



Friday 15th November 2024

Boxes, Bond Cars and a Book

President Jeff welcomed 32 members and 2 guests with 16 apologies received. Guests were prospective corporate member Andrew Craddock from Darlington Building Society and our speaker Phil Sculthorpe.

Notices were given about Reverse Advent Boxes, all things Christmas Trees and Race Night – details of these appear later in this report. Also, Tony Marshall confirmed that he would be arranging a daytime visit to the Aston Works in Beamish. Details overleaf...basically, let Tony know if you are interested in seeing James Bond's favourite car ... and those of King Charles too!



Notices not appearing elsewhere in this report were:

- Nigel Little announced that after extensive research with Peter Phillips there is to be another Italian Night at Tre Amici Restaurant on Tuesday 4th February;
- Kevin Robinson announced that Polam School Interact Club would be holding their annual charter night dinner on Friday 29th November, price £30. Please contact him if you wish to attend (always a good night in support of our Interact members).

The President reported on another busy week which started last Friday with Darlington's Stronger Community Awards. This made it into last week's report and it was good to hear from President Jeff about the event. It was also reported that the Rotary Young Citizen of the Year, Adiy Ahmed, had been nominated for a national Rotary Young Citizen Award.

Remembrance Sunday meant that the President attended the Civic Service in Holy Trinity Church then was a part of the procession to the Cenotaph for the Act of Remembrance at 11:00. He laid the wreath on behalf of all in the club and commented on the solemnity and poignancy of the ceremony and the whole occasion.

On Tuesday Youth Service Committee was successfully held at Darlington College. The President reported on the planning for Austin Brooks Youth Day and reiterated the details of a request already circulated by email from organiser Peter Campbell for volunteers to assist on the day. 9 schools mean many visitors to be looked after. Contact Peter Campbell if you are willing to help.

Walid had reported that Sarah Rose was unwell and the best wishes of the club are extended to her for a full and speedy recovery. The President also reported that John Turner is now back home in Abbeyfields following his fall – we wish him all the best.

This week the Bonus Ball was won by Margaret Jowett.

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Coming Soon...

Wednesday 20th
6:00pm Club Service Meeting
at Dolphin Centre

Friday 22nd
12:15pm Club Lunch Meeting
Special General 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

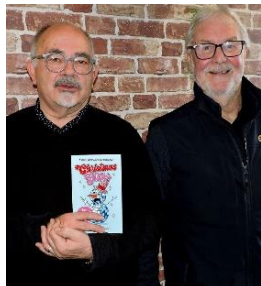
Saturday 14th
11:00-12:00 Reverse Advent Box
Collection at St Augustine's
Parish Centre, Larchfield Street

Thursday 19th
Christmas Magic Concert
7:30pm at All Saints Church

Friday 20th
12:00 Christmas Message
Meeting - See overleaf

Boxes, Bond Cars and a Book.....continued

The Secretary announced that there would be a PR Group Meeting at St Teresa's Hospice at 5:00pm on Wednesday – this has now been moved to the 27th. Club Service is meeting at 6:00pm in the Dolphin Centre next Wednesday (20th). Next Friday's lunch meeting is our Special General Meeting when nominees for all key positions will be elected as well as The President giving an update of the Rotary year so far and our achievements.



Our speaker was Phil Sculthorpe who is the son of Past President the late Haydn Sculthorpe. He has written a humorous collection of short stories for the festive season called *Christmas Glitter*. There are 26 stories in all – one for each day of Advent. Phil's lively presentation included a reading of *The Snowman* which is the story for December 12th and left many of us wondering about the shape of a parsnip.

The books were sold for £10 each with all proceeds being given to The President's chosen charity Children's Cancer Trust. More details can be found on Phil's [website](#) or [Facebook](#).



“FIFTH FRIDAY” RACE NIGHT

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

£15 including hot buffet and dessert

TriCast opportunities to all - £1 a go – see email to be circulated

Board circulating
Any proceeds go to Club funds

Christmas Message Meeting



Friday 20th December
12:00 Noon



Speaker: Dr Roger James

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

Meals to be ordered in advance, pay on the door

Wall of Kindness



Humble apologies Pics of the launch of our Wall of Kindness at Firthmoor Community Centre last week were received ... and promptly forgotten!!

Here President Jeff with Rtn. Jonathan Dulston and an already impressive choice of coats given with kindness.

The idea is a simple one ... Donate good quality, clean coats and jackets on a hanger and people who need them can take one. Managed by Firthmoor Community Centre the Wall will help those most in need this winter. Part of an international movement ... plenty of examples if you search on Google or click [here](#) for website.

A simple act of kindness makes a whole wall of difference

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.



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**

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.



Club Information

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