



Let's SGM, Like We Did Last Winter

President Jeff welcomed 29 members with 18 apologies received. He reported on a quieter week. There had been a District Council meeting where the need for membership development was discussed. This week the Bonus Ball was won by President himself and there was a disappointing amount of banter aimed in his direction for his success. The wine draw was won by David Selby who got a better set of groans. Walid reported that members were as healthy as could be expected and nothing of note to report.

The Secretary, Andy Teague introduced the Special General Meeting with a slide presentation – the full version can be found [here](#). The meeting was quorate and there were no Conflicts of Interest. To avoid any doubt – all items presented were approved by the club. A summary follows.

Accounts: General A/C

Thanks to Treasurer Brian Park it was reported that:

Reporting – Designated &

Restricted funds now correct;

Bank Accounts – now NatWest;

Budgets for 2024/25 agreed at

Club Assembly in June 2024;

Financial Controls – all grant

forms now online;

Focus on building reserves

during 2024/25

D'TON ROTARY GENERAL	Unrestricted	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
RECEIPT	£ 35,410.41	£ 1,598.50	£ 37,008.
PAYMENT	(£ 44,617.98)	(£ 1,798.50)	(£ 46,416.4)
NET Receipt/(Payment)	(£ 9,207.57)	(£ 200.00)	(£ 9,407.5)
Transfers Between Funds	-	-	
Opening Bank Balance	£ 26,490.96	£ 200.00	£ 26,690.
Closing Bank Balance	£ 17,283.39		£ 17,283.
TOTAL CLOSING FUNDS	£ 17,283.39		£ 17,283.
DESIGNATED FUNDS	£ 16,941.62		
AVAILABLE RESERVES	£ 341.77		

Charity A/C

2022/23 Charitable Trust

Accounts and Annual Return

Submitted in April 2024;

2023/24 Annual Accounts

have been reviewed and

approved by our Club Council,

Trustees and

Independent Examiner;

Restricted Funds – AmAm

Golf 2024 (£7.8k), Foodbanks,

Foundation & Rotary Children's

Fun Day;

Designated Funds: Donations

St Cuthberts (£2.5k), Centenary Hope Fund Donations (July 2024) &

Gazebo.

D'TON ROTARY CHARITY	Unrestricted	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
RECEIPT	£ 20,679.55	£ 22,802.46	£ 43,482.01
PAYMENT	(£ 21,363.21)	(£ 23,515.24)	(£ 44,878.45)
NET Receipt/(Payment)	(£ 683.66)	(£ 712.78)	(£ 1,396.44)
Transfers Between Funds	(£ 955.85)	£ 955.85	-
Opening Bank Balance	£ 17,447.81	£ 8,901.38	£ 26,349.19
Closing Bank Balance	£ 15,808.30	£ 9,144.45	£ 24,952.75
Darlington Credit Union	£ 5,216.00		£ 5,216.00
TOTAL CLOSING FUNDS	£ 21,024.30	£ 9,144.45	£ 30,168.75
DESIGNATED FUNDS	£ 3,439.47		
AVAILABLE RESERVES	£ 17,584.83		

A question was asked about the high level of the Charity account – Gary

continued overleaf.....

Coming Soon...

Monday 25th

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th

10:00am First Tree Tagging Session at Croft Trees

Thursday 28th

7.00pm "Fifth Friday" Social: Race Night – see overleaf

Friday 29th

FIFTH FRIDAY: NO MEETING

Polam School Interact Charter Night - £30 see Kevin Robinson

December Wednesday 4th

10:00am Second Tree Tagging

Friday 6th

07:15 Club Breakfast 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

Christmas Magic Concert 7:30pm at All Saints Church

Friday 20th

12:00 Christmas Message Meeting - See overleaf

January Friday 24th

12:00 Austin Brooks Youth Day - See overleaf

Let's SGM.....continued

Blenkinsopp, Chair of Community Service reported grants were being organised. SVP Jane said the optimum level to hold would be discussed in the future.

Nominations for key positions in the club were approved and summarised opposite.

We thank those willing to take a leadership position and that your time will be enjoyable and fulfilling whilst enjoying the support of the club.

President Jeff gave a summary of the year to date which is itemised in the full presentation. He picked out a number of highlights as well as the programme coming up for the rest of the Rotary year.

The President thanked those who were helping making his year an enjoyable one so far and to this continuing into 2025.

Oh yes....Tony Marshall is looking forward to coming next Friday as there will be no-one else here!

Affirmation of President and Senior Vice President for 2025/2026
 President – Jane Bradshaw
 Senior Vice -President – Richard Western

Appointment of Junior Vice President for 2025/2026
 Nominations – Mike Stephenson

Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary for 2025/2026
 Nominations for Treasurer – Brian Park
 Nominations for Secretary – Andy Teague

Appointment of Members to Vote at RGB&I Annual Business Meeting (up to 4)
 Nominations – Jeff Mann, Jane Bradshaw,
 Richard Western, Andy Teague



“FIFTH FRIDAY” RACE NIGHT

Thursday 28th November
 7:00pm at Rolling Mills Club.
 Longfield Road, DL3 0HX

£15 including hot buffet and dessert

Christmas Message Meeting



Speaker: Dr Roger James

£25 for two course
 Christmas Dinner
 inc. mince pies & coffee

Meals to be ordered in advance,
 pay on the door,
 board circulating or email
steve.rose1310@gmail.com

DRESS CODE: CHRISTMAS!

Visit to Aston Workshop

Tony Marshall is organising a visit to Aston Workshops at Beamish in December. We will also visit their cheaper Car Barn showroom and Ineos Grenadier facility. There is a hotel on site that serves excellent meals so lunch could be an option for some. Info on Aston [website](#).

A date to be finalised - the numbers are limited to 20. The visit will take place during a weekday possibly a Thursday.

If you are interested let Tony know as soon as possible.



Club Information

Website: [click here](#)
 Facebook: [click here](#)
 X: @darlrotary
 Club Diary: [click here](#)
 LinkedIn: #darlingtonrotary

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”

One of the highlights of the year!

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. Pay on the door.

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.



Xmas Tree Tagging & Collection

Tagging
 10:00 a.m.

Weds 27th November and 4th & 11th December

Collection

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

Full details contact **David Hayward**