



## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### California Dreamin'

Senior Vice President Jane welcomed 22 members and one visitor to breakfast. (The Full English was served to table and looked enormous.) Shout out to Charles McCain who was attending for the first time as a full member. Jane announced that it is "Pepperoni Pizza Day", "String Cheese Day" and "Speak Like A Pirate Day" – all jokes gratefully received.

Following visits from South Africa and Canada over the last couple of weeks we were joined by Rtn. Robbie Izat from Rotary San Jose East/Evergreen in Silicon Valley, California. Robbie is also a former member of Rotary in Hamilton, Scotland and is visiting for a reunion with colleagues from his time in The Royal Corps of Signals which he joined over 60 years ago. As ever, those who met him found there is much in common between Rotarians across the world.



As the monthly theme is Basic Education & Literacy it is entirely appropriate that Kevin Robinson reported on a successful RYLA course this year and the celebration held the previous evening. Three of our four candidates completed the course with the fourth leaving for good reasons. Our candidates won two of the four awards including the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award. We will hear from them on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Jane also gave background on the recent Northern Echo coverage of the Hospice losing funding for Rapid Response – she gave a full explanation of the situation and asked that people write to query the decision to move the service to the Hospital Trust. She is happy to speak to anyone who was not present to give the full details.

Jane has also joined the International Rotary Fellowship of Musicians and encouraged others to see what Fellowship they might want to get involved with .... although Drumming Circles might be a beat too far! She is planning her Presidential Year to be about The Arts and, amongst much else, is planning an Art Competition with Alan Cowie.

#### Notices:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Club Council;
- Jane and Philip Cook will be transferring membership from Orkney to Darlington from next week;
- Bike Ride fundraising now stands at £4,142 – magnificent!
- Bonus Ball won by Nigel Waterfall-Brown
- Sue Campbell asked for a couple of volunteers for Choirs 4 St. Cuthbert's;
- Iain Anderson updated the club on QE6 GreenPower and their aspiration for a new car in conjunction with Sunderland University;
- Robin Raine reported on a successful £500 grant bid to District for Cycle Ambulances in conjunction with RotaKids.

### Coming Soon...

September Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Club Council:** 6pm in the Dolphin Centre

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (12:30-2:30pm)  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speaker – Jill Read "Bicentenary Railway Celebrations".

October Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Community Service:** 6pm, Old Tapas Bar, Bondgate

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Choirs for St Cuthbert's:** Tickets £10 – volunteers required – see Sue Campbell

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

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
**MS Society Quiz** – see overleaf

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting:** speaker from End Polio Now

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Diamonds & Black-Tie Dance** – see overleaf

November Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
**"Fifth Friday" Social: Race Night** – see overleaf

## Silver Striders

### Introducing the Silver Striders: A Casual Walking Group

We enjoy a weekly stroll through the stunning landscapes of North England. While most of us are Rotarians, we're not a formal Rotary group. We're simply a group of friends who share a passion for walking.

#### What to expect:

- **Relaxed and enjoyable walks:** Our walks are typically 8-9 miles long, providing a great way to stay active and explore.
- **Friendly atmosphere:** We are a casual group of friends who share a passion for walking.
- **Easy communication:** We use a WhatsApp group to share walk details and stay in touch.
- **Thoughtful Planning:** Walks usually take place on Wednesdays and are announced on the app. on Tuesday evening to take full advantage of the latest weather forecast.

If you're interested in joining us for a walk, please feel free to reach out to Derek Risbey, David Selby, Bill Harrison, or Barry Chapman.

## DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
At Hurworth Grange  
Community Centre**

Tickets: £36  
Dancing to Raittown

**Still a few places available**

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## Golf

SVP Jane Bradshaw made presentations at the Darlington Rotary Club President's Cup last week. This competition is for Club Members only and is the oldest continuously played-for trophy in Rotary GB&I - we are approaching the 80th birthday!

9 Rotarians and 6 guests played. Hon. Member Roger James, decided to play as a guest this year (to give others a chance!)

Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Lyle; 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Robinson

Also presented was the Ron Hall Trophy 23-24:

Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Roger James (!); 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Hall; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Frame

Big thanks to Ian Lyle for his organising and adding up skills.



## "FIFTH FRIDAY" RACE NIGHT

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 soon**

## Where's Tony?



Still in Holland – heading to Germany



## St. Teresa's Hospice 'Moonlight & Memories' Walk Marshalls Needed PLEASE

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30 to 8.30 – South Park**

Board circulating or contact David Hayward to volunteer.

## MS Society Quiz

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

## Club Information

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