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Driving the wheel of fellowship

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Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

December

Monday 4th Joint Christmas Dinner IW 7 p.m.

Monday 11th Normal Meeting Jennie Taylor Colin Derrick

Monday 18th Christmas Lunch No Speaker Social Meeting

Monday 25th Christmas Day No Meeting

January 2024

Monday 1st New Year's Day Holiday No Meeting

Monday 8th Normal Meeting John Roberson Roger Rose

Thursday 11th Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Monday 15th Business Meeting

Monday 22nd Normal Meeting Rose Chapman David Haynes

Monday 29th Normal Meeting John Wilson John Roberson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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Happy Christmas and New Year

The Teddy knitters have just passed a total of 10,000 Knitted Teddies the target that our Rotarian Elaine Turner and her team of knitters set themselves back in 2013. The team have sent these teddies to where they are most needed all around the world.

This means 1,000 a year were and have been given to traumatised children who had lost their parents or had become orphaned for whatever reason.— Sadly COVID interrupted distribution for two years.

Some teddies have been sent to several organisations in the UK such as Barnardo's, the Red Cross, Air Ambulance and many more. Thank you to all those knitters, and supporters from Barclays Bank.



A radiant smile with teddy after her operation on the 'Mercy Africa'



His first ever present

Attached above are a couple of photos from the many taken that portray the support and joy the gift of a teddy gives the children who receive them.

PARAPROSDOKIANS

For the erudite amongst us.

I had to look up "paraproisdokian" So here is the definition: "Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation" "Where there's a will, I want to be in it." is a type of paraproisdokian.

Ok, so now enjoy!

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn to act in public.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

Evening news is where they begin with "Good Evening," and then proceed with why it isn't.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a workstation.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted pay cheques.

When ever I fill out an application, in the part that says, in case of emergency, notify: I put "DOCTOR"

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Money can't buy happiness, but it makes misery easier to live with.

I used to be indecisive. I'm now not so sure.

Trading Standards

Our Speaker on Monday Joss Merryfield, a Trading Standards Officer gave us a very detailed explanation on the role of the trading standards played in protecting the consumer from fraudulent traders. These she listed under the following headings:-

Weights and measures to ensure that all goods sold by weight — volume – length or area are accurately measured.

Scams and e-crime – ensuring that the most vulnerable in society are protected from the most unscrupulous and fraudulent practices.

Doorstep crime and home improvement services i.e. cold calling at your door and claiming that work needs doing to your home or garden unnecessarily or overcharging in respect of home improvement services.

Pricing and labelling - price marking and misleading price indications – where it is illegal for a trader to give consumer's price indications which are misleading or to make price comparisons which are not genuine, fair and meaningful. Traders must display the price of all goods which they offer for sale including the unit price of goods which are prepacked in fixed quantities.

Used Cars – misleading claims about the history of second-hand vehicles i.e. clocked mileage in the car, accident damage not recorded etc.

Estate Agency and the misdescription of property.

Etc Etc.

Many questions were asked under these questions and more and the meeting could have lasted the whole afternoon – had we had more time.

On leaving members were asking when could she come again

Thank you Joss.

LITTLE PILL



Little pill here in my hand
I wonder how you understand
Just what to do or where to go
To stop the ache that hurts me so?
Within your covering lies relief,
You work alone in belief.
You sink in regions there below,
As down my throat you quickly go.
But I wonder little pill
How do you know where I am ill?
And how do you really know
Just where you are supposed to go?

Ode to a Committee Member

Oh, give me your pity, I'm on a committee,
Which means that from morning 'til night,
We attend and amend and contend and defend,
Without a conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate all of ones thoughts,
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,
And consider a load of reports,
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And points of procedure are fun, but though
various notions are brought up as motions
I'm afraid that nothing gets done!
We resolve and absolve but we never
dissolve, because that's one thing that never is done,
It would be a pity to end our committee
'cos where else could we have so much fun!

Our talk on Monday 27th November was given by Alison Allen's guest **Richard Jones** who is the minister for the Living Rock Church at Stony Stanton.

He started by sharing with us his Welsh heritage and upbringing.

He was born in Merthyr Tydfil and went on to Cardiff University to study as a physiotherapist.

He told us his wife is a nurse working in Leicester and they have three teenage children.

Richard's first post as a medic was at Glenfield Hospital. He continued to say some interesting lessons could be learned as a physiotherapist. With their knowledge of the body they could demonstrate that all the different parts needed to work as a team to function well. He then cleverly showed how this could help to explain our part in society, and whilst we all had different talents we need to have confidence in ourselves and our ability to be part of a team.

He told us about his faith and expressed his admiration for all we do in Rotary and how we had grown from our start as a networking organisation to be a very positive force in our local communities and across the world.

He explained how he struggled to balance his medical career with the demands of his church work and how he then decided to work for the church full time.

Richard was an excellent speaker prompting many questions at the end of his talk.

Thank you Alison for your notes

Future Events

Friday 1st December 7-30 p.m. Salvation Army Concert at St Nicholas Church South Kilworth

Friday 8th December Stratford Christmas Market - see details being circulated by John Howell

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Friday 12th January Puss in Boots at Concordia Theatre Hinckley at 7-15 p.m.

Saturday 3rd February Elvis Concert at De Montford Hall
at 7-30 p.m.

Saturday 10th February Skittles at Wolvey Bowls Club
at 7-00 p.m.

Sunday 10th March Rod Stewart Story at De Montford Hall
at 7-30 p.m.

Friday 12th April Fashion Show Wycliffe Rooms, Lutterworth
time TBA



A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

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