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Driving the wheel of fellowship

January '15 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

<u>January</u>	<u>Speaker Finder</u>	<u>Grace & Thanks</u>
Monday 5th	Normal Meeting	Sue Ensor Peter Osborn
Thursday 8th	Council	
Monday 12th	Business Meeting	
Monday 19th	Joint Lunch Meeting with Wycliffe Club	Malcolm Richardson
Monday 26th	Normal Meeting	David Haynes Brenda Burton
<u>February</u>		
Monday 2nd	Normal Meeting	Tony Hirons David Walton
Monday 9th	Normal Meeting	John Roberson John Wilson
Thursday 12th	Council	
Monday 16th	Business Meeting	
Monday 23th	Normal Meeting	David Ayres Rose Chapman

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

Sounds of Christmas—Saturday 29th November

Well over 200 people packed into St Mary's Church, Lutterworth for the "Sounds of Christmas Concert" on Saturday 29th November and they were royally entertained for the next two and a half hours. Lutterworth Town Band set the mood with a rousing medley of Christmas tunes entitled "Christmas is coming". What followed was well known literary pieces such as "Christmas" by John Betjeman, "The Night before Christmas" and the Dylan Thomas piece, "A child's Christmas in Wales", beautifully read by members of the Wycliffe Drama Group. Then music again took centre stage with a delicate and thoughtful rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy" by the local ladies choir, Rockappellas, under the excellent musical direction of Dawn Murray.

Following the interval in which the audience enjoyed a glass of wine and a mince pie, the second half saw actors, choir and band performing in turn, with standouts being a beautiful Georgian piece entitled "Tsminao Gmerto" and an excerpt from the Ayk-bourn play "Season's Greetings" which brought gales of laughter from the audience.

The evening was brought to a close with the audience singing carols accompanied by the Lutterworth Town Band.

Thanks must go to the performers who gave their services so generously and particularly to Richard Hill of Wycliffe Drama Group who devised and hosted the evening.

Proceeds from the evening going to the Lutterworth Museum and Lutterworth and District Food Bank.

Tony Hiron

Santa Fun Run - Sunday 30th November

Wow we made it – **1004 Santas** took part in the Lutterworth Rotarians Santa Fun Run (Lutterworth Wycliffe and Lutterworth Rotary Clubs) held on Sunday 30th November.



Thank you to all those who supported the event – both athletes and supporters for making our dream come true. Age did not hinder those who took part as we had our youngest of just 2 weeks (*Sonny Rhodes from Ullesthorpe*) and our eldest

being 92 (*Seppy Brown from Hazeland Court, Lutterworth*). For the 6th year of running the event we were blessed with dry mild weather. As last year there were 2 courses 4 and 5.7 km to choose from. Lutterworth Santa Fun Run has so far raised £67,000 since it was introduced some six years ago (*this figure does not take account of what was taken this year*).

It has become a major event in the Town' calendar. This could never have happened without the generosity of organisations and businesses that expect nothing in return other than the feel good factor of helping others which include the Lutterworth College and Studio School who provide the essential facilities and to the Community Church who provided



much needed refreshments at the finish.

Special thanks must also go to Barkers Pet Supplies in Church Street who housed the Santa Suits for us to draw from up to the big day. A big thank you to our sponsors – who include the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society, Asda Magna Park, Coates warehousing and distribution, William Davis Homes, Broughton Veterinary Group, Fortnum Chemist, Broomfield Solicitors, Spec-savers, Omega Kitchens and Recreate who supplied our website (free of charge).

Our special thanks must go to John Turner's committee from the two clubs together with some 40 odd marshals, who were positioned at each junction around the course making certain that those who partook went in the right direction, and everyone involved in making it a successful day.

Photo Display of Santa Fun Run

Hundreds of photos were taken at the Santa Fun Run a sample of which were displayed through the good services of Hugh Robertson Smith at the One Stop Shop and the library from Monday 8th December.

Comments made were "how much they enjoyed the occasion" and "that they are looking forward to joining us again in 2015".

East Midlands Dog Rescue—1st December

Sandy Mc Clusky our speaker spoke with passion about their work at the dog rescue centre about the number of dogs abandoned by their original owners together with the number of cruelty cases they are confronted with. She told us that over 8,500 rescue dogs are homed each year - across the county, they themselves help over 200 dogs and puppies each year. Before the dog/puppy moves to a new home - bitches are spayed to help prevent more unwanted litters of puppies. She expressed her frustration at some of the people who take on a dog not realising that a dog is for life and needs to be one

the family and not neglected after the first flush of enthusiasm in owning a dog or that puppies grow into adult dogs.

