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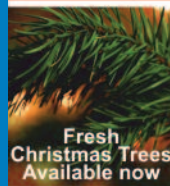
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As part of the experience staff and students were invited in to parts of the Palace rarely seen by the public and the event was held in the room used by the Queen when awarding Knighthoods! HRH Duke of York addressed the gathered staff and students and reinforced the importance of Studio Schools in providing high quality academic and vocational study linked with students attending work placements.

Mr. Hostead, Head of Sir Frank Whittle Studio School commented, "It truly is an honour to be invited by HRH Duke of York to Buckingham Palace to share in the great work



Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Wycliffe Drama Group will be staging 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' at Lutterworth College, 21-23 January 2016.

The pantomime follows the traditional story of Snow White escaping from her wicked stepmother and being befriended by seven kindly dwarfs before being whisked off by her dashing prince. In WDG's version, the dwarfs have all manner of quirky characteristics and get up to hilarious antics which will live long in the memory, whilst the principal comedians get themselves into all kinds of slapstick mess.

The cast includes Lois Hunt as Snow White,

Dickie Wood as Sarah the cook and Lauren Crooks as the wicked queen. The pantomime is written and directed by Richard Hill, produced by Dawn Crooks, with Alison Woodward as musical director.

WDG last staged this pantomime ten years ago when it won the award for the region's best pantomime. Since then the script has been updated so patrons can expect further top-class entertainment from a well-seasoned bunch of pantomime performers.

As the show sold out early last time, patrons are advised to get their tickets early to avoid disappointment. They can be obtained from Aspect Stationers in Church Street, Lutterworth or by phoning the box office on 07913 880663 - and remember, panto tickets make excellent Christmas presents!

of Studio Schools that is being done up and down the country. Sir Frank Whittle Studio School goes from strength to strength and being invited to such a prestigious event is recognition of this. To be able to give students such an experience really was a once in a lifetime event. It underlines the amazing attitudes our students have and the great work all of the staff and students at Sir Frank Whittle Studio School do.

It really is a whirlwind of great things at Sir Frank Whittle at the moment. We have recently been awarded the High Commended Award by Niche in the Shaping Tomorrows Leaders category and in a few short weeks our brand new £3m building will be completed for students".

Applications are now open for entry in to Year 10 and 12 for September 2016. Parents can contact Sir Frank Whittle Studio School directly to find out more or for a guided tour and need to apply online using the Leicestershire County Council website for Year 10 places. Year 12 applications should be made directly to Sir Frank Whittle Studio School.

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Sadly, this year had to be the final year we could host and organise the collection point and we set ourselves a target of 500 boxes, more than any of the previous years. Thanks to the overwhelming support we have received, we are delighted to report that this year we have been able to hand over to the charity an incredible **536 filled boxes!**

A massive thank you goes out to all those who have taken part in the appeal over the past 6 years: Chris & Lesley and the team at Bloodwise, Sue Turner and the Lutterworth Knit n Stitch group, Elaine Turner and the Lutterworth Rotary Club and all our regular supporters who have become more like friends with their regular visits to our offices, often over-whelming us with their kindness and generosity. Of course, a special thank you also to Trish and Helen at the Lutterworth & District Journal who have followed our appeal and reported our progress since the very first year. In total, together we have brightened up the Christmases of 1,740 children, who would otherwise have received very little.

Joining us in our final appeal photos are volunteers Olive Perkins and Margaret Lee who once again have been working throughout the year to ensure that everything came together in time. This incredible result couldn't have been achieved without them.

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We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and on behalf of the children – 536 Thank yous!

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Lutterworth Piecemakers

Our exhibition was fantastic! We had 240 people through the doors and wonderful comments. This was all due to the hard work of Ruth, Judy and Rebecca who co-ordinated it this year. It wouldn't have been possible without all the dedicated helpers and their husbands.

November was our last meeting this year and was a wonderful social event with food, lots of chat, a hands on sewing project and voting for the challenge of the year which was anything to do with the number 15 as we are celebrating our 15th year.

