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Driving the wheel of fellowship

February '23 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

February

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 6th Normal Meeting Sally Parkinson David Toone

Thursday 9th Council Meeting 7-00 p.m.

Monday 13th Business Meeting

Monday 20th Normal Meeting Bernard Johnson Steve Tallis

Monday 27th Normal Meeting David Woolliscroft Brenda Parcell

March

Monday 6th Joint Meeting Venue and time to be advised

Thursday 9th Council Meeting 7-00 p.m.

Monday 13th Business Meeting

Monday 20th Normal Meeting Peter Osborn John Howell

Monday 27th Normal Meeting Martin Iliffe Sally Parkinson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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First Christmas Card

I thought you might find it interesting , if you did not know already, to see a copy of (arguably ?) the first Xmas card ever, which was created in England in 1834.



Future Events

Friday 27th January

A Fun and Games Evening -South Kilworth Village Hall 6-30p.m.
Tickets £12-50 which includes a hot supper

Saturday 11th February

Skittles at Wolvey Bowls Club

Friday 17th February

The Mouse Trap at the Belgrave Theatre Coventry

Friday 14th April

Medieval Banquet at Coombe Abbey—Coventry

Saturday 13th May

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

Talk on Dementia

Our speaker on Monday 5th January was Professor Jackie Parkes who spoke to the club about Dementia.

Jackie was an experienced mental health nurse and had worked in a broad range of mental health and disability settings prior to moving into Higher Education.

She is the lead of the Northamptonshire Dementia Research & Innovation Centre at the University of Northampton and lead for Public and Patient Involvement. Her subject specialisms are nursing and mental health research, with a particular focus on developing and implementing person-centred care pathways. She works extensively with local organisations to evaluate their provision of health and social care services, including community-based interventions for people living with dementia. She is the Chair of the Northamptonshire Dementia Action Forum and is a member of the Leicestershire Dementia Action Alliance.

Jackie has also established four community-based social groups for people with dementia; the Forget-me-nots Social YOD Group, Qualified by Experience (QBE) for former carers, the Post-diagnostic Support Unity DEM Centre in Northants and the Lutterworth **Share & Care Group** for people with dementia and their carers in South Leicestershire.

In Lutterworth the Club made a collection in Morrisons for **the Share and Care Group** before Christmas and in spite of the economic pressure on families shoppers gave generously, anxious to support this local and deserving cause, As always members of both clubs happily giving their time to the task of collecting (in two days) £1,187-36.

The Share and Care Group have use of the ex-caretaker's house in the grounds of Lutterworth College (near 1st gate on Greenacres) as their headquarters. The house has offices upstairs and a kitchen with large social/work areas downstairs. In 2022 a large "summer house" was built in the garden by volunteers, where outside activities can be enjoyed

by everyone. Where those with dementia and those who care for them have a programme of events, classes to promote interests and social coffee/tea mornings with volunteer helpers. All are made welcome and they say it is good to be out in the community and stimulated by a programme chosen to help everyone.

Jackie's notes on her talk will be published at a later date.

Crime Prevention in the UK over the past decade or two

Our speaker today Alec Carson-Jones spoke on Crime Prevention and the role the Police played in Crime Prevention. He explained that over a period of time the level and pattern of crime has not been easy to measure as over a relatively lengthy historical period.



In relation to crimes recorded by the police there have been a number of differing role responsibilities of the police, then with far-reaching changes in the law this has either created new offences or redefined old ones. Moreover in 1980 the basis on which national criminal statistics were compiled changed substantially. However, it is possible to make a series of adjustments to take account of the most significant of these changes.

Figures illustrate the increase in the rate of offences recorded by the police in England and Wales between 1950 and 1993 -- an increase from around 1 per hundred of the population in 1950 to 10 per hundred in 1993. Increases in relation to some specific offences have been even greater than this: there was, for example, a 28-fold increase in motor vehicle theft in the same period and a 48-fold increase in robbery. Recorded types of crime per 100 population in England and Wales between 1950 and 1993 have dramatically changed. He went on to cover a wide range of incidents of local interest when prompted by questions posed by members.

Come on smile

As I have a bit of space this month I thought you'd like something to smile about while thinking of all those price increases

Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it.

When you're young you know a whole lot you won't know later.

Yes, I am growing older. But the important word in that sentence is not older it is "growing".

I wouldn't have seen it if I hadn't believed it.

The fewer the facts the stronger the opinion.

I'm always fascinated by the way memory diffuses facts.

If God really intended men to fly he'd make it easier to get to the airport

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living : the other helps you make a life.

It's not easy taking my problems one at a time when they refuse to get in line.

Learning music by reading about it is like making love by mail.

Democracy is a small hard core of common agreement, surrounded by a rich variety of individual differences.

The reason people blame things on previous generations is that there's only one other choice.

Inflation is when the buck doesn't stop anywhere.

There's one four—letter word you don' hear much anymore—cash.

The History of the Food Bank

The Trussell Trust

Carol and Paddy Henderson founded the Trussell Trust in 1997 based on a legacy left by Carol's mother, Betty Trussell.

The Trussell Trust's initial Bulgaria projects focused on improving conditions for the 60+ children sleeping rough at the Central Railway Station in Bulgaria.

In 2000, Paddy received a call from a mother in Salisbury, who was struggling to afford food and faced sending her children to bed hungry.

Paddy investigated data on poverty and deprivation in the UK and found that a significant number of people faced going hungry as a result of a sudden crisis.

So Paddy started **Salisbury Foodbank** in his garden shed and garage, providing three days' emergency food to local people in crisis. The food bank model spread rapidly through church networks and, in particular, inspiration was drawn from a verse from Matthew's gospel in the Bible which reads: "*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you visited me.*" (Matthew 25:35-36)

Network of food banks

Twenty years later, we now support a network of food banks across the UK, supported by thousands of volunteers. Each provides emergency food to people in crisis, and additional support to help tackle the root causes that sweep people into poverty and build people's resilience, so they are less likely to need a food bank in the future. We know it takes more than food to end hunger. So we bring together the experiences of food banks in our network, and their communities, to challenge the structural economic issues that lock people in poverty, and campaign for change to end hunger and poverty in the UK so that food banks can be resigned to the history books.

Canadian Farming Trip

Our speaker was one of our members –John Wilson talking on a most interesting trip he made to Canada and Alaska a decade ago.

His talk was illustrated by a wide range of pictures showing the countryside along with the people he met, such as the Amish who were still traditional in their way of farming and way of life.



His trip covered Vancouver, parts of northern Canada and southern Alaska where dairy farming featured showing some immaculate farms done on a grand scale.

Dairy farming is one of the largest agricultural sectors in all of Canada .

Dairy farming has a significant presence in all the provinces and is one of the top two agricultural commodities in seven of the ten provinces. In 2018 there were 967,700 dairy cows on 10,679 farms across the country



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