



Saluti Austin Brooks

President Jeff welcomed 33 members, one visiting Rotarian (Peter Gibson from Northallerton Mowbray) and a whole host of guests from 9 schools for one of our special days. In case you have missed it, the Austin Brooks Youth Day is our annual recognition of young people who have showed "Service Above Self" during their secondary years. They are nominated by the school and each citation describes the reasons why they have been chosen. The Youth Day was established over 50 years ago by our Past President and former headteacher Austin Brooks who now gives his name to the day.

The nominees were all accompanied by parents, other family members and many of the teachers. Each young person had chosen a book which was presented by the President following a short encomium by a member of the club including reading the citation from the school. A full Roll of Honour is overleaf with a few pics – more can be seen on our Facebook page.

Well done and many thanks to Peter Campbell who was MC and the Youth Committee for organising everything so well.

Peter Phillips gave a rousing Youth-themed *Thought for the Day* and The President reported on another highly successful Italian Night (report overleaf and more on Facebook). He thanked Nigel Little and Peter Phillips for their organisation and enthusiasm following another well-attended and enjoyable evening.

The President also reported on having been presented with a cheque by the Dunelm Foundation at the Riverside Stadium, Chester-Le-Street. Walid let the club know that John Wright had problems with his back and we wish him well with his recovery. The Bonus Ball had two winners who were David Selby and Norma Sharp. Finally the Secretary (good to see you Andy) reported that the PR Group was meeting on Wednesday, but it's not! Also that next week would see a return to our usual cycle of meetings with a lunch.

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Coming Soon...

February

Friday 14th

12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting

Speaker: Malcolm Jones,
Practical Compassion for
Destitute Children (PCDC)

Friday 21st

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Speaker: Rachel Steedman, GB
Weightlifter

Wednesday 26th

Ten Pin Bowling Night – see
overleaf

Friday 28th

12:15 Club Lunchtime Meeting

Speaker: Rtn. Jane Cook "My Life
So Far"

March

Friday 7th

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Speaker: Jack Ryan, Great North
Children's Hospital

Friday 14th

12:15 Club Lunchtime Meeting

Speaker: Darlington MP Lola
McEvoy

Friday 21st

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Club Recruitment Workshop

Friday 28th

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

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April

Friday 4th

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Speaker: TBA

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Roll of Honour 2025



Beaumont Hill Academy: Nathan Barrowcliff

Book: *The Second World War: an Illustrated History* by James Holland. Hosted by: David Selby

Carmel College: Tegan Richards

Book: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson. Hosted by: Peter Phillips

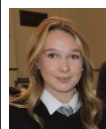
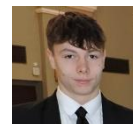


Haughton Academy: Alesha Holliday

Book: *Six Lives: The Stories of Henry VIII's Queens* by Charlotte Bolland. Hosted by: Nigel Little

Hummersknott Academy: Jack Hinde

Book: *Ride: BMX Glory, Against All the Odds: the John Buultjens Story* with Chris Sweeney
Hosted by: Andrew Wilson



Hurworth School: Eloise Cox

Book: *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susanna Cahalan. Hosted by: Ian Lyle

Longfield Academy: Mia Young

Book: *The Complete Poems* by Emily Dickinson. Hosted by Jane Cook



Polam Hall School: Martha Bainbridge

Book: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Hosted by John Stoney

St. Aidan's Academy: JaeMark Boses

Book: *A Taste of Home: 120 Delicious Recipes from Leading Chefs & Celebrities*
compiled by Kyle Cathie. Hosted by Steve Rose



Wyvern Academy: Ada Skinner

Book: *What's Your Dream?* by Simon Squibb. Hosted by Jane Bradshaw

Italian Night



Our Italian Night held at Tre Amici in Skinnergate on Tuesday was another resounding success thanks to organisers Nigel Little and Peter Phillips (left with Al, the Albanian Tre Amici Manager) along with their trusty band of helpers and raffle ticket sellers.

87 members and guests braved a damp and windy night to enjoy a convivial atmosphere, a two-course meal, raffle and the by now, obligatory, guess the beer and wine consumption competition. All this, plus two picture quizzes (which were won by David Hayward's table) made for a really great evening of fun and fellowship.



The owner and staff of Tre Amici, were, as always, welcoming and efficient and also joined in with the quiz.

But what was really gratifying, was that 30% of the guests were not Rotary members AND the evening raised over £1,300 for our Rotary charities.

Many thanks again to Nigel & Peter and for all who attended. A full set of pictures is available on Facebook.

Sign up for.....



Ten Pin Bowling at the Dolphin Centre on Wednesday 26th February from 7.30pm. £15 - No food but the bar is open
Board circulating or contact organiser Ian Lyle for information

Club Information

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