

Any Old Iron continued

used his acumen and energy to establish and grow his ironing and laundry business. Starting in his mother’s house (right) with one ironing board and one washing machine, Sam now has a thriving business that includes 16 permanent staff, laundry and dry-cleaning facilities and works across the North East and North Yorkshire. He has even washed and ironed Lewis Hamilton’s bedsheets (when he was competing at Croft as a young man).



By the end of 2019 Sam needed a break and went to Australia where he found work but was then trapped by COVID and ended up staying three years. During that time his business continued with him managing remotely and learning the art of delegation and trust. He then went on to describe how he engaged a member of staff, one of many who iron for him at home. She needed flexible work conditions because of her circumstances and suffering an abusive relationship. Sam realised the flexible hours enabled her to work, be economically active and feel fulfilled. He is proud that he



employs a number of similarly placed people and that he helps them as well as developing his highly successful business.

Peter Barron gave a warm vote of thanks to a local success story...especially as this was his first taste of public speaking.

Dolphin Centre

Breakfasts now in Soft Play. The Dolphin Centre will be serving our usual Full English or Continental.

All **lunches** will now be in Central Hall, entrance in Bull Wynd.

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



“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.

Committee Meetings

6pm, Dolphin Centre Function Room or as stated

March 25th: Club Council

4th Wednesday monthly

April 2nd: Community Service

1st Thursday monthly (not August)
Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

April 8th: PR & Marketing Group

4pm – Function Room, Dolphin Centre

May 5th: International Service

1st Tuesday bimonthly

May 12th: Youth Service

2nd Tuesday bimonthly
Darlington Rugby Club, Blackwell Meadows

May 21st: Club Service

3rd Thursday bimonthly

Club Information

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