Young Performers Competition
 See Darlington’s new talent shine**

Sunday 14th June from 7:00pm
 At the Darlington Community Theatre
 195-199 Northgate, Darlington DL1 1UB
 Tickets £5 available on the Event Hub soon

Wild About Darlington

Click for [BELLBURN SHEET](#) or [SCHOOLS SHEET](#) circulated 13th 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** now in Central Hall - soup, sandwiches & chips.

PLEASE NOTE: Card payments only

Visit to Husqvarna Factory

Preston Rd, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6UP

Thursday 23rd April

Tour: 10:00-12:00

Followed by optional lunch at The George & Dragon, Heighington

Limited to 20 places

Book for tour and lunch (or not!) using Event Hub

Organised by Gary Blenkinsopp



Committee Meetings

6pm, Dolphin Centre Function Room or as stated

April 22nd: PR & Marketing Group
 4pm – Function Room, Dolphin Centre

April 22nd: Club Council
 4th Wednesday monthly

May 5th: International Service
 1st Tuesday bimonthly

May 7th: Community Service
 1st Thursday monthly (not August)
 Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

May 12th: Youth Service
 2nd Tuesday bimonthly
 Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

May 21st: Club Service
 3rd Thursday bimonthly

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