



Full Head of Steam

President Jeff welcomed 28 members, 8 visiting Rotarians of whom two, Jane and Philip Cook, were transferring from Orkney and two guests....our speaker Jill Read and, yes, the President's brother Trevor who is visiting from Perth in Australia. The President reminded us to give our apologies if we can't attend meetings simply to ensure we keep in touch with each other and so we know if members are having problems that we might be able to help with.

So, having had visitors from South Africa, Canada and the USA in the past three weeks we today went for Stockton-on-Tees and County Durham as well as les émigrés returning from Scotland. Visiting Rotarians were President Alan Rutter, Rotary Stockton-on-Tees; David Berry, Richard Dyke & David Knowles, Rotary Teesside West; Margaret Fenwick, Rotary Newton Aycliffe and Dave Scott, Rotary Great Aycliffe.

Philip & Jane Cook are now members of Rotary Darlington having moved back to the area from Orkney (Melsonby to be precise). Philip is a retired Management Consultant having previously worked at ICI and knew Andy Teague there – he comes highly recommended by the Orkney Club having variously been Secretary or Treasurer in recent years. Jane also comes highly recommended having been Club President in Orkney in 2019-20 and is a retired Religious Educator. Welcome both.

Notices given are reflected in the "Coming Soon" opposite and panels overleaf. Although Walid was not there he reported that Jenny Waller has had a nasty period of ill health and is now in full recovery. We wish you well Jen ❤️. Bonus Ball was won by Bob Devonport along with Bill Carter, the wine draw, no surprises here, was won by a visitor – Margaret from Newton Aycliffe...and Peter Phillips sent greetings from Kenya and Vingujini School.

In recognition of the fact that today marks the 199th Anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (S&DR) our speaker was Jill Read, Communications & Marketing Manager for the S&DR200 Festival 2025.



Opening of the S&DR
27th September 1825 –
Painting by John Dobbin

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Coming Soon...

October Thursday 3rd
Community Service: 6pm, Old Tapas Bar, Bondgate

Friday 4th
Club Breakfast Meeting:
Speaker - Faye Marsh, Reverse Advent Calendar Box Project

Saturday 5th
Choirs for St Cuthbert's: Tickets £10 – on the door or scan QR code overleaf

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

Wednesday 16th
MS Society Quiz – see overleaf

Friday 18th
Club Breakfast Meeting:
Speaker from End Polio Now

Friday 25th
Club Lunch Meeting: Speakers – 2024 RYLA Candidates

Saturday 19th
Diamonds & Black-Tie Dance – see overleaf

Thursday 24th
World Polio Day: Details of activities from International Service Committee to follow

November Thursday 28th
"Fifth Friday" Social: Race Night – see overleaf

Full Head of Steam continued...

Jill gave an enthusiastic and detailed presentation about the plans for celebrating our railway heritage next year.

S&DR200 is a 9-month international festival taking place across County Durham and Tees Valley in 2025, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first journey on the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR).

This 26-mile journey on the S&DR between Shildon and Stockton via Darlington on 27 September 1825 transformed how the world traded, travelled, and communicated.

The S&DR200 Festival will present a series of free large-scale outdoor spectacles, events, exhibitions and new art commissions in the public spaces, libraries and world-class museums of County Durham and Tees Valley from March to November 2025. These include a journey by a replica Locomotion No. 1. Full details can be found [here](#).

Questions were asked about the renovation of Heighington Station – the world’s first with rest facilities. Maybe something we can help support.

Jane Bradshaw gave the vote of thanks as well as committing to organising a Rotary presence in S&DR200 with the other clubs.



Our speaker, Jill, left before a photo was taken so here instead is one with all our visitors as well as new members Jane & Philip (2nd & 3rd from right) with President Jeff and host Jane.

Thanks for the photo Tony Marshall.

TIE OF THE WEEK



DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

**Saturday 19th October
At Hurworth Grange Community Centre**

Tickets: £36
Dancing to Railtown

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“FIFTH FRIDAY” RACE NIGHT

**Thursday 28th November
7:00pm at Rolling Mills Club.
Longfield Street, DL3 0HX**

For **£20** 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 circulating – payments due now – emails to follow to everyone on the list

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**Choirs for St. Cuthbert’s
Saturday 5th October
Tickets £10 on the door or scan**



**St. Teresa’s Hospice
‘Moonlight & Memories’ Walk
Marshalls Needed PLEASE**

Friday 11th October – 5.30 to 8.30 – South Park

Board circulating or contact David Hayward to volunteer.

MS Society Quiz

16th October at Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows
Tickets: £10 includes pie & peas - pay cash to Richard Western

Club Information

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