



Tagging Things & Sport of Kings

This week saw President Jeff supervising a Club Council meeting on Monday then joining others for tree tagging at Croft Trees and ending by winning big by backing Mr President at our “Fifth Friday” Race Night on Thursday.

Club Council covered the usual agenda and included a lengthy discussion about our charity funds and grants approved. Next week there will be a full report here of grants made in November. See the minutes for details of Club Council.



Tagging trees at Croft is an annual ritual that is an essential part of our support for St. Teresa’s Hospice. Well done to those who turned out (picture overleaf) and to David Hayward for organisation (aka Herding Cats).

Our “Fifth Friday” social at the Rolling Mills Club found 35 members and guests enjoying the thrills and spills of a Race Night. As mentioned, President Jeff started the programme by winning big on Mr President and then grinned contentedly for the rest of the evening.



Punters were able to become a jockey on a given race and here we see the inestimable Brian Park and John Stoney styling it out in Jockey Caps. (Whisper it but we think John did better than the Treasurer!).



Another big winner was the owner of the winner of the last race who was the absentee Harriet “The Hat” Bradshaw whose ownership was organised by sister Lucy.

Our SVP Jane Bradshaw organised the evening which included liaising with Rolling Mills as well as Ron & Hazel who ran everything. Thank you Jane.

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Coming Soon...

**December Wednesday 4th
10:00am Second Tree Tagging**

**Friday 6th
07:15 Club Breakfast Meeting**
Charles McCain “My Life So Far”
Followed by Committee Chairs Meeting

**Wednesday 11th
10:00am Final Tree Tagging**

**Friday 13th
12:15 Club Lunchtime Meeting**

**Saturday 14th
11:00-12:00 Reverse Advent Box Collection** at St Augustine’s Parish Centre, Larchfield Street

**Thursday 19th
19.30 Christmas Magic Concert** at All Saints Church

**Friday 20th
12:00 Christmas Message Meeting** - See overleaf

**Friday 27th
NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY**

**January Friday 3rd
07:15 Club Breakfast meeting**

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th
From 08:30 Christmas Tree Collection** – see overleaf

**Friday 24th
12:00 Austin Brooks Youth Day** - See overleaf

**Friday 31st
12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting**

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Jane was ably supported by Sue “The Raffle” Campbell as well as Kate & Steve aka “Culverhouse & Rose the Punters Friends” running The Tote. Despite this being primarily a social evening there was a healthy surplus of around £400 for club funds.

Club Service Committee is interested in other ideas for “Fifth Fridays” – Socials, Scatter Weeks, dinners with speakers as well as evenings organised by the service committees have all featured in the past – what would you like to see? Let us know.

Finally, apologies for stating in last week’s report that tickets for Christmas Magic are to be paid for on the door. Rotarians are being asked to pay in advance to the charity account (details below) so that we have an idea of numbers. Members of the public will be able to pay on the night.



Christmas Magic Concert

Thursday 19th December
7:30pm
All Saints Church
Tickets: £10



Our Annual “Welcome to Christmas” a programme of festive and other music.
Book in advance on board circulating or contact Ged Wiper

Please note we are asked to pay in advance to Charity Account 52-30-18 41856392

Austin Brooks Youth Day Friday 24th January from 12:00

Peter Campbell and the Youth Service Committee are looking for volunteers to help host our guests. For newer members, this is when we acknowledge students who have given “Service Above Self” throughout their secondary school career.

One of the highlights of the year!

Xmas Tree Tagging & Collection



Tagging

10:00 a.m.

Weds 4th & 11th December
Croft Trees

Collection

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th January
8:30am: Taylor’s Pies, Lingfield Way

Full details contact **David Hayward**

Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes

Put a gift in a box every day during advent in aid of Darlington Care Leavers – 18-25 year olds who are now living independently. Boxes available at Club Meetings **to be delivered 11:00-12:00 to St. Augustine’s Parish Centre on Saturday 14th December.** Nigel Little for full details.



Christmas Message Meeting

Friday 20th December
12:00 Noon



Speaker:



Dr Roger James

£25 for two course Christmas Dinner plus mince pies & coffee

Also featuring Festive Singing (Bring your best voice)

Meals to be ordered in advance, pay on the door, board & email circulating with menu choices.

Email Steve Rose

Tables of 10 can be arranged by contacting Steve or Kevin Hudson

DRESS CODE: CHRISTMAS!

Visit to Aston Workshop

Tony Marshall is organising a visit to Aston Workshops at Beamish to take place soon. Will include a visit to their cheaper Car Barn showroom and Ineos Grenadier facility. There is a hotel on site that serves excellent meals so lunch is an option for some. More info. of workshops on Aston [website](#).

The numbers are limited to 20 and Tony will announce the arrangements next week.

If you are interested let Tony know asap - 10 places remaining.



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