

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2009 - NO. 100

At the September meeting we had a most interesting talk by Alison Exton entitled 'Samaritans Purse' which is an international Christian organisation working with churches and communities across the world in an endeavour to help the under privileged to have a better future. Alison briefly explained the work that is undertaken but concentrated on Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. The aim is to fill a shoe box with gifts i.e. knitted hats, scarves, gloves, pencils, pencil cases, toiletries, paper etc. in fact any small gifts which would bring pleasure to a child. These boxes have to be checked individually to ensure they are filled with 'acceptable' gifts and then packed into lorries and shipped abroad. We watched slides of the children receiving their 'boxes' and the smiles on their faces said it all.

If you would like to help by making up a box or donating some items, please contact Alison on 0121 733 3139 for more information or ring Sue (01564 702253) or Barbara on 0121 707 7987 and I am sure we can come to some arrangement to deliver the boxes. Alternatively, if you would like to go directly to the warehouse it is at Unit 38, Elmdon Trading Estate, Bickenhill Lane, Marston Green, B37 7HE, The processing starts from Monday, 9th November until Friday, 4th December and the opening times are Monday - Friday 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. The lorries leave on 5th December. The volunteers do an enormous amount of work and would be most grateful for any spare hands.

Monday, 9th November

'Music in Motion' - a return of the popular group with an audience participation sing a longa! This will be followed by a fish and chip supper.

Monday, 16th December

Carol Service at Olton URC at 7.30 pm. The collection will be for 'Edward's Trust'. If you are able to bring along a few mince pies they will go down very nicely with the tea and coffee!

Monday, 11th January 2010

John Cheshire and his son Joe will be giving a presentation on their trip to Uganda which took place in April 2009. This was a very different experience for them and their talk will include slides of the people they met and the work they undertook on this project.

Friday, 5th March 2010.

Beer and Skittles evening at the Home Guard Club. Details to follow. Any 'unwanted' Christmas gifts would be most welcome for the raffle please.

Monday, 8th March

A talk with music by Mr J Smith entitled 'World of Musicals from 1940' - I am sure we will all know the tunes and enjoy a trip down memory lane - even if a few of us were still in our prams!

Monday, 10th May - AGM

Ian Carnell will be giving a talk on EducAid Africa which should be most interesting.

At the September meeting Bob Lane mentioned the matter of subs. We have been extremely lucky in having our subs paid by County for a number of years but the time has now come for us to have to pay for ourselves! I do hope you will continue to belong to Fellowship and understand the need for this action. Details to follow.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 9th November at 7.30 pm. County HQ