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Driving the wheel of fellowship

December '18 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

December

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 3th	Normal Meeting	David Ayres	Sally Hollis
Monday 10th	Christmas Dinner + IW	Lutterworth Golf Club	
Monday 17th	Christmas Lunch	Greyhound Inn	
Monday 24th	Christmas Holiday	No Meeting	
Monday 31st	Christmas Holiday	No Meeting	

January '19

Monday 7th	Joint Evening Meeting with Wycliffe Club		
Thursday 10th	Council Meeting		
Monday 14th	Business Meeting		
Monday 21st	Normal Meeting	Bridget Hunt	David Wooliscroft
Monday 28th	Normal Meeting	Tony Kingston	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

Little Faces receipt of Shoe Boxes

Sally Searle has just sent us a photo of the 60 children's shoe boxes [together with Elaine's teddies & 12 boxes for adults, which are not shown] having safely arrived at the Little Faces School in Mombasa Kenya.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed.



World Challenge—29th October

Charlotte Wooliscroft gave us a full and interesting talk on escorting her students aged from 15 –18 to countries in four of the five continents (not Antarctica) around the world.

The school, like many schools use an agency that specialises in taking students on a travel experience with schools to places they otherwise would not be able to go.

Charlotte told us that she has always had a thirst for travel and being part of the school team it has given her the opportunity to fulfil her dream.

The area covered on these trips explore the different cultures and architecture , the human aspect found in the different countries in addition to the different rural and city landscapes and how these impinge upon the way it affects the local population.

Thank you Charlotte for giving us such a thought provoking talk and telling us of the opportunity now given to teenagers that was not given to we older folk in our school days.

Tallis's during World War One

Steve Tallis gave us a talk on his father's experiences during World War One. Stephen William Tallis 1899 - 1988 was born at Little Wigston nr. Sharnford on 15th January 1899, on a small lodge farm where he was followed by two sisters and a brother.

The family moved to Hall Farm Frolesworth in 1908 and he attended Frolesworth School until the age of 13, and then left to work on the family farm.

Soon after the outbreak of the first World War at the age of 18 he was exempted from military service as a cowman and shepherd, but then volunteered to join the army in September 1918 along with three other local farmers sons. They did two weeks training at Wigston Barracks, moving to Catterick in North Yorkshire. After a few days they were on the



train to Folkstone to go to the front in France, having joined the Sherwood Foresters Regt. They were posted to the Somme to an area East of St. Quentin. After only a few days he was shot in the leg above the knee.

He was repatriated back to the Great Northern Hospital Sheffield where being seriously ill his leg was amputated. His mother went to see him and stayed six months helping to nurse him back to good health. After three years at Sheffield he was moved to the limb fitting centre in Grantham Lincs. where they taught him to walk again. After two years he finally came home to Frolesworth where he was able to work on the farm. He bought the Gables Farm Frolesworth in 1933 was now married and had four children.

At the outbreak of the Second World War under the orders of the Government he spent many hours driving his Fordson tractor ploughing up old pastureland to grow cereals to help feed the nation.

He was the last First World War disabled soldier to die in Leicestershire at the age of 89 in December 1988.

A very moving talk - thank you Steve.

BUILDING UP SOUNDS ISN'T EASY

**I take it you already know
of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble but not you
on hiccough, thorough, laugh and through.
Well done! And now you wish perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?**

**Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
And dead; it's said like bed, not bead –
For goodness sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt).**

**A moth is not a moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
Just look them up – and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart –
Come, come, I've hardly made a start –
A dreadful language? Man alive –
I'd mastered it when I was five.**

What a Fantastic Idea

Article taken from The Daily Mail - thank you Bernard

DR MAX PRESCRIBES _ _ _ BEMYEYES

This brilliant mobile phone app allows any visually impaired person in the world to get instant assistance from a sighted person.

As a volunteer sighted person, you download the app, complete a short registration and then wait to be called. When someone with visual problems needs help - perhaps to check the "use by" date

on a carton of milk - they use the app to contact a registered volunteer.

The first person to answer their video call is connected.

My first call was from a young woman who wanted to know if the letter she'd received- (she showed me the envelope via the video link) - was junk mail or a bill.

It took no more than 30 seconds.

Volunteers are contacted maybe once a month, so it's not a big commitment - but it can transform someones day.

Wishing Well

We have just taken £125-42 from the Wishing Well which has been added to a generous donation of £60-89 giving us a grand total of £186-31 since 1st July this year.

Knitted Teddy Bears

Elaine informs me that **8,000 teddies** have been produced and dispatched to worthy causes around the world.

Mercy Ships have recently asked for some of the latest batch to be sent to them while at the same time some have been sent via a friend of her colleague Tilly to Ethiopia.

I find it incredible to see how the numbers have grown since Elaine launched the campaign/appeal just a year or two back with the help of her dedicated knitters.

Margaret Mathews (one of the knitters) has passed 800 10% of the grand total. Thank you Margaret, a wonderful effort.

Well done to all of you - a look of glee when the kids receive their teddy says more than words can express.

The Narrows

This area of Lutterworth is a busy thoroughfare from two supermarkets and the library through to the centre of the Town. This was a very much neglected place with seven raised beds, deplete of soil and a few very shabby shrubs which had managed to survive despite the odds.

The derelict appearance encouraged people to dispose of litter. Lutterworth Rotary Club, prompted by local residents' wished for something to be done to clean up the untidy site. We agreed to take this on as an Environmental Project.

Permission to renovate the site was granted by the landowners the Co-Op Estates and the manager of the Original Factory Shop has been kept informed.

Lutterworth Rotary Club applied for and was granted a Rotary District Foundation Grant for the restoration of the area, matching the Club's own commitment.

Progress to date

Site sprayed and cleared of rubbish and weeds with existing shrubs dug out and disposed of by willing Rotarians.

Extensive screening was required to remove broken glass, discarded clothing and general rubbish and litter. Rotarians have filled the beds with ten tonnes of topsoil, fifty bags of compost and two tonnes of grey slate (on top of weed suppressant membrane) have been or will be added to the raised beds in preparation for planting shrubs to enhance the area.

Topsoil was donated free of charge by High Cross Quarry for which we are very grateful.

We have visited a nursery to establish the plants needed (from a detailed list which was previously submitted with our claim for the

grant). Hopefully the beds will be planted in time for the Lutterworth Lights Switch On at the end of November which will give us the opportunity for the publicity which is required by District.

The New Swift flash has agreed to publish an article in Community News free of charge prior to this event.

It is a District Foundation condition that we publicise this matter to its fullest extent, and we will be using as many opportunities as possible to do this.

It is hoped that when it is finished people will be more likely to respect the area. Additionally the planting of shrubs and plants may help to clean up some of the air borne pollution.

Elaine Turner



