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Driving the wheel of fellowship

May

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 7th Early Spring Bank Holiday No Meeting

Thursday 10th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 14th Business Meeting and **AGM**

Monday 21st Normal Meeting Hugh Robertson Smith Elaine Turner

Monday 28th Spring Bank Holiday No Meeting

June

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Mike Toone John Roberson

Monday **11th Club Assembly**

Thursday 14th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 18th Business Meeting

Monday 25th President Change Over Day

John Howell Mark Thompson

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

Current exploits of FRANK

I'm back again in South Africa with my friends Mark and Maria Thompson in order to take advantage of the sun and miss the snow and cold weather.



Dodgeball 26th March 2018

Brett Koenig and Simon Jones were our speakers who told us about the game, its history and the development of it over recent years.

Dodgeball was originally played in Africa two hundred years ago but not as a sport but in fact a deadly game where it was used to toughen up the warriors within the tribe.

Dr James H Carlisle a missionary in Africa introduced it to the UK when he returned to this country using a soft ball rather than a hard object as used overseas.



The sport has grown to 67.5 million who now play Dodgeball worldwide.

Dodgeball is a game in which players from two teams of 6 players (with up to 4 substitutes try to throw balls (at speeds of 75 mph) at each other while avoiding being hit themselves. The object of the game is to eliminate all members of the opposing team by hitting them by the thrown ball or catching the opposers ball or getting a member of the opposing team outside the court boundaries when a ball is thrown at them.

We were told that there are two International World Bodies:-

The World Dodgeball Federation WDBF which uses foam in their balls and

The World Dodgeball Association WDA which use cloth.

Each game takes around 30 minutes to play.

Preparation for the game cover 4 main aspects – Psychology – Nutrition – Fitness and Tactical aspects of the game.

When asked what it costs they answered by saying Gym Membership costs £300 a year and £200 for their kit.

Adult membership is for those over 16 and Juniors under 16.

A very informative and inspiring talk by our two enthusiastic speakers for which many thanks,

Bowls Players Trip to Cyprus

John Wilson organised 15 bowls players on a trip to Cyprus, including 7 Rotarians and wives. We took 10 teddies with us and presented them to the president of Pathos Rotary Club , for them to distribute as they see fit. It was an interesting meeting because most of it was in Greek .

They had been granted 100,000 dollars from Foundation for a cancer research program headed up by a professor from Cambridge University.

Six of their members were present which included one lady.

One of the members and his two brothers owned a vineyard, which he suggested we visit. Four of our group reached the quarterfinals in the competition and John Wilson won the South Kilworth trophy.



A good time was had by all and we hope to return next year.

Rainbows Young Peoples Hospice - 9th April

Gary Farnfield from Rainbows spoke to us about the work being done at Rainbows since its formation in 1994 and what its aim is for the future.

Sadly, some children simply don't live long enough to enjoy the place.

In 1994 they opened their doors and hearts to those children and the people who love them most. How more than ever, they need your help to keep on bringing care and happiness to these children and families.



As the East Midlands' only hospice for children and young people, Rainbows is a place where life-limited children and their families can find care and support. Their incredible team of people help relieve symptoms, improve quality of life, support parents and siblings through their bereavements and care for children until the end.

Lutterworth Big Indoor Bike Ride

Richard Stannard receiving a cheque to go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust from John Turner of Lutterworth Rotary Club. The Big Indoor Bike Ride held at the Lutterworth Sports Centre on March 4th raised a total of almost £2600 of which £1600 will go to support the work of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Many thanks to all who supported the event.



Extra Coat

On a warm Summer's day , a woman was surprised to see her neighbour painting his garden shed while wearing a raincoat over a thick woollen jacket'

"Aren't you hot?" she called out.

"Yes, I am a bit" he replied breathlessly.

"Then why are you wearing all those clothes on a day like this?"

"Because, it says here on the tin" 'For best results put on two coats'.

Telephone Habits

Why do old people pick up the phone and say their number?

I know their number , I've just dialled it. Do they open their front door and say their address?

Creaking Joints

Careful grooming may take twenty years off a man's or woman's age, but you can't fool a flight of stairs.

Enjoying Bad Health

As you grow older, it's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like.

100 Club results draw 16th April

1st Prize (32) Tony Mikunda

2nd Prize (99) Les Aldridge

3rd Prize (70) Tom Dalby

Frank's Travels to Japan

After 24 hours travelling with Elaine and George Turner my hosts. Frank (our Ambassadorial Bear for the eradication of Polio) arrived in a nice hotel in the heart of Tokyo. He then enjoyed a walk in the Shinjuku Gyoen National Park to admire the famous Sakura (Cherry Blossom). Although people said that they were past their best, they were still beautiful with the wind sending petals swirling to the floor and circling them down the pavements forming pink carpets underneath.



He took the bullet train from Mount Fuji, which had a deep covering of snow. It had snowed a fortnight previously. After three days an executive black taxi whisked him to Okahama Obinashi port to board the cruise liner. He was greeted with a glass of champagne. The first port of call was

Busan in South Korea and he said a prayer for safe travel at a pagoda.

Other adventures included a ride on a cable car to the top of a mountain overlooking the Sea of Japan , a visit to a shrine and he made friends with a lovely Geisha girl. Frank had many other adventures and that's another story.



This is the easy way to travel these days when doing an all round trip of over 19,000 miles.

New Member

Sally Parkinson

Welcome to the Club Sally.



Future Events

Sunday 13th May Misterton Plant Food and Craft Fair

43 stalls have now been booked at Misterton Hall. The Fair is from 10am—4pm when we hope to see you all again. All we now need is some fine weather

Big Bike Ride Sunday 19th August again being held this year at Misterton Hall.

The Birth of British RADAR

Our speaker Romer Adams gave us a very detailed talk on the Birth of RADAR (**RA**dio **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging) and how it was used during the War.

This is but a precis of his talk.

On 26th February 1935 two men drove a van with a radio receiver to a field in Northamptonshire.

The experiment that followed helped win a battle in a war that had yet to start.

Not far from the A5 in the village of Litchborough lies a stone plaque which tells how the two men Robert Watson Watt and Arnold Wilkins

showed for the first time how radio waves could be bounced off aircraft up to 8 miles away.



This they did with little more than a set of wooden poles, some wire a receiver and an aircraft (Handley Page Bomber loaned from the RAF)

The detection equipment was tuned to the 49 metre wave length of the BBC transmitter at Daventry.

Based on the success of this experiment Watson Watt was able to obtain increasing amounts of money which allowed him to put in place the Chain Home Radar System that spanned the East Coast of Britain and neutralised the German Luftwaffe's efforts to attack the country without prior warning.