**HUMBER DINNER/DANCE - 29 SEPTEMBER 2017**

This year the event was held at the Oaklands Hall Hotel, Laceby and the room was filled to capacity with all 168 seats being sold.

John Mallon who had been the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the event for nearly 30 years, came with his wife Mary, as our guests. John started off the proceedings to introduce himself as a guest on this occasion and not as the MC. Nevertheless he made his usual impassioned plea by asking everyone to dig deep into their pockets for the Local Charity raffle.

Next our new Chairman David Talbot gave a short speech about the energy industry in the area and noting that the Humber was the UK’s Energy Estuary. He thanked everyone for making the event possible especially the companies taking tables. David announced that from last year’s Charity Raffle, the following donations were being made: £500 to Andy’s Children’s Hospice, £400 to Ward 10, Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, £400 to Dove House Hospice, Hull, £100 to RNLI, Cleethorpes and £100 to a local person doing the London to Paris Breast Cancer Cycle Ride.

Dinner was then served during which time a magician toured all the tables entertaining the guests with various puzzling tricks.

It was very pleasing that over 20 prizes were in the Charity Raffle, many of which had been very kindly donated. An amazing £2,000 was raised in the raffle which would go to local charities. Everyone was thanked for their generosity.

Another change of format this year was that we had an After-Dinner Speaker, John Stiles, comedian and a former Leeds United and Doncaster Rovers player. He is the son of the 1966 World Cup winning hero, Nobby Stiles OBE.

The event concluded with a disco and dancing to the early hours whilst a photo booth was well used for some amusing photographs.