

Jack Ryan: GNCH

Our ever-vibrant breakfast included a warm welcome from Heather & John on reception as well as Dolphin Centre staff Lisa and Katie – the latter two know about this report and ask if they get a mention - job done!

President Jeff welcomed 31 members and three guests with 19 apologies received. Guests were prospective members David Gartland, Darlington College (for the last time); Nicola Myers, St. Teresa’s Hospice and our speaker Jack Ryan (no, not that one) from the Great North Children’s Hospital (GNCH). It was also good to see Tom Nutt who reported that Gill’s health is thankfully much improved.

Although no members wished to speak, there were a couple of boards circulating – details for The New Club and Quoits overleaf.

President Jeff reported that Richard Western has been taken into hospital and best wishes were sent from the club. He also reported that Phil Sculthorpe had donated £75 to our charity account, the proceeds from the sale of his book *Christmas Glitter* which he spoke to us about last year.

President Jeff gave details of his week which included International Committee that enjoyed a visit from Tori Ball an Australian PhD. student at Durham University supported by Rotary’s Global Scholar Programme. It turns out her home is very close to where Jeff’s grandson Jack is playing cricket. There was also a Zoom call with Hospice Ethiopia who were introduced by Ian Lyle. Details of this charity can be found [here](#).

He also reported on a very good Community Service meeting on Thursday – most notable that business was concluded within 30minutes so allowed plenty of time for socialising afterwards.

The President had attended Rotakids Clubs at Reid Street and Mowden Schools and will soon be visiting Abbey School – he presented the members with certificates and medals to recognise achievements.

The Secretary’s notices were to confirm that Youth Service Committee would be held on Tuesday 11th, 6pm at Blackwell Meadows and that next week’s speaker at lunch will be Lola McEvoy, MP for Darlington. Bonus Ball winner was Stuart Clark.



Fudge the Giraffe from GNCH



Following the notices our newest member, David Gartland from Darlington College was inducted and is our latest Corporate Member. He was proposed by Sue Campbell – BIG welcome David.

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Coming Soon...

March

Friday 14th

12:15 Club Lunchtime Meeting
Speaker: Darlington MP Lola McEvoy

Friday 21st

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting
Club Recruitment Workshop

Friday 28th

12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting
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April

Friday 4th

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Friday 11th

12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting

Friday 18th

GOOD FRIDAY - NO MEETING

Friday 25th

12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Five Dates to Note

Thursday 8th May:

International Dinner, Darlington College

Thursday 15th May:

Quoits Night, Quoit Club

Thursday 22nd May:

Chris Lloyd - 200th Anniversary of S&DR, Bannatyne Hotel

Tuesday 10th June:

Choirs Against Cancer, Central Hall

Friday 27th June:

Handover Dinner, Headlam Hall
(No Lunchtime meeting)

Boards & Emails coming soon

Jack Ryan: GNCH.....continued

Our speaker was Jack Ryan, a fundraiser from The Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH) who gave a very clear and interesting talk. We heard that GNCH is one of the four largest Children's hospitals in the UK. They provide a full range of tailored children's health services to children from across the North of England and beyond.



Details from [Website](#); [Facebook](#); [Instagram](#); [X](#) include that annually 32,000 children attend as inpatients, 44,000 children visit their Paediatric Emergency Department, 150,000 children have outpatient appointments and 15,000 attend as day cases.

It has special wards, operating theatres, outpatients, day case suites and an A&E department all tailored to children, their families and carers. Its young patients include thousands of local children from the North East and Cumbria as well as those who travel with their families from across the country, and even the world, to benefit from the GNCH's specialist services.



Jack is pictured here with President Jeff, who gave the vote of thanks and a cheque for £1,000 which The Dunelm Foundation had donated in support of the Club's charities for the year.

Club Donations

Donations Made (January 2024)

St Teresa's Hospice - Alasdair MacConachie Memorial	£250
Harry Whitfield (Swimmer)	£250
Rotakids - Badges, Jewels, Certificates etc.	£186
Rotary Christmas Toy Boxes	£200
Transaid - Bike Ambulance	£1,500

Donations Made (February 2024)

Foundation - Annual Fund	£1,914
Practical Compassion for Destitute Children (PCDC)	£500

Boards circulating: sign up for.....

Visit to The New Club all members welcome for a night of games with exclusive use of The New Club, 2-4 Quebec St, Darlington DL1 1LX Thursday 27th March – 7.00pm. Organised by Gary Blenkinsopp



Annual Quoits Evening to be held on Thursday 15th May at Darlington Quoits Club, Raby Terrace, DL3 7AB Being organised by Tony Marshall. Board circulating Always a good night out in a traditional setting

International Dinner

Thursday 8th May
at Darlington College

A meal and entertainment based around the charity Mary's Meals

Full details to follow
Maximum 60 places

[Click here for Mary's Meals Website](#)

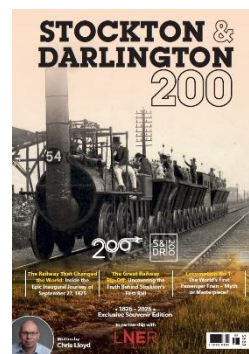
Chris Lloyd talk on 200th Anniversary of Stockton & Darlington Railway

Thursday 22nd May

6.30pm for 7.00pm
Bannatyne Hotel

£20 per head
Two course meal

**Board circulating soon
90 places available**



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