

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2009 - NO. 98

The AGM took place on Monday, 11th May 2009, at which Betty announced she had decided to step down from the role of Chair. Both Barbara and Mike agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Bob Lane was present at the meeting and announced that Sue Cheshire would be the new Chair and he thanked Betty for all her many years of service and dedication to Fellowship. Bob presented Mick Paget with a Silver Acorn and Pat Buckley with a 25 year long service certificate. Bob also presented John Clayton with a Solihull Scout Merit Award for all the work he has done relating to the Six Summits. These awards are all richly deserved.

Following the AGM we had a very interesting talk from Brian Cave on aeronautical navigation systems and one of the things he explained was how pilots manage to avoid each other when in the air - which was a great comfort to those of us about to embark on a flight!

On 7th June Betty celebrated her 90th birthday and many friends from Scouting and Fellowship called in at her home to help her celebrate this special occasion.

County AGM - this will take place on Tuesday, 23rd June, at 7.30 pm. In the Civic Suite of the Council House, Solihull. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Future Meetings

July 13th - Caroline Atkins - a Pharmacist - will be giving us a talk entitled 'The other side of the counter' which should be an interesting insight from a different perspective.

September 14th - Alison Exton is coming along and her talk is entitled 'Samaritans Purse (Shoe Boxes)' which sounds intriguing.

November 9th - A return of the popular 'Music in Motion' followed by a fish & chip supper. The cost will be £4.50 per head. Barbara will need names and monies for this at the September meeting please. If you have not seen this group before, they mime to music and encourage audience participation - so come along and enjoy a sing song with actions.

January 11th 2010 - John and Joe Cheshire will give a presentation on their trip to Uganda where they helped to build water tanks - meeting the locals and experiencing a very different lifestyle.

Help required!

Bob has requested the help of Fellowship with the following:-

Would anyone be able, prepared to and interested enough to support Ann Bailey (County Secretary & Co-ordinator for Training) with data entry to the national database. There is a huge backlog and skills in computer literacy, time and patience are required - so if anyone with a broadband connection feels they would like to assist could they please either see Sue at the next meeting or ring her on 01564 702253.

The County HQ is desperately in need of a spring clean and who better to do it than Fellowship!! The hall, kitchen and toilet need cleaning, curtains need washing, windows and paintwork cleaning and - unfortunately for the spiders - cobwebs removed. Any offers to form a working party would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work! Again, names to Sue if you can possibly spare a few hours. Thanks.

And finally - in future if you would like to receive the Newsletter by email - thereby saving postage - could you let Sue have your email address - cheshire1971@blueyonder.co.uk

Date of next meeting - Monday, 13th July at 7.30 pm. at County HQ