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**Driving the wheel of fellowship**

## August '15 Newsletter

<b>August</b>			<b>Speaker Finder</b>	<b>Grace &amp; Thanks</b>
Monday	3rd	Normal Meeting	Tony Hirons	Brenda Parcell
Monday	10th	Normal Meeting	Brenda Parcell	Anne Baker
Thursday	13th	Council		
Monday	17th	Business Meeting		
Monday	24th	Normal Meeting	Phillip Toye	David Perkins
Monday	30th	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		

### **September**

Monday	7th	Normal Meeting	Steve Tallis	Graham Johnson
Thursday	10th	Council Meeting		
Monday	14th	Business Meeting		
Monday	21st	Normal Meeting	David Walton	Bernard Johnson
Monday	28th	Normal Meeting	John Wells	Bridget Hunt

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

## AfriKids - 22nd June

Rob Adams - Hugh Robertson Smithy's Speaker spoke with passion about a recent trip he had made to North East Ghana on a project with **AfriKids**.

He illustrated his talk with pictures which enhanced his talk greatly (a picture speaks a thousand words).

The Charity's mission is work in partnership with a Ghanaian Non-Governmental organisation (AfriKids Ghana) working together to protect and promote child rights in Northern Ghana.

They operate under 6 headings:-

**Child Protection** *Preventing suffering violence, abuse, neglect or exploration and providing a safe home.*



**Health Care** *Ensuring children and families understand and value good health and well being and have access to quality health-care facilities and services as needed.*



**Education** *Ensuring children and communities value access and complete a good quality education which provides a platform to livelihood security*



**Rights and Advocacy** *Ensuring the basic human rights of children are understood, valued and met by children and their communities.*



**Livelihoods** *Empowering parents meet the rights of their children by creating their own financial security and receiving family planning and care advice*

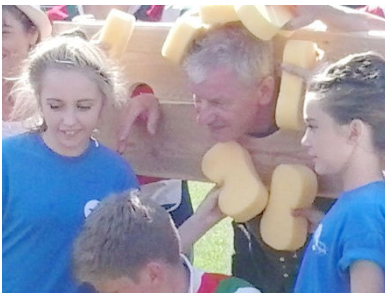


**Social Enterprise** *Enabling responsible business that creates jobs, provides quality goods and services and generates profit to fund AfriKids work.*



## Welcome to our newest Member Bernard Duesbury

We look forward to you joining our team.



Stocks or no stocks!!!



## Presidents Change over Day and Walk

Following lunch and after the induction to Rotary of Bernard Duesbury, Martin Iliffe handed over the President's Chain of Office to his successor, John Wilson. John thanked the members present for their confidence in him and said he looked forward to an interesting and successful year ahead. The new



President's first duty was to present Martin with his Past President's jewel.

After lunch, approximately 22 Rotarians and guests made their way to Burton Fields Farm where John Ensor and Bridget hosted a lovely sunny afternoon farm visit.

The party were first shown around a recently developed museum, exhibiting old agricultural vehicles, some dating back from the early 1800s, fully restored and in immaculate condition. Of particular interest was a steam ploughing engine, which is believed to be the only surviving one of that type in the world, and a wonderful horse drawn, enclosed Brougham carriage which some of us chose to sit in and were transported back to days gone by.

Also of interest was a Model T Ford car.

John then gave an overview of the arable farming enterprise, with a visit to the huge grain stores with their underfloor drying system, together with the very impressive range of cultivating, harvest-



ing and spraying equipment. The huge size and complexity of these machines was absolutely amazing. They had to be seen to be believed!

We then walked through crops of barley and oilseed rape to visit the lake and see the cygnets feeding.

Our memorable change over afternoon was concluded with a delicious tea and homemade cakes served in the garden. Many thanks to John and Bridget.

*Report by Brenda Parcell*

## **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Rev'd Charlie Styles and John Wells** *(Diamond Wedding).*

It was a memorable lunch as we celebrated the Diamond Wedding of Margaret and John Wells, the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Steve Tallis and the induction of Roger Rose as Senior Vice President.

The Rev'd Charlie Styles (Priest-in-Charge) of Lutterworth with Bitteswell and Cotesbach reflected upon his first two years in the Benefice. His talk certainly dispelled any idea people may have that it is a one day a week job. He and his family have found Lutterworth a very different but welcoming place compared to the parish he left as curate in a very run down area of Slough.



Charlie is married to Sophie with three children under seven years of age, a time consuming young family added to his role in the Church and the many and varied things he has become involved with in the community and surrounding two villages.

During his short time with us the three churches have seen changes to worship patterns, the setting up of the Lutterworth Food Bank, the Debt Advisory Service and structural changes at Lutterworth Church and currently the building of an extension at Cotesbach.

He touched upon some significant funerals he had taken, one the suicide of a young schoolgirl very soon after he arrived and how much he had learnt from the handling of national media that descended upon the town. More recently the tragic death of a young schoolboy killed on his bicycle near Gilmorton.

Away from the church he discovered on arrival that he sits as a trustee on the boards of two local charities "Lutterworth Town Estates" and "United Charities Bittteswell". He was amused to find that he is the only Trustee of the land upon which Bitteswell School stands and that it cannot be sold without his permission.

He is on the Governing Body of three local schools and Chair of the Board of Directors of Lutterworth College. At the College amongst many other things he has been involved in the setting up of a Chaplaincy.

His talk concluded with an overview of education in Lutterworth and Bitteswell and his vision of the future for education in the area which on the whole was good.

*Report by Roger Rose*

### **Lucy Air Ambulance for Children**

Elaine's Knitted Teddy Bears have now exceeded 5,000 - the latest consignment being sent to Lucy Air Ambulance for children (*Life's Care for the Young*) which co-ordinates road and the air ambulance service for sick children between hospitals. It originated in Scotland and now operates in England operating from Coventry Airport, and can reach anywhere in the UK within two hours reaching all of the UK's specialist children's units within 70 minutes. Children and clinical teams are moved using an [AgustaWestland AW109](#) helicopter, which was leased by the charity in October 2012. It has a top speed of 185 mph. The helicopter always flies with two pilots and, when transporting a child, generally carries a paediatrician and a specialist nurse on board.

Children are transported in a bespoke stretcher (certified for flight) which was designed and built in partnership with consultant paediatricians and transport nurses.

No specialised stretcher for paediatric helicopter transfer

existed at the time. The stretcher was nicknamed 'Shrek' because the first one was painted green. 'Shrek' can carry a baby up to 8 kg being in a specialist 'baby pod', or facilitate larger babies and children on the stretcher mattress.

The stretcher design allows for the equipment needed for paediatric intensive care to be secure and easily operated, whether in flight or on the ground. Each of the six transport teams the charity currently works with has its own 'Shrek' stretcher.

When a child is too sick or not able to travel, the Children's Air Ambulance will transfer specialists from the Clinical Partner Team to a local hospital.

The helicopter is not an emergency helicopter, but a transfer vehicle for children and specialist teams to and from hospitals across the country.

In the recent Budget the chancellor has given £1m funding from fines levelled on Banks. For more information turn to :-

*"Children's Air Ambulance Wikipedia".*



## **Please Note**

**The EU announced today that all future Euro Notes will now be printed on Greece-proof paper!!**

## **Barn Dance 18th July 2015**

Although the numbers were down on 2 years ago it was a very successful evening and enjoyed by all who went. It was a wonderfully fine evening which enabled us to mingle with friends outside before the serious business of dancing took place.

Our thanks must go to David Haynes for the loan of his barn where we held the Barn Dance and to all the members of the club who spent their time in preparing the venue not forgetting our car parking marshals on the evening for getting cars parked

in a tidy fashion. On the evening we made a grand profit of around £1,500 which will go to Air Ambulance and Rotary Charities.



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Big Bike Ride—Sunday 16th August**

We shall be running our 4th Big Bike Ride starting and finishing from Misterton Hall starting at (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.)

There will be four routes to choose from—11, 23, 39 and 62 miles ending with a Hog Roast the cost is covered in the price of the ticket—so take your bike out of the garage and enjoy the day with the family and friends.

**Tickets £10 Under 12's £5.**



### **Fashion Show—Wednesday 23rd September** SOS

Charity Fashion will be running a Fashion Show and Clothes Sale at Kilworth Springs Golf Club starting at 7-30 p.m. In aid of Air Ambulance.

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