



## Reversing Into Christmas

President Jeff welcomed 24 members and four guests who were Faye Marsh from Darlington Borough Council’s Looked After Through Care Team. With her was Chris Marsden, Robin Stein and Kristin Noble. There were no visiting Rotarians for the first time in a month and 17 apologies.



Notices included Nigel Little announcing this year’s “Reverse Advent Box” project which will officially start in November. Instead of opening a door on a calendar for a chocolate you open a box and put something in. Details will follow and it is no coincidence that Nigel made the announcement on the day Faye was speaking to us (more to follow later).

Kevin Robinson reported that Peter Crotty, inspirational leader of N Gage Learning, would be taking part in his first Boxing Match on 16<sup>th</sup> November at the age of 43 years. Jonathan Dulston will be selling tickets and making arrangements to see him in Worksop....watch this space!

There were no health issues reported by Walid and Valerie Park won the Bonus Ball which, of course, was greeted by many cries of, “FIX”.

President Jeff stated that it had been a quiet week, the only meeting being Community Service the previous evening. He didn’t share any secrets about the meeting so members will have to wait for the minutes to come out.



Our speaker was Faye Marsh from the Darlington Borough Council’s Looked After Through Care Team. (In the middle at the back of the photo with the President.) Accompanied by fellow manager Chris Marsden and Peer Mentors Robin Stein and Kristin Noble. Faye spoke with passion and commitment about the daunting task they take on.

They work in the Leaving Care Service which ensures that all of those aged 16 – 25 years get stability as they move into independent living and the rest of their adult lives having previously been in foster or residential facilities. They are currently supporting 178 people many now with children of their own and not necessarily still living in Darlington.

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## Coming Soon...

October Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Choirs for St Cuthbert’s:** Tickets £10 – on the door

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
**PR Group:** 6pm at the Hospice

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Club Lunch Meeting:** Speaker – goalkeeper Jimmy Montgomery

**St. Teresa’s Hospice “Memory Walk”**

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

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

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](#)

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

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

### Reversing Into Christmas continued.....

Faye also expressed heartfelt thanks to Rotary and the people of Darlington for the 150+ gift boxes last Christmas and welcomed the announcement that it was happening again. She described the delight when boxes were opened and a range of generous and practical gifts were found.

Faye also thanked Rotary for giving Ramazan, an 18-year-old Turkish refugee who arrived on a boat from France, the opportunity to complete RYLA this year. She reported that he spoke in English to a group of 90 people which they had never seen before.

Questions were asked about this year's Reverse Advent Calendar, details will follow. Gary Blenkinsopp gave the vote of thanks.

### DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
At Hurworth Grange Community Centre

Tickets: £36  
Dancing to Railtown

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The Secretary has circulated details by email of the club's programme for World Polio Day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Crocuses will be going to schools, an awareness raising stand is planned, a speaker will be with us on October 18<sup>th</sup> and we are all urged to take photos with purple lights to be distributed. For full details please [click here](#)

### "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

Plenty of opportunity to back horses, sponsor races and a fun social time.

**Board circulating – payments due now – emails to follow to everyone on the list**

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### Banjo Man



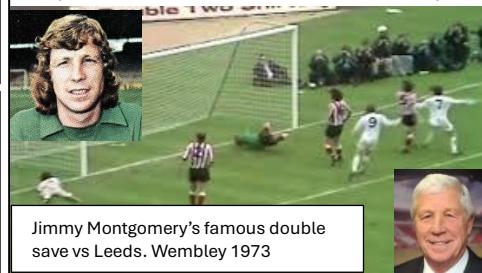
### Reminiscing....

After breakfast President Jeff went with Angela Stevenson and Gary Blenkinsopp to meet Library Manager Suzy Hill and Librarian Mandy Fay to visit the Reminiscence Room we helped to fund – Charlie the dog and a great project within a fabulous Library.



### Next Week's Speaker

(Leeds United Fans look away!)



Jimmy Montgomery's famous double save vs Leeds. Wembley 1973

### MS Society Quiz

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

### Club Information

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