



## Lively Lunch and Serious Subject

Senior Vice President Jane was standing (and sitting on the Rotary chair) in for cruising President Jeff. She welcomed 30 Darlington and 5 visiting Rotarians as well as one guest. Visitors included Nora and Andrew Dowsett from the Rotary Club of Duncan, British Columbia who are over visiting and touring for a few weeks. Also visiting again was Uche Ezekwueme, a direct member now settling in Darlington. Also visiting were our speakers Jacqui Molyneux and Mike Overy from Middlesbrough Erimus Club...more of them later. Our guest was good friend Aileen Little who wanted to hear the speakers.

Sarah Rose gave a thought for the day based on the need for collaboration with others. She also asked if there was anyone interested in going to the Women in Business Awards for which she has been nominated.

SVP Jane shared some thoughts relating to the Rotary Theme for September – Basic Education & Literacy. Especially highlighted the work of Peter Phillips in Vingujini School and with Just Be A Child Charity.

Jane reported on her week which included Tuesday's Youth Committee who are looking at partnerships. Reminded all committees to talk to each other to ensure no duplication. Wednesday was Presidents Cup Golf Awards: Winner was Andrew Wilson. Ron Hall Trophy presented to Roger James. Thursday she went to Assistant Governor Sue's Presidents meeting with other clubs in our group. Jane thanked all involved with the Indian Night which had raised £1,076 (more overleaf). She also highlighted the Bonus Ball contributions for 2023/24 - £2,500 shared 75% Charity account and 25% Foundation.

Notices given:

- Iain Anderson thanked those who had attended the Open Garden from which £450 had been raised to support the NSPCC;
- Iain also gave an enthusiastic update on GreenPower at QE6 and Abbey Schools;
- No committee meetings next week

Nigel Little presented Alan Cowie with his "Red Light Violation Award" from this year's Bike Ride. Walid had nothing to report on members health then went on to win the wine draw. Bonus Ball was won by David Selby & Norma Sharp.

## Coming Soon...

September Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting:**  
 New charges apply: £12/£9

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Club Council:** 6pm in the  
 Dolphin Centre

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (12:30-2:30pm)  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speaker -  
 Caitlin Barratt "Bicentenary  
 Railway Celebrations".

October Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Community Service:** 6pm, Old  
 Tapas Bar, Bondgate

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Choirs for St Cuthbert's:** Tickets  
 £10 – volunteers required – see  
 Sue Campbell

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speaker –  
 goalkeeper Jimmy Montgomery  
**St. Teresa's Hospice "Memory  
 Walk":** Volunteers needed – see  
 overleaf

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
**MS Society Quiz** – see overleaf

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting:**  
 speaker from End Polio Now

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Diamonds & Black-Tie Dance** –  
 see overleaf

## Serious Subject continued....

The speakers were Jacqui Molyneux and Mike Overy from Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary Club. They presented details of their Knife Crime Reduction Project which had been created by a company called Virtual Decisions.

The project is aimed at children, principally in secondary school, who may be at risk of being involved in knife crime. Using Virtual Reality equipment (see Jane, right) the young people watch a number of scenarios and are then asked to make decisions based on what they see.



Jacqui is a magistrate of many years and it is her experience in this role that prompted her to get the necessary licences to roll out the project in this area.

Rotarians are asked to, firstly, get some basic training to assist with the development in schools and other youth organisations and then help with local contacts to promote the project.

Their talk was thought provoking and poignant and gave much to think about. Sarah Rose and the Youth Committee will take it forward as a project. Ken Wiper gave the vote of thanks.

## DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
At Hurworth Grange  
Community Centre

Tickets: £36  
Dancing to Railtown

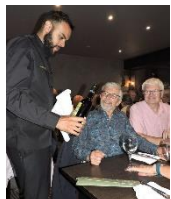
Still a few places available

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Rtns. Nora and Andrew Dowsett, welcome visitors from Rotary Club of Duncan, British Columbia

## Indian Night



Our annual Indian Night was held at Bombay Gate in Skinnergate and saw 80 members and guests enjoy an excellent meal. A much too hard quiz was won again by Liz McAllister's family and friends....she was assured it was not anything genetic that helped them.

President Jeff ordered Chicken & Chips so has still not eaten a curry! More pics on Facebook.

Many thanks to Nigel Little and Peter Phillips for organising and for raising £1,076.



## “FIFTH FRIDAY” RACE NIGHT

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
7:00PM at Rolling Mills Club.  
Longfield Street, DL3 0HX

For £10 you'll get professionally run programme of 8 races + Pie & Peas

Plenty of opportunity to back horses, sponsor races and a fun social time.

Board coming round soon



## St. Teresa's Hospice 'Moonlight & Memories' Walk Marshalls Needed PLEASE

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30 to 8.30 – South Park

Board circulating or contact David Hayward to volunteer.

## MS Society Quiz

16<sup>th</sup> October at Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows  
Tickets: £10 includes pie & peas. Contact Richard Western

### Details of Club, Programme and Events

Website: [click here](#)  
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