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Driving the wheel of fellowship

April '23 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder

Grace & Thanks

April

Monday	3rd	Charter Meeting	TBA	Val Cooper
Monday	10th	Bank Holiday		No Meeting
Thursday	13th	Council Meeting	7-00 p.m.	
Monday	17th	Business Meeting		
Monday	24th	Normal Meeting	John Roberson	Rose Chapman

May

Monday	1st	Early Bank Holiday		No Meeting
Monday	8th	Coronation Bank Holiday		No Meeting
Thursday	11th	Council Meeting	7-00 p.m.	
Monday	15th	Business Meeting		
Monday	22nd	Normal Meeting	Ted Wilson	Sue Postlethwaite
Monday	29th	Bank Holiday		No Meeting

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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Mercy Ships Talk 20th March

Martin Bush our speaker gave us a detailed talk on their latest Ship in their fleet "Global Mercy" becoming the worlds largest civilian hospital ship at 37,856 tonnes outlining some detailed information on the ship and its capability.

The ship after several years construction at the Tianjing Xing shipyard in northern China has recently had its successful sea trials when it sailed out of Antwerp in Belgium on its maiden voyage before going into active service in West Africa.

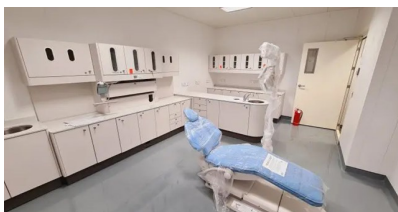


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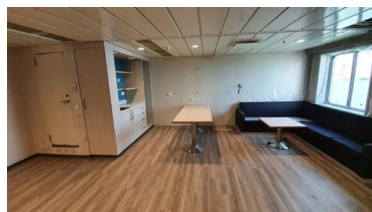


Sea Trials

The project began in 2013 where layout and design were dependent on the special needs that a hospital ship entailed. The sea trials have just been completed where engine performance along with ventilation and minimum vibration have been tested. The vessel is classified by Lloyds Register in the UK and sails under the Maltese flag.



Dental Clinic



Training & committee room

It has 6 operating theatres, 200 hospital beds, a laboratory, an eye and dental clinic and will be able to accommodate 950 people. While in addition continues to build up local healthcare through training on board.

Its first mission will be to Dakar in Senegal where it will be based for the current year.

How to know when you're getting old"

Everything hurts!
What doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
The gleam in your eye
is the sun shining on your bi-focals,
You feel like the morning after,
but you haven't been anywhere,
Your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club,
but don't go.
A dripping tap causes an
uncontrollable urge.
You have all the answers,
but nobody asks you the questions.
You look forward to a dull evening.
You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the light for economy
instead of romance.
You are in a rocking chair,
but can't make it go.
Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
Your back goes out more than you do.

Our house is too big,
your medicine box is not big enough.
You sink your teeth into a steak,
and they stay there.
Your Birthday cake collapses from the
weight of all the candles!

Presentation of cheque to Dementia at Lutterworth Leisure Centre following Indoor Bike Ride at the end of February.



*Left to right
Lewis Humphries
General Manager
of Leisure Centre for
Dementia Ltd
Richard Stannard
who ran the Indoor Bike
Ride
Roger Rose President
of Lutterworth Rotary*

A potted history of the postcard

The printed Postcard dates back to the early 1900's. They represent a social history of the time. The Postcard was the equivalent of today's telephone and due to the efficiency of the railways was able to give a next day delivery. For just ½d it enabled everyone rich and poor (including servants in the big houses) to keep in touch with their families and friends. Coloured Cards were more expensive and never became popular until the 1930's when some 16 million cards were sold each year. The idea of postcards was initiated by John Charlton in Philadelphia in the USA who took out a patent in 1861 selling his rights to H L Lipman a few years later. In 1869 the Post Office in the UK produced the official Postcard selling some 2¼ million in just 3 months from October that year. The British Postcard was officially produced and carried a pre-paid ½d stamp – 675 being sold in the first day of issue. Letters at the time cost 1d to send and up to 1894- Official pre-paid postcards could be sent by post but **no** pictures were allowed on the Official Postcards.



By the late 1880's postcards were printed with small sketches or designs called (vignettes) on the message side initially just in black, but increasingly also in colour



With technology moving on, postcards are becoming history of a by-gone age.

Future Events

May 14th - - Misterton Craft, Plant and Food Fair

June 5th - - Joint Golf Club meeting

August 20th - The Big Bike Ride - Misterton

Talk by Robert Eggleston 27th March 2023

Robert Eggleston, owner of the Greyhound, gave a talk on 27th March. He was born in 1951, his father was an army officer and spent much of his early life moving from place to place initially in the home counties and then several years in Malaysia

He went to a prep school then Wellington, finishing his education at Leeds University after a year out. Finding work as a hod carrier on a building site did not curry favour with his father who told him to get a proper job.

This started a career path including Johnson Matthey, Beechams and Fisons, finally ending at EI Products in Lutterworth in the late 70's.

After moving so much in his early years feeling he was from nowhere he now felt that in Lutterworth he was from somewhere.

His career moved from marketing to owning a wine bar, then a restaurant and finally the Greyhound Coaching Inn, moves which is a story to be told.



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