



NEWSLETTER

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This edition of the Newsletter is 'littered' with lots of Christmas cracker jokes. Here are a few to get you in the mood.

Elf jokes:-

Q. Where does Father Christmas go to recover after Christmas?

A. An elf farm.

Q. What does Father Christmas do when his elves misbehave?

A. He gives them the sack.

Q. What do elves learn at school?

A. The elf-a-bet.

No animals were hurt in the making of these jokes:-

Q. Who's never hungry at Christmas?

A. The turkey!! He's always stuffed!

Q. What does a frog do if his car breaks down?

A. He gets it toad away.

Q. What is black and white, and noisy?

A. A zebra with a drum kit.

Q. What do lions sing at Christmas?

A. Jungle bells

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

WORLD CHILD CANCER'S PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Project Background

There are an estimated 1,000 cases of childhood cancer in Mindanao in the Philippines annually, but only 30% of these are diagnosed.



Mindanao: 2nd largest island in the Philippines

Survival rates are low because many children are diagnosed late due to low awareness and lack of services for childhood cancer. Worse still, about 70% of children with cancer abandon treatment. This is usually due to financial and logistical pressures of long-term treatment. Mindanao is economically deprived and to travel to the primary hospital in Davao City is too expensive, and too far, for most families.

Project Summary

World Child Cancer's programme on the island of Mindanao focuses on strengthening and extending the scope of cancer referrals, diagnosis, treatment and care available for children (both curative and palliative).



They do this by improving services at four rural satellite medical centres. Empowering local satellite centre staff is achieved through a transfer of skills and knowledge from their voluntary medical twinning partners in Singapore, and from St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in the USA.

The programme also provides holistic support for children with cancer and their families, by covering the costs of medicines and by facilitating parent support groups.

Dr Mae Dolendo is a Paediatric Oncologist who returned to her home in Mindanao from specialist training in Singapore 10 years ago to start the first children's cancer service in the province, from scratch. In the first year, she was able to treat 30 children. Now 300 children a year are treated, and over half of them survive.

Dr Dolendo and her team lead the World Child Cancer programme from Mindanao's Southern Philippines Medical Centre in Davao city. The satellite health centres allow more children with cancer to be supported, by training multi-disciplinary health workers to provide cancer diagnoses and treatment, which reduces the burden of travel for families in rural areas.

Our Club's Support

The International Committee has recently donated over £10,000 to this project from our Taylor Family Fund. Our donation will be used for patient and parent support, medicines, and outreach help. We have previously donated to the World Child Cancer Cameroon project. We expect to hear of progress on this project early next year when a World Child Cancer team member will visit the club.

*John Stanton,
International & Foundation Chair*

Advent calendar jokes:-

Q. Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?

A. Because their days are numbered!

I can't get to the chocolates in my Advent calendar. Foiled again.

Word-play jokes:-

Just been to the supermarket and swapped 50 raisins for 100 sultanas.

Can't believe the currant exchange rate.

Q. What does a clock do when it's hungry?

A. It goes back four seconds!

Q. What do you call a letter sent up a chimney?

A. Blackmail.

Prince Philip looks out of the window on Christmas Eve: "That's some reindeer" he says.

The Queen replies: "63 years. Yes, that is a lot."

Q. What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine?

A. "This will sleigh you".

COMMUNITY & VOCATION COMMITTEE

The Community & Vocational Committee has been active during its first half year handing out funds, some of which we have helped raise ourselves.

We started our year handing out a cheque to Priorsfield School, so we could continue the volunteer work that Bob Kelly and Richard Martin provide with the Imagineering project. The funds help pay for the extra teaching staff need to support this extra-curricular programme helping the children learn some basic engineering skills.

The next cheque was for Rotary Disabled Sports, but this was returned because District decided not to go ahead following the highly successful Paralympic Games, which made organisation difficult. So that went back into the pot for the next opportunity to help the physically challenged. No doubt Club members will have ideas for this (what about it Colin? ...another event with Helen Ley?).



Then funds for Waverley Day Centre were raised by holding a very successful Diwali evening at the Indian Ark - a great meal, good fellowship, and a generous raffle. Thanks especially to Indian Ark and raffle prize

sponsors for supporting the event, and to David Butler and Sandy Lord for organising it.

We continued to support International priorities by having a stall promoting Shelter Box at the Siege event in Abbey Fields.



We would have raised more funds, on the day, if the heavens hadn't opened in the afternoon, just as King Henry III announced the famous Dictum of Kenilworth to the assembled army!



We also funded 10,000 crocus bulbs which were duly planted at the Holiday Inn, Kenilworth School and Priorsfield School, as well as in club members' gardens. Photos to follow in the Spring!

Contributions have been made to Molly Olly's Wishes, Clinton School and others; and a list of other local good causes and sponsorship is lined up for 2017.

Switching on of the Christmas Lights gave us an opportunity to wear our Christmas hats and feed free soup (thanks to Ego Restaurant) to the community.



The Street Organ piped out Christmas music to entertain the children, young and old. This year we raised £196 for Children in Need - our best sum for a long time.



At the year-end, we paid out £500 to Kenilworth Gang Show, and gave support to British Legion and the Helping Hands charity.

*Roy Shearing,
Community & Vocational Chair*

Family jokes:-

Q. What is the difference between in-laws and outlaws?

A. Outlaws are WANTED.

Bert aged 25: "My wife's an angel".

Don aged 57: "You're lucky, mine is still alive".

For Bake Off fans:-

I bought my mum Mary Berry's cookbook for Christmas. I tried to get Paul Hollywood's, but he'd sold out.

Q. Why can't Mary Berry eat turkey sandwiches?

A. Paul Hollywood took all the bread.

... AND FINALLY
Happy New Year!



Dates for your diary...

Date	Talk/ Speaker or Event / Venue	Speaker's Host	Steward	Visitors' Host
2 January, Monday	Bank Holiday – No Meeting			
9 January, Monday	The Ghurkas – Rtn Gary Dancer & Om Gurung	John Ruddick	John Ruddick	John Ruddick
16 January, Monday	Business & Special Meeting – To agree officers for 2017/18	Peter Robson	John Ruddick	David Butler
19 January, Thursday	Early Evening Club Meeting – 17:30 pm at the Holiday Inn			
23 January, Monday	Warwick Uni student from Trinidad – Marvin McKenzie	Roy Shearing	David Sims	Alan Clark
30 January, Monday	Chinese New Year Celebration – 18:45 for 19:15 pm at The Emperors, Bath Place, Leamington Spa			

Food jokes:-

Q. What's bad tempered and goes with custard?
A. Apple grumble.

Q. What do you call a mischievous egg?
A. A practical yoker.

Q. How does good King Wenceslas like his pizza?
A. Deep pan, crisp and even.