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Driving the wheel of fellowship

May'20 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

May

Monday 4th Normal Meeting **Cancelled**
was Philip Duncan Mary Stannard

Monday 11th Normal Meeting **Cancelled**
was John Howell Sue Postlewaite

Thursday 14th Council 7-30 p.m.

Monday 18th AGM and Business Meeting

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

June

Monday 1st Normal Meeting **Postponed**
Graham Johnson Anne Baker

Monday 8th Normal Meeting **Postponed**
Hugh Robertson Smith David Haynes

Thursday 11th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 15th Business Meeting

Monday 22nd Normal Meeting **Postponed**
David Toone Rose Chapman

If you are unable to carry out your duty please find a substitute and tell John Howell Tel:- 01455 553209 email - sheila.m.howell@hotmail.co.uk

A report from John Turner on Little Faces School—Kenya

Little Faces Schools, Kenya Coronavirus update – April 2020

While causing major disruption and hardship for many people here in the UK, the Covid-19 virus is starting to affect life for the children, teachers and staff at Little Faces School in Kenya.

With the Government closing all schools over a week ago and imposing an overnight lockdown from 7pm to 5am, serious restrictions have affected the ability of everyone in the area to earn anything at all. Access to the school feeding programme has thus been restricted by evolving events.

While Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has allocated \$94 million to the elderly, orphans and "other vulnerable members of our society" and reducing VAT by 2%, it is tiny compared to the billions that the British Government is making available in the fight against the virus. It really does not address the plight of the children, parents and community around Little Faces.

The result of these actions has meant that families local to Little Faces School are now suffering even greater hardship than normal. Because of the school closure, it has meant that our children are missing two important meals a day, with an added burden placed on parents who are already struggling to feed their children.

Fortunately, we are able to keep our teachers and staff employed as they are contracted and they continue with helping at the school in other roles. The school is being disinfected and repainted during this enforced shutdown.

The Trustees have decided that while the school is closed it will concentrate its efforts on ensuring that the children and families do not suffer any further hardship. As a result, the school is providing basic food stuffs to families in need of assistance, which is very much appreciated.

Although the school is expected to remain closed for at least 3 months, we are able to continue with our feeding programme

to ensure children are receiving the much needed food that they have been receiving as part of their school provisions. Teachers and staff are giving out food on a daily basis to families who might otherwise fall into malnutrition. Sally has had to make the sad decision to postpone plans for our "Canoe Challenge" which was due to be held at the beginning of August this year. She is contacting all who had planned to take part in the event to keep them updated as to the situation and when, hopefully, the event will now take place.

However, the cancellation of this means that what was hoped to be their main fundraiser of the year has now had to be put on hold until our lives return to normal.

Because of these extraordinary times, it will likely delay their plans for the new school as funds are being diverted to ensure children are fed.

Everybody has their favourite place for a drink whether it's a coffee at your favourite coffee shop or gin and tonic at the local, but sadly times have changed and these places are out of bounds for all.

But cheer yourself up - think of all that money you're saving by staying in.

So here's where you can help.

Why not make a donation to the children at Little Faces for their meals?

For more information or to donate, please go onto the link below: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/LittleFacesKenyaSupport>

On a brighter note, amongst all the doom and gloom, the school have received an amazing large, limited edition, signed print from renowned South African artist Peter Pharoah, who has very generously donated it.

Mercy Ships – Covid-19 Update

Following the interest members have shown in the role of Mercy Ships (as a Hospital Ship) currently in Senegal since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic I thought you would like to see their most recent Press Release on the subject which is as below.

Quote

The current situation of COVID-19, highlighted by the W.H.O.' announcement of the designation of COVID-19 as a pandemic and the increasing travel restrictions applied by several countries, have made it increasingly difficult for Mercy Ships to continue to carry out its programs to the required standards while protecting against the possible spread of the virus.

Therefore, in line with the measures taken by the President of Senegal with the Ministry of Health, Mercy Ships has reviewed the activities associated with the *Africa Mercy* and has decided to adapt the programmatic operations of our mission in Senegal.



The main concerns of Mercy Ships are the health of the Senegalese people and the safety and well being of our own volunteers, crew and staff worldwide.

For more than 40 years, Mercy Ships has focused on bringing hope and healing to those we serve. For the past 30 years, we have concentrated our efforts in

Africa.

During those three decades, we have worked to strengthen local healthcare systems, and we have seen the consequences for people when those systems fail.

We are encouraged by the good results we have realised through direct surgical care for patients and by training local healthcare professionals. We are eager to do even more in the future.

We continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis. As we face these challenging events, we would like to thank you for your on-going prayers and support to Mercy Ships and our mission to bring hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor.

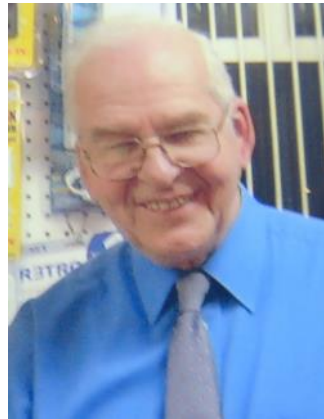
Pot-Luck Quiz

- 1 Who shot the Archduke Franz Ferdinand?
- 2 In fiction, what were Milly Molly Mandy's proper names?
- 3 Which monarchs sat on the Peacock Throne?
- 4 Of what is a lux unit?
- 5 In the early 19th century what did George Shillibeer bring to London?
- 6 Who first claimed that the world was not flat but a sphere?
- 7 Who was the first woman to fly the Atlantic singlehanded?
- 8 Which animals communicate by touch, smell and dance?
- 9 Around which French town is the champagne industry centred?
- 10 Which Hanks is the star of "Life in Pieces"?
- 11 At what speed in mph does a wind become a hurricane?
- 12 Who officially opened the 1936 Olympiad?
- 13 What was the name of the first talking cartoon?
- 14 Which competition was organised by Mecca Ltd to coincide with the 1951 Festival of Britain?
- 15 Who invented the coordinate system to compare relationships on a graph?
- 16 What colour is the ribbon of the Victoria Cross?
- 17 Who or what lived in Honalee?
- 18 Which profession would use the term occlusion, isohyet and adiabatic?
- 19 What name is used to describe a baby salmon?
- 20 In which building did Charles and Camilla hold their civil wedding ceremony?
- 21 Who is the husband of Meera Syal?
- 22 Who anonymously entered a contest in Monaco to find his lookalike and came third?
- 23 Where in Spain was Pablo Picasso born?
- 24 Who was Edward VI's mother?
- 25 Which sea has no coast?
- 26 Who was the first Briton to organise a continental holiday tour?
- 27 What was the name of the 2015 prequel to AMC's "The walking Dead"?
- 28 Who discovered oxygen in 1774?
- 29 Which bird can fly the fastest?
- 30 Which is the largest human organ?

Frank our Polio Bear has asked to be remembered to you all and looks forward to be able to travel again when the Coronavirus is all over. He is keen to be able to promote the eradication of Polio which for the moment has been put on the back burner in the light of current events. Oh for Next Year and the return to normal.

Happy 90th Birthday to John Wells

**A very
90th HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
On Monday 27th April
from all your
friends at Rotary**



Nature fights back

Just stop - stand and stare,
Is nature under repair?
The sky seems to breathe again,
The bird wings clap in joy
As man stops trying to destroy.
Locked in - or dead - we are crushed
Our belching cars collect the dust.
You made sure we had no choice.
But stop - stand and perhaps rejoice.

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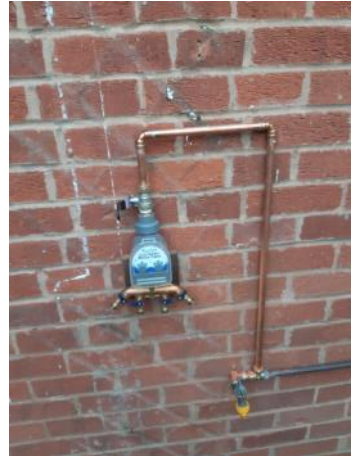
I like it!!!

Not many members , while complying with the Government's request to "Stay at Home", can provide the excitement of a holiday and move to the caravan for the Easter Weekend - sited on their driveway. Only David Ayres could have thought of that!!!

Jobs

What better time than to fit a **Milking Parlour** to the outside of the house!!!

Courtesy of David Ayres



A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those whom receive , without
making poorer those who give,
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it
lasts for ever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get
along without it, and none so poor but
That he can be made rich by it.
A smile brings happiness in the home,
fosters good-will in business, and is
the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the
discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is
nature best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed,
or stolen, for it is something that is of no
Value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile
Give them one of yours, as none
needs a smile so much as he who
has no more to give.

A Ditty from David Toone

A is for apple, B is for boat,
That used to be right, but now it won't float!
Age before beauty is what we once said,
But let's be a bit more realistic instead.
A's for arthritis,
B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains, perhaps car-d-iac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and fluid retention,
G is for gas which I'd rather not mention,
H is high blood pressure—I'd rather it low,
I is for incisions with scars you can show,
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend,
L is for libido, what happened to sex?
M is for memory, I forgot what comes next,
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low,
O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!
P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
Just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two,
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus, there's bells in my ears!
U is for urinary, big troubles with flow,
V is for vertigo, that's "dizzy," you know,
W is for worry, NOW what's going 'round?
X is for X ray, and what might be found,
Y is another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest that I still have—in my mind.
I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed.
And I am keeping twenty six doctors fully employed!

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Answers to Quiz

1 Gavrilo Princip **2** Millicent Margaret Ammanda **3** The Shahs of Persia
4 Illumination **5** A bus service (using horses). **6** Pythagoras **7** Amelia Earhart
8 Bees **9** Epernay **10** Colin **11** 73 mph **12** Adolf Hitler
13 Steamboat Willie **14** Miss World **15** René Descartes **16** Purple
17 Puff the Magic Dragon **18** Meteorology **19** Parr **20** Guildhall Windsor
21 Sanjeev Bhaskar **22** Charlie Chaplin **23** Malaga **24** Jane Seymour
25 The Sargasso Sea **26** Thomas Cook **27** Fear the Walking Dead
28 Joseph Priestley **29** The Homing Pigeon **30** The Liver