Young Chef Competition 2014

The annual Young Chef competition took place last night. Students that took part were: Drew Green (Y12), Eva Maddison, Ellie Burke, Rhea Auton, Ben Sherwood, Rhys Pope and Ruth Cleverdon (all Y10s).

All students worked really hard to achieve their two-course celebration meal in the 90 minute cooking time allowed. Not only did students have to cook but they also had to create a menu, a time plan, work out the costings for their meal and also plan how it would be presented – not an easy task. They should all be commended for their organizational skills which meant that they all finished on time.

The placing's were as follows:

1st Place - Eva Maddison

2nd Place – Ellie Burke

3rd Place Drew Green

All students did a brilliant job and it's a shame that there is only three winning places available.

The competition is supported by the Rotary Club and both Eva and Ellie

have now qualified for the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition regional final at the Samworth Academy in February 2015.



Minor Sports 2014/15

Once again The Cherry Tree at Catthorpe provided an ideal venue for the second round of this season's competition. Having knocked out Blaby on October 1st we now faced Blaby Meridian playing our usual games of Table Skittles, Devil among the Tailors, and Darts.

By the time the excellent food was served our opponents were already 3-1 down, the raffle brought them no more luck, with all three prizes either going to us or the regulars in the bar!!!,

The raffle raised a very creditable £81 towards this year's Kids Out Day at Wickstead Park.

The final score of 4-1 with 1 drawn game means Lutterworth go forward to the next round.

Thanks to everyone who took part and helping to make it such an enjoyable evening, and well done to Tom for stepping in to help the opposition !!!!

Harborough and Lutterworth Mail's 13th Annual Sports Award – 27th November

The Sports Ceremony was held at the Three Swans Hotel Conference Suite in Market Harborough on Thursday 27th November where following a three course meal finalists were awarded their Certificates.

Scott Keating from our Disabled Sports Team was a finalist



in both "Disabled Sports Personality of the year" and the "Sports Personality of the year". Scott was awarded two certificates for being a finalist in both categories. It was a very enjoyable evening which showcased the very high standard of sporting achievements by many people from both Market Harborough and across the county.

Teddies in Haiti Nov 2014



Proposed Forward Programme for 2015

Thursday 19th February - Skittles Evening at Wolvey

Thursday 16th April - Mad Hatters Tea Party at Misterton

Sunday 17th May - Plant Craft and Food Fair at Misterton

Saturday 11th July - Barn Dance

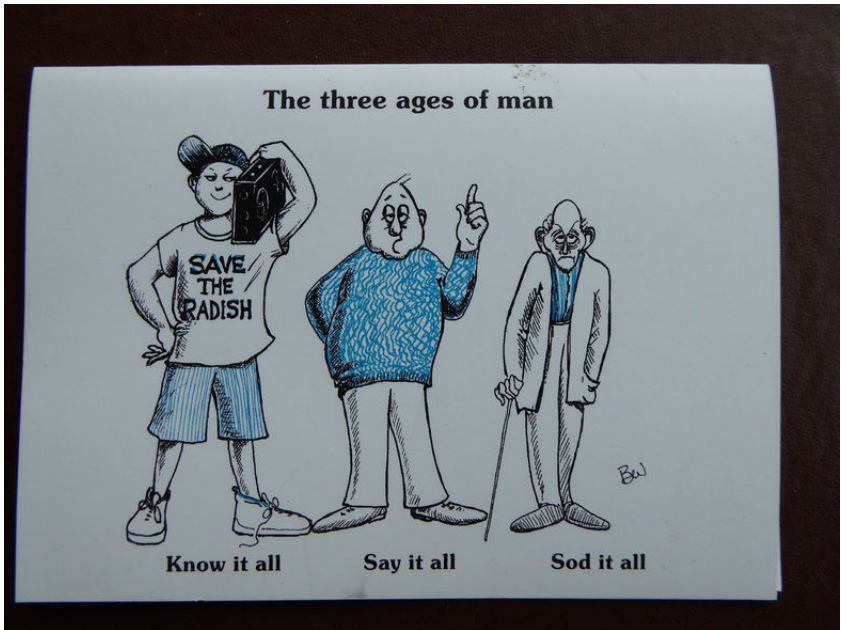
Sunday 16th August - Big Bike Ride starting at Misterton

Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th November

Disabled Championship at Coventry

Sunday 29th November - Santa Fun Run

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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