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Driving the wheel of fellowship

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Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

December

Monday 5th Joint Christmas Dinner IW 7 p.m.

Monday 12th Normal Meeting Jennie Taylor Colin Derrick

Monday 19th Christmas Lunch No Speaker Social Meeting

Monday 26th Christmas Holidays No Meeting

January '23

Monday 2nd New Year's Day Holiday No Meeting

Monday 9th Normal Meeting Brenda Parcell Anne Baker

Thursday 12th Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Monday 16th Business Meeting

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting David Toone David Haynes

Monday 30th Normal Meeting John Wilson John Roberson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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Happy Christmas and New Year

Barbara Lucas a trustee of "Water for Kids" was our speaker on Monday 1st November who gave us an in depth talk on the charity.



In the past 20 years "Water for Kids" has transformed the lives of over 390,000 people. We have provided water, sanitation and hygiene education to 154 communities in nine countries.

"Water for Kids" was set up as a charity in 1996 after two Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) visited Peru as part of a scheme to help eradicate cholera. They were concerned that people in small and less formal settlements needed environmental health services in general and safe water in particular. They looked for a charity which was addressing these issues, but they could not find one. So they set up "Water for Kids" as a UK charity, rooted in environmental health.

The name 'Water for Kids' was chosen because it is a good description of what the charity does and if the kids have water, so do all the members of the community. The emphasis on kids also suggests an investment in the future. We were told that they work closely with their overseas connections and with the local people to ensure their projects are sustainable. Projects in Uganda and Zambia are managed on behalf of Water for Kids by local environmental health professionals.

A very informative talk by someone who took a lot of trouble to answer questions posed by members at the end of her talk.

The fact that people are born with two eyes and two ears but only one tongue suggests that they ought to look and listen twice as much as they speak.

David Haynes - profile 7th November 2022

I was born in Ullesthorpe thirteen days before the out break of the 2nd World War, the third of four children, a good position in a family as you get away with murder. I attended Ullesthorpe village school until the age of seven when I transferred to Stoneygate School in Leicester travelling at first each day by train on the old Rugby to Leicester Line and then it was an old penny bus ride up to Stoneygate. I later became a weekly border. At thirteen I moved school to Rossall near Blackpool, the school was on the Fylde Peninsular near Fleetwood a tough place in the winter, even the trees grew at 45 degrees! We played hockey on the beach in the January term with the wind and rain lashing round our legs. On my first day at the School I was put on the train from Rugby to Blackpool by my mother, in the care of John Petch (member of Wycliffe Rotary Club) who was already at the school, from Blackpool we took the tram to Fleetwood, John escorted me into the House Masters study and said "this is Haynes Sir" that was my introduction to the school. I did consider becoming a vet but being only academically average the careers master, very wisely, said "Haynes you had better be a farmer" so at 17 I came back to the farm.

After my return to Ullesthorpe, for six or seven years I was very active in Lutterworth Young Farmers Club, which had over a hundred members and was one of the principle social activities for the young people in the Lutterworth area. In the year I was Chairman we won the County Rally, which consisted of inter-club competitions in farming and home life skills. It was through Y.F.C. I made many long lasting friendships. I was also a very keen Rugger player and played for Newbold for many years.

At about the age of twenty five I was too old for Y.F.C. and I realised I must take life more seriously as my father was getting older and I needed to take over the management of the farm. I married Jane when I was 29 and we bought a small farm at Claybrooke Parva where we lived for seven years, during which time my two children Clare and Edward were born. I moved back to the main farm in 1977 which was Jubilee year and we celebrated the occasion in both villages, having the

first of many "cook your own" barbeques in the farm buildings at Ullesthorpe, For a few years these were very popular having up to seven hundred attend. In 1978 I was asked to join Rotary by Graham Johnson who could see what an asset I, or rather my farm buildings, would be for the Club's fund raising activities! I was President for the first time in 1985-86 and at that time District were pushing for more Rotary Clubs and I helped co-ordinate the formation of the Wycliffe Club.

Over the years the farming has changed, in my father's time it was mainly a grassland farm producing beef and lamb much of which was sold at the local markets in Rugby and Ullesthorpe; when I took over the farm arable farming had become more profitable and so most of the grassland was drained and ploughed. There are still some cattle and sheep on the farm but now the main livestock enterprise is pigs. I still enjoy my farming and have no thoughts of retiring, I am very fortunate in having three very loyal employees who have worked on this farm all, for most of their working lives. So I am able to confidently leave them to manage when I want to go away, or have a game of golf.

In 1990 I separated from Jane and in 1998 I married Doreen and we built a new house for ourselves on the farm and my daughter Clare and husband Tony moved into the old farm house.

TEDDIES UPDATE

Christmas is a time for giving – a reminder of the time in 2011 when Lutterworth Rotary, through Elaine Turner, started to supply orphaned and traumatised children around the world with a true Christmas present (for life) a knitted teddy of their own. To date just short of 10,000 knitted teddies (not only for Christmas but as a first toy of their own) have been supplied to such children in around 45 countries. Elaine at the start of her project made a personal target of 10,000 and has now reached 9,700. It would be wonderful if she, with your help, could reach her target this year – some 11 years from the start of her dream. I am attaching a pattern for those knitters to help Elaine's dream come true.

JUST 300 TEDDIES TO GO!

Knitted Teddies Pattern

Instructions:

Double knitting wool 1 pair size 10 knitting needles

Main colour for head and paws (preferably fawn)

Colours for trousers, jumper and scarf (should be bright)

Stuffing – please only stuff teddy with polyester or other healthy padding. Foam rubber is not recommended.

Cast on 10 stitches main colour.

Knit 10 rows (garter stitch).

Continue in garter stitch for 30 rows in trouser colour.

Make another leg in the same way.

Knit across stitches and work 16 rows.

Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows.

Change to main colour for head and also change to stocking stitch.

Work for 5½ inches.

Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows.

Continue remainder of Teddy in reverse order.

Stitch down the sides of the head.

With jumper colour, pick up 8 stitches either side of the neck join (16 in all) and knit 20 rows.

Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew up Teddy leaving opening in crotch.

Turn right side out and sew diagonal top corners for ears before stuffing.

After stuffing, run a thread through the knitting around the neck to draw it in.

Sew a happy face and for the mouth use either stem stitch or back stitch.

Scarf—Cast on 75 stitches.

Knit 4 rows and cast off.

Tie scarf on Teddy and sew firmly to the back of the neck, close to the jumper edge.

Don't sew down at the front.

If you would like to make a material bag with a drawstring at the top 10" x 13" that would be great but not essential for children to carry teddies away in the bag!!!

Many of Elaine's early knitters regrettably are no longer able to knit so she is looking for new volunteers. It would be good to complete her dream total of 10,000 and with people able to travel again thus enabling the teddies to travel too. Teddies could then be delivered to other parts of the world where they will comfort their new owners at a time of illness and stress.

For those new knitters wishing to provide new Teddies for onward transmission to orphanages please contact Elaine on 01455 553425 to see where they should be sent.

Talk on Sue Sharp's life and career 28th November '22

I was born in the village of Milton Keynes where my grandfather was the village policeman—the time when offenders had to be walked to Bletchley some 4 miles away in order to get transport to Aylesbury for a Court Hearing.

An early childhood memory was accompanying my parents to the Charles Wells Brewery in Bedford to obtain a pub tenancy. The pub was a lovely thatched building with a range of customers from the oil magnate Nabar Gulbenkian to the Irish boys building the M1 nearby. There was never any trouble from them as their foreman rented the cottage next door to us. The move to the pub put me in the position of having to cycle to school 3 miles away. My companions were Billy Howell and Michael Gamon. Years later meeting my husband Doug at Heathrow I went to

the flight desk with a telegram query, the girl looked at it and said 'her husband was from my village', it was Michael Gamon's wife! Small world!

After bringing up 2 sons I went to work at Aston Martin as secretary to John Wyer M.D. where I met my husband to be who was boss of Road Test and Rectification.

We came to Coventry when Doug joined Massey Ferguson Research and he worked in the early days on 4 wheel drive. Doug was asked to take a project car to Harry Ferguson at his estate in Stow for him to road test. Doug found him hiding behind a tree as he had turned into a recluse—his chauffeur took Doug to the Unicorn pub for lunch while Harry Ferguson had an hour with the car.

Going back to work I really fell on my feet with a great job.

Having taken a Legal Executive Course, on behalf of our solicitors, I was asked to accompany offenders, who could not be dealt with in the Magistrate's Court, to the Crown Court. Here they would meet their barrister, Trials in Warwick Crown Court always started on a Monday with sentencing on a Friday.

Clients ranged from boys putting the boot in to house burglars but only one murderer. I also took statements in Winsome Green Prison and sometimes helped in the Domestic Court which I found far more harrowing than the Criminal Court.

I spent some time in the USA but we retired to Bitteswell as my husband had cancer. After his death I did part time work at George Eliot Hospital as the theatre receptionist and then a stint as a volunteer at both LOROS and St Cross Hospital in Rugby. That's me!

Water Aid Collection from Greyhound Wishing Well

May I report that £105-33 has recently been collected from the "wishing well" at the Greyhound and through our treasurer will shortly be sent on to "Water Aid".

Future Events

Friday 9th December

Salvation Army Band - 7-30 p.m. at St Nicholas Church South Kilworth

Friday 16th December

A Christmas Carol at - Royal Shakespeare Theatre Stratford on Avon

Saturday 11th February '23

Skittles at Wolvey Bowls Club

Friday 17th February '23

The Mouse Trap at the Belgrave Theatre Coventry

Friday 14th April '23

Medieval Banquet at Coombe Abbey - Coventry

Saturday 13th May '23

Abba Concert - De Montfort Hall - 7-30 p.m.

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