



BON RETOUR MONSIEUR PRESIDENT ET BRAVO CYCLISTES

President Jeff was welcomed back from his trip to Paris by 30 members, 1 Honorary member and 6 guests with 10 further apologies received. Guests included Matthew Newell from SG Petch, Lucy Wiper & Aileen Little and 3 Cycle Ride Associated guests including former Member Denis Goode (always a pleasure).

The President thanked SVP Jane for her stewardship of last week's meeting as he lived it up in "Gay Paris" (his words). He also reported that the PR Group meeting took place on Wednesday and thanked Sue Campbell for continuing to maintain our presence in the media.

The President read a letter from District Governor Joy Palmer-Cooper announcing that Darlington was one of 10 clubs in District 1030 to achieve a Presidential Citation during the previous Rotary Year. A presentation to Past President Michelle by District Governor Nominee Sue Campbell is being arranged.

Walid reported no serious illness or health issues; Peter Galt won the Bonus Ball and then the President drew his own ticket for the wine draw – it's OK everyone it was only a bottle of Yellow Tail Shiraz!

New charges for meals were – first rise since 2018 will be implemented from September: Lunch £16, Light Lunch £10; Full Breakfast £12, Continental £9.

Also, a Race Night is being planned for "5th Friday" on Thursday 28th November – Steve Rose & Jane Bradshaw are trying to gauge numbers

Interested before committing to paying a deposit so They would like feedback asap please.

Plenty of time was left for Nigel Little with the support of Peter Phillips to run the good-humoured Bike Ride Awards 2024. £3,816 raised this year and over £60,000 since the first ride – well done all (especially Nigel). See overleaf for the Roll of Honour – the detail behind the awards is left entirely to the reader's imagination!



Coming Soon

Friday 30th

5th Friday – NOT BREAKFAST
- **Club Lunchtime Meeting:**
12.15 for 12.30pm – Soup & Sandwiches - No Speaker

Tuesday 3rd September:
International Committee: :
4.30pm at the Dolphin Centre

Indian Curry Night: Bombay Gate, Skinnergate - £22 per head. Board is circulating or contact Nigel Little or Peter Phillips to book. Limited places available.

Wednesday 4th:
Club Service Meeting: 6pm at Wolfson Room, St. Teresa's Hospice;

Thursday 5th:
Community Service Committee:
6pm in the Dolphin Centre

Friday 6th
Breakfast Meeting: New charges apply: £12 Full English, £9 Continental

St Teresa's Hospice Golf Day:
12:00-17:00 Spotters for hole 9 required – contact Steve Rose if you can help (poor response so far)

Saturday 7th
Garden Visit and Tea in aid of NSPCC: Quarry End at Walworth - £10. Contact Iain Anderson

Cycle Ride Awards 2024

Roll of Honour:

- Denis Goode Model Bike Award for Exceptional Performance: Angela Stevenson**
- David Bayne: The "Involuntary Dismounting" Award
- Alan Cowie: The "Red Light Violation" Award
- Aileen Little: The "Brief Encounter Colourful Language" Award
- Nigel Little: The "Lethal 2 Case Escalator" Award
- Brian Park: The "Catering Blockade Parking" Award
- Robin Raine: The "Seagull Incontinence Incident" Award
- Kevin Robinson: The "Kerb Crawling" Award
- Angela Stevenson: The Incident of the "Bunk in the Night" Award
- Andy Teague: The "Supersonic Family Overtaking" Award
- Michelle Thompson: The "Rear Ending Lamp Post" Award
- Ged Wiper: The "My Friend Clicker" Award
- Ken Wiper: The "Say again?" NHS Hearing Award
- Lucy Wiper: The "Senna Pod" Award for Passage Blocking

DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

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

Tickets: £36
Dancing to Railtown

If you are planning to party please confirm booking and pay for your tickets

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Peter gave a big thank you to everybody who had helped with the very enjoyable Bike Ride especially **SG Petch** and **Matthew Newell**

Robin Raine finished the Awards by thanking Nigel for his hard work and presented him with a well-deserved bottle of Dutch liqueur – enjoy it Nigel and thanks from all of the Club.

NSPCC

Garden Visit and Tea

**On Saturday 7th September at 2.30pm
come and visit Quarry End in Walworth.**

This 1.5 acre garden is a mature woodland garden set in an ancient quarry. Stroll round the gardens which are a mixture of shrubs and perennials surrounded by trees. There is also an ornamental vegetable plot, a fernery and some alpine troughs to spot as you go.

Take a walk through the reclaimed quarry woodland which 8 years ago was a rubbish dump/wilderness and listen to the birds as you stand at the foot of the 40 feet quarry face.

Then take a seat and enjoy tea or coffee and home made cakes

**Entry is by ticket only and numbers are limited.
Inclusive price is £10 per person (children free)**

All proceeds will be donated to the NSPCC Carol Service Project at Durham Cathedral

How to find us: Postcode DL2 2LY then look for the NSPCC sign to direct you along an unmade road into Quarry End where there is parking and room to turn round easily.

How to get tickets: From Iain Anderson