



# DARWEN ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN



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## Club News

### Coffee time

Rotary members were among those that attended a coffee morning held at Highfield Congregational Church, Darwen, in aid of the Darwen Tower repair fund. The event raised £300 which was forwarded to the club which is coordinating efforts to raise enough cash for essential work on the Victorian structure. The club has appealed to local groups to hold events or make donations to back up their application for Lottery help.



## That's Life

Lancashire Life photographed some of our members with the Lego Darwen Tower for an article on Darwen after having been approached about our Charity Day on May 11 in the town centre. Our club sold bricks at £1 each to build the model Tower to raise £25,000 for charity. The model is now on display in Darwen's Market Hall.

## Chocolate choice



The Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen and the Mayoress, Councillor Pat McFall and Roma McFall, came to Darwen Market to judge the schools' decorated Dragon Egg competition organised by our members. Two of the winners, twins Bradley and Oliver Yates, aged 8, are pictured below, with the Mayor, club members Julia and Tony O'Hara, Kathleen Graham and President Alec Stuttard.



## Knowing their onions

Darwen Rotary fielded two teams in the recent Life Education quiz at Clitheroe with one team including Mark and Kathleen Graham, Tony O'Hara, Gil Riley and Jeff Tyler managing to secure third place.

## Diary events

May 10 and 11: RIBI conference at Nottingham

May 11: Darwen Rotary Club's Charity Day

June 15 and 16: Rotary Ride national event

August 2: Penrith Rotary charity golf tournament, further information: [penrithrotarygolf.org.uk](http://penrithrotarygolf.org.uk)

August 31: Club's charity bowls competition for Darwen Tower repair fund

## Speakers and Meeting Dates

May 6: No meeting - Bank Holiday

May 13: Committee night followed by council

May 20: Speaker/focus interview

May 27: No meeting - Bank Holiday

June 3: Club Assembly and business meeting

## Just joking

Three Kiwis and three Aussies are travelling by train to a conference. At the station, the three Aussies each buy tickets and watch as the three Kiwis buy only a single ticket.

"How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asks an Aussie.

"Watch and you'll see," answers a Kiwi.

They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Kiwis cram into a bathroom and close the door behind them.

Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the bathroom door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So after the conference, the Aussies decide to copy the Kiwis on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Kiwis don't buy a ticket at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed Aussie. Watch and you'll see," answers a kiwi.

When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a bathroom and the three Kiwis cram into another one nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterward, one of the Kiwis leaves his bathroom and walks over to the bathroom where the Aussies are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

A bus stops and two Italian men get on. They seat themselves, and engage in animated conversations.

The lady sitting behind them ignores their conversation at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of the men say the following:

"Emma come first. Den I come. Two asses, they come together. I come again. Two asses, they come together again. I come again and pee twice. Then I come once-a more."

"You foul-mouthed swine," retorted the lady indignantly. "In this country we don't talk about our sex lives in public!"

"Hey, coola down lady," said the man. "Imma just tellun my friend to spella Mississippi."