



## Clean Sheets & Black Cats

President Jeff welcomed 32 members, one Rotary visitor and three guests. The visitor was Iain Kay, President of Rotary Durham and the guests were our speaker, Jimmy Montgomery, Andrew Craddock, CEO of Darlington Building Society and Daniel Madaras, an interested newcomer to Darlington from Romania. 19 apologies were received. The President's favourite Fish Pie was served as was a vegan alternative for one of the visitors with no fuss or bother (well done Dolphin Centre!).

The Secretary called Sue "Chapman" to speak but fortunately the "Campbell" variety responded. Sue announced the availability of the "It's OK NOT to be OK" mental health cards which give details of support organisations for people who might need them. Members are encouraged to distribute.



Sue also thanked those who helped and attended the Choirs for St. Cuthbert's on Saturday – a lovely event and £900 raised towards their Community Hub.

David Hayward gave details of the St. Teresa's Hospice Memory Walk to be held in the evening – 200 taking part, 20 stewards needed and one has dropped out so hopefully somebody has stepped up.

Jane Bradshaw gave details of Purple 4 Polio and distributed lights (see overleaf for more). Steve Rose gave the Thought for the Day and then went on to win the Wine Draw. David Hayward and Paul Robinson were announced as Bonus Ball winners and Walid told us there were no health issues to report. (It was good to see Jen Waller back and looking so well.)

The President introduced our speaker, Jimmy Montgomery, as needing no introduction. In an amiable talk that he said he had reduced from his usual

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## Coming Soon...

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting:**  
Speaker from End Polio Now  
Followed by meeting of the  
President with Committee Chairs

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

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
**World Polio Day:** Details of  
activities from International  
Service Committee [click here](#)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speakers –  
our 2024 RYLA Candidates share  
their experiences

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Council:** 6:00pm in the  
Stephenson Suite, Dolphin  
Centre

November Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Club Breakfast Meeting:**  
Including an update on St.  
Teresa's Hospice by Nicola Myers  
and presentation of AmAm Golf  
cheque

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speaker:  
Alan Pilkington gives the  
Remembrance Day message

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

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three hours, Jimmy gave an overview of his football career at Sunderland and beyond. He described his early days as an apprentice and a range of jobs each week like cleaning boots and sweeping the terraces. This meant there was little time for football, “we only saw a ball once or twice a week.”

His admiration for manager Alan Davies was evident and his pride in playing for the team that won promotion to the old Division One. He played with “the great” Brian Clough including the match in which he got his career ending injury. Jimmy ended his playing days as a reserve goalkeeper under Clough at Nottingham Forest – training twice a week and winning a European Cup medal...can't be bad!

Jimmy railed against modern tactics and then went into deeper water by questioning the Women's game. To Brian Park's delight he said he thought Arsenal would win the league this year. He also answered questions including saying he had no memory of the famous double save in 1973.

Lifelong fan Tom Nutt gave a nostalgic vote of thanks and a copy of his book for a talk appreciated by everyone.



L. to R.: Host Tom Nutt, President Jeff and speaker Jimmy Montgomery with Fred Greenhow politely photo bombing.

**DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

See You There!!

**“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

**Board circulating**  
Rotary Club General Account  
52-30-18 41856384

The Secretary has circulated details by email of the club's programme for World Polio Day on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>.



Crocuses will be going to schools, an awareness raising stand put up in the town centre and a speaker will be with us on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Purple lights were available to take today and will be again at next Friday's breakfast along with suggested social media messages to post alongside your tealight vigil pics...the email also had sample social messages and colourful speech bubbles to use with your photos and messaging.



Thank you for helping to spread awareness of the fight to end polio.

For full details of above click on the following (Ctrl+click) :  
[Club Briefing](#) [Social Media](#) [Speech Bubbles](#)

**Big well done...**

to Sue Campbell for getting two stories about the club into the digital version of the national magazine – featuring our Centenary Stone and support for Firthmoor Boxing Club. If you missed it [click here](#)



**A Sad Mag**



**Ron Hall Trophy The Winter Golf Tournament**

All members welcome  
Rounds 1-3 to be held  
9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec  
Tee times from 09.00  
Blackwell Grange Golf Club  
Contact Ian Lyle

**September Giving**

Donations approved by Club Council at September Meeting:

Proceeds of AmAm Golf to St. Teresa's Hospice: £8,207  
Purple4Polio Crocuses (Schools): £80  
Theo Spinks (Thai Boxer): £250;  
Rotary M'bro Erimus (Gazebo): £200  
Rachel Steedman (Weightlifter): £250  
RYLA (Celebration Meals): £137  
Support for Ukrainian Family (Furniture voucher for St T's): £200  
**TOTAL: £9,323**

**Club Information**

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

**MS Society Quiz**

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