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Driving the wheel of fellowship

July '14 Newsletter

July Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 7th Normal Meeting Roger Rose John Roberson

Thursday 10th Council

Monday 14th Business Meeting

Monday 21st Normal Meeting Phillip Toye Hugh Roberson Smith

Monday 28th Joint Meeting with Wycliffe Evening Club 7-30 p.m.

August

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Steve Tallis Brenda Parcell

Monday 11th Normal Meeting Elaine Turner David Perkins

Thursday 14th Council

Monday 18th Business Meeting

Monday 25th **Bank Holiday** **No Meeting**

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell **David Ayres** Tel: 01455 202224 email ayres4feet@btinternet.com

Tom Dalby Profile

I was born on 12th March 1938 in Leicester and lived at Peatling House Farm, Countesthorpe. I had one brother called David who was 4 years older than me.

When I was 11 years old I ran away from home, after turning a plate of rice pudding upside down on the dinner table.

I lived with my Aunt until I was 20 yrs. old

I did an Electricians Apprenticeships Course at Rawdykes Road, and cycled there every day. I lodged in Loughborough for a while as part of the training was there and I worked for the Electricity Board for a short time.

I then returned home to work on the farm to work with my Father and Brother.

There was a house with the farm, and I was told I could live in the house while I worked on the farm. After 3 yrs. I wanted to move on. "OK." said Dad "I'll have my house back. So off I went.

By this time Diana and I had met at a Y.F.C. Barn Dance in John Baker's barn at Bruntingthorpe.

I moved down to Maidenhead and took a job with the Admiralty at Ditton Park, Slough. After a while I took a job as a rep. travelling from John O'Groats to Land's End.

I bought a Maisonette in Cox Green and on 17th July 1965 married Diana at Claybrooke Parva. It was a lovely sunny day which followed a long spell of rain and those who were working on a farm were reluctant to come as they wanted to get the hay in.

We had our honeymoon in Ventnor on the Isle of White (after telling everybody we were going camping in Scotland). We moved into the Maisonette and 10 months later Anthony was born.

A bungalow came up for sale round the corner which we bought and moved into just before Zillah arrived in June 1967. Both children were born at the Canadian Hospital in Taplow.

After 18 months we heard that a property was coming up for sale in Leire by auction. As my boss was willing for me to move to the centre of the country, I took my father and father-in-law to the auction and bought Holmleigh (which we renamed Stemborough House) with 10 acres for £3,300 (a very basic house with no electricity upstairs).

A fortnight before we moved from Cox Green we were visiting Ullesthorpe for a few days and I went over to Leire (early in the

morning, before the builders got there) to spray the inside of the roof and attic with Rentokil. It had been snowing and some had settled on the landing (the roof was in the process of being re-slatted). I hadn't scotched the ladder-and Rentokil is greasy. The ladder slipped and I fell 8ft. onto the rungs-breaking my pelvis, and therefore had 6 weeks in hospital. Diana had to go back with Mother-in-law and the 2 children to organise the move-and guess what-we had had burglars!!! Luckily not much mess-but they had broken into the children`s money boxes. We enjoyed our time at Stemborough and I moved to English Electric at Whetstone to be nearer home. After Mum and Dad Blanchard died we moved to The Firs -much to the disgust of the children. "I am stopping here.!!!" Said Zillah, but we moved -donkey and all.

After 2 years we took a shop in Countesthorpe with a partner and opened up an Antique Business. We bought a house in Arnesby from Doug Beeson-Chestnut Farm which was renamed Arnesby House. It had tree roots lifting the tiles in the hallway and there was a great deal of foundation work to be done. After 6 months this was not working out so we sold Arnesby and moved back to The Firs.

We bought Garden Cottage in Mill Road Ullesthorpe and renovated it. We employed Wilf Smith for a time but there was a bit of friction and I am afraid I had to lock him in a cupboard for a while!!! Life gradually settled down and I was able to concentrate more on my love of gardening. I say "If the garden is perfect the house will sell!!!"

My Grandfather Thornton bought and sold houses in and around Crick in Northamptonshire and moved 34 times in a few years-so houses are in my blood. And the bungalow we finally built in our orchard at Ullesthorpe and continue to live in Mulberry House ---but before we could move we had to live at No.5 Station Road, next to the Butchers Shop-as Zillah and Bob were anxious to move into The Firs as the birth of their second baby was imminent. An end to house moves.

David Haynes – Paul Harris Award 30th May

David a member of our Club for some 36 years received his prestigious Paul Harris Award at the Lutterworth Golf Club in the presence of our Danish visitors from our twin overseas club (Ribild).

David joined Lutterworth Rotary in 1978 becoming President in 1985/86 and again 2004/05. He has been our unsung hero over the years taking on whatever job has been thrust upon him. The Club are delighted he has accepted this well deserved award. His name regularly comes up when the question is asked – who will know that – “ask David”.

Many CONGRATULATIONS.



Barn Dance - Saturday 31st May

A party of 7 Danish Rotarian visitors enjoyed a Barn Dance as part of the stay with us on Saturday 31st May organised by John Wilson, Graham Johnson, and a very willing team of helpers.

The event hosted by David and Doreen Haynes in their large barn at Manor Farm, Ullesthorpe, attracted over 250 local people on what turned out to be a very successful night, after a cold wet week we were very lucky to have a lovely warm dry evening. Guests filled the floor from early in the evening and danced until late to live music by ***The Petronella Band with caller Tom Tilley.***

Dancers were able to refresh themselves with a Hog Roast, Pancakes, Ice Cream, Coffee, and of course the very busy bar.



Sideshows included a Horseshoe Throwing Competition, Tombola, and a very successful Silent

Auction, that raised an amazing £1,280.



Many thanks to all who supported our event and helped to raise over £3,500 for the Air Ambulance and Rotary Charities. A memorable evening before our Danish visitors returned home on Sunday.

The Danish Invasion



Hugin—to

commemorate first Viking landing in AD449

The Editor witnessed its arrival at Broadstairs Kent in 1949

Our Danish visitors were collected from Birmingham Airport early Thursday 29th May, they had flown in from both Copenhagen and Hamburg (*and not in a Viking Galley as we had half expected!!!*). We took them to lunch at an old pub near Bedworth on the side of the canal before going to **Toye Kenning and Spencer** to see regalia being made for organisations like Rotary including military ribbons for the Services. They were most intrigued by the machinery being used some of which was 100 years old. Their evening was spent being entertained by their Rotary hosts.

The following day was spent visiting Well Dressing at Tissington along with Chatsworth House with 21 Rotarians and their wives, before having an enjoyable social evening at Lutterworth Golf Club where David Haynes one of our members was presented with his Paul Harris Award.

Saturday was a mixed day where their hosts chose various venues before returning to join Lutterworth Rotary's Barn Dance at David Haynes farm in Ullesthorpe.

After a very full weekend they departed on Sunday taking away many happy memories which can be summed up by a letter sent to one of our hosts

Quote – "We really enjoyed our stay. The countryside was beautiful, the people in it so warm and friendly and the gatherings so much fun.

We were impressed by your efforts with the Barn Dance your pleasant company and the amount of energy you both possess".

Our thanks to Steve Tallis (International Chairman) for organising such an enjoyable long weekend

Twinning Association—2nd June

Vive l'entente cordiale Lutterworth & District Twinning Association
Our speakers—Christine Horsfall and Tony Jukes spoke to us about "Chambourcy" to which Lutterworth is twinned.

It is a town of around 5,000 just 30 km west of Paris. We were told that contacts between the two Town Councils was first made in 1996—the Association being formed in 1998.

Friends from Chambourcy will be visiting the town again between October 3-6th when it is thought they will challenge us to a Boules Tournament. We look forward to seeing them at the end of the year.

Menphys Charity—9th June

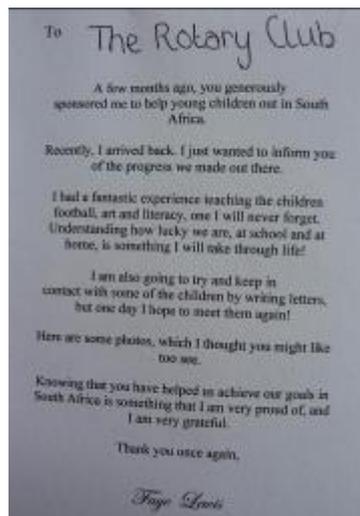
David Peake—fundraiser and marketing manager for Menphys (a charity we supported at last years Santa Fun Run) came to tell us more about the work they do both in Leicestershire and Rutland.

The charity was formed in 1969 and is 50% funded by Leicester County Council caring for local children and young people with disabilities along with supporting their families.

Menphys assists and enhances the provision of specialist nurseries in both Wigston and Burbage while their special outreach services supports children and young people up to the age of 19.

Other areas the charity covers are "The Buddy Scheme" a one to one facility which provides families with a short break. The Saturday Club which is provided in both Clarendon Park Road and Braunstone Avenue, Leicester each week and provides a wide range of sport and leisure activities.

His talk was very interesting and informative but too long to print here. Anyone interested to learn more should turn up www.menphys.org.uk



Upgraded Venue



Since the upgrade of the restaurant at the Greyhound we have moved upstairs to the Christina Room which has also had a facelift and is now accessible by a chairlift for those of us who find stairs difficult.

Thank you Robert for being so thoughtful. May I (*as editor*) say thank you from the Club for your continued support of the two Rotary Clubs in so many ways.

Inner Wheel 60th Anniversary Tuesday 27th May

Inner Wheel celebrated their Diamond Charter with Afternoon Tea at Coombe Abbey Hotel. On a rather grey day, which was brightened by members' colourful dresses and tops, we enjoyed the palatial setting. President Sue Staples welcomed Jackie Brame, District 7 Chairman and members from four other IWs saying the Tea was a repeat idea from the inaugural meeting in 1954. Then founder member Edith Islip cut our birthday cake and shared some memories of the club's earliest days. Entertainment from local actress and author Madalyn Morgan with poems by Joyce Grenfell and Pam Ayres ended a very special afternoon.

Future Events

Recyclable Sale—Tuesday 22nd—Friday 25th July

Graham Johnson will be holding the Sale on his lawn at:-

Field House - Ashby Lane - Bitteswell from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Big Bike Ride—Sunday 17th August

Put a note in your diary please

The 3rd Big Bike ride will be run from Misterton Hall and have 4 routes as last year 11, 23, 39, and 62 miles finishing back at Misterton Hall.

Entry fee £10 under 12 £5 and includes a Hog Roast.

In aid of Epilepsy Action and Rotary Charities.

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