We all then have a chance to catch up with our Christmas projects and plan what to do in the New Year. At this time of year I would

think at least 50% of us say we are going to complete all the UFO's we have. Sometimes we stick to our words but usually something else pops up and they are put on the back burner yet again.

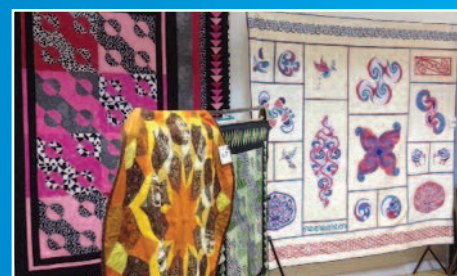
We have a full programme for 2016 with lots of interesting speakers and workshops. The January meeting is Wednesday 20th when we have Maria Thomas speaking and February 17th Gail Lawther is coming and also doing a workshop for us on the Thursday.

Keep an eye on our blogspot: lutterworthpiecemakers.blogspot.co.uk to find out all that's going on and don't forget if there is anyone out there who would like to join us then we will make you most welcome or just come as a visitor.

I hope you have all found my articles interesting and look forward to writing more in the New Year.

On behalf of Lutterworth Piecemakers I would like to wish all the readers a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Di Alderman 01858 5575626



Santa's Sleigh Run 2015 Dates & Times correct at the time of going to print

This year Santa will be helped by his friends at Inspire; they are a group of Ex-Round Table Colleagues who took over the Santa duties when Lutterworth Round Table was unable to support Santa.

Monies raised will be ploughed back in to local groups and charities. Look out for Santa from 6pm unless otherwise stated. If you would like to know more please call Mark Crane on 07843 275991.

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Mon 14 December (Lutterworth)

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Faringdon Avenue
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Rye Hill Avenue
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Tues 15 December (Lutterworth)

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Swiftway
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Goscote Drive
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Thur 17 December (Lutterworth)

St Marys Road
Coventry Road (St Marys Road to Red Arrow)
Woodway Road
Meriton Road
Avery Close
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Kingsway
Orchard Road

Fri 18 December (Lutterworth)

Magnolia Drive
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Spruce Way
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Almond Way
Peartree Close

Sat 19 December

4.30pm start
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Sun 20 December (Gilmorton)

4.30pm start
Lutterworth Road
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Main Street
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Turville Road

Mon 21 December (Lutterworth)

Ryderway
St Johns Close
Ferrers Road
DeVerdon Road
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Montgomery Close
Churchill Close
Tedder Close

Tue 22 December (Lutterworth)

Leaders Way Woodbrig Close



Lilac Drive
Lavender Close
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Jasmine Close
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Allfrey Close
Robinia Close
Azalea Close

Wed 23 December (Lutterworth)

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Rotary Disabled Sports 2015

The Rotary Disabled Sports Championship started in 1981 some 34 years ago and through the continuing hard work of the Coventry Clubs goes from strength to strength.

We in Lutterworth (Leicestershire) joined the Championship some 10 years ago in 2005 and through the enthusiasm of Bryan Cooper and his late wife Shirley followed by John Roberson and Carol have continued to not only enthuse the team but bring success over the past decade. The Leicestershire team are like an extended family supporting each other in the different fields they compete in urging and encouraging each other to succeed.

Both Bryan and John arrange practice nights at Lutterworth College who offer them their facilities free of charge. The unsung heroes who are greatly appreciated by the athletes are the drivers who ferry them around and make their success possible.

The sports played are:- Table Tennis - Swimming - Triathlon - Slalom - Shooting - Pitstop - Weightlifting - Darts - Kurling - Boccia Team and Pairs

This year the number of teams dropped but this did not diminish the competitiveness which remained high.

Since our involvement in the Championship we have won on 6 occasions - in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014 and again this year which we won in boccia pairs - kurling - pitstop - shooting - slalom - and table tennis coming second in boccia team and male weight lifting.

May we congratulate the team and all who took part.

Peter J Osborn - On behalf of Lutterworth Rotary



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This serves 8 people: Takes 30-40 mins to prepare plus overnight chilling can be kept in the freezