



Busy Breakfast

President Jeff welcomed 28 members, 3 Rotary visitors and 4 guests. He reported that 9 apologies had been received. Rotary visitors included Patricia and Chris Pargiter from Rotary George in South Africa (pic overleaf) visiting their family as well as us in Rotary. Also, we welcomed Uche Ezekwueme who is a direct member of Rotary and has now settled in Darlington. Guests included David Gartland, Principal of Darlington College, Bryan McCourt and Ian Newell.

Guesting at the start of the meeting and leaving as a most welcome newly inducted member was Charles McCain who has been to many meetings and was proposed by Andrew Wilson. Welcome Charles.



Best wishes were extended by the club to Gail Wiper who, in the words of President Jeff, “looks like she has done ten rounds with Mike Tyson”. Husband Chris will be faithfully reporting our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Walid had no other reports of ill health and Steve Rose won the Bonus Ball.

The President reported on a busy week of meetings which had included International Committee on Tuesday, Club Service on Wednesday and Community Service on Thursday. No specific issues were reported and all members are encouraged to read minutes when they are produced.

Tristan Griffiths gave a short and enthusiastic report on work being undertaken to improve the club’s presence on social media, especially LinkedIn. A show of hands demonstrated that most present were already on LinkedIn and Tristran urged that we all use **#darlingtonrotary** on relevant posts to build our presence.

Nigel Little presented Michelle Thompson with her Bike Ride Award as she wasn’t present when the main awards were given. “The Rear Ending Lamppost Award” was given for Michelle successfully crashing into both Brian Park and Kevin Robinson.

Sue Campbell, District Governor Nominee, Assistant Governor for Group 5 and, in her own words, proud member of this club presented the Rotary International Citation for Club Excellence to Past President Michelle which we achieved in Rotary year 2023/24. We are one of ten clubs in the District to achieve this standard.

Coming Soon...

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

Wednesday 11th
President’s Cup Golf: 1:00pm at Barnard Castle Golf Club – contact Ian Lyle

Friday 13th
Club Lunch Meeting: Speakers Jacqui Molyneux & Mike Overy “Rotary NE Knife Crime Project”. New charges apply: £16

Friday 20th
Club Breakfast Meeting: No speaker. New charges apply: £12/£9

Monday 23rd
Club Council: 6pm in the Dolphin Centre

Friday 27th
Club Lunch Meeting: Speaker - Caitlin Barratt S&DR Heritage and Community Participation Manager “Bicentenary Railway Celebrations”.
Please Note: this meeting will be 12:30-2:30pm. Other local Rotary Clubs have been invited.

October Friday 11th
St. Teresa’s Hospice “Memory Walk”: Volunteers needed – see overleaf

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

Busy Breakfast continued....



Sue Campbell presents the Rotary International Citation for Club Excellence to last year's President, Michelle.

Details of the Rotary International Citation, now called the Club Excellence Award, can be found [here](#).



Rotarian Patricia Pargiter, who attended with her husband Chris, exchanges banners with President Jeff. Rotary George is in the Western Cape of South Africa. The area is known for many things including producing bigger Club banners than ours.

And the pic we didn't get... Rotarian Uche Ezekwueme shaking hands with Patricia and Chris....Nigeria meeting South Africa in Darlington

DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

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

Tickets: £36
Dancing to Raittown

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

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CONSULTATION ? RACE NIGHT ?

Fun on the "Fifth Friday" -
Thursday 28th November

We are needing to know if a Race Night by Jolly Good Productions is viable. We have 30 potential attendees so far but ideally need a few more to ensure much needed funds for the club.

If you would like to go and haven't entered the Board that is circulating, please let Jane Bradshaw know. Cheers!



PLEASE RESPOND



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

Friday 11th October – 5.30 to 8.30 – South Park

St. Teresa's Hospice is holding its annual 'Moonlight & Memories' and needs Rotary's help to marshal this important event. The Hospice is hoping for several hundred participants – virtually ALL of whom will be walking in memory of a family member or friend who the Hospice has helped towards the end of their lives.

Board circulating or contact David Hayward to volunteer.

Talk in Aid of Prostate Cancer

Gary Morley is a friend of the club and has walked Land's End to John O'Groats in 60 days in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

He is giving a talk at **Hummersknott School on Friday 27th September at 6.30pm** – entry is **FREE** but contributions will be gratefully received at the door. Donations to the cause can be made [here](#). If you would like to attend the talk please email garymorley21@gmail.com or ring 07837 121412

Many thanks....to those who volunteered to help with the St. Teresa's Hospice/Heritage Health Golf Day....still not sure who told them we weren't able to help but at least we all got the afternoon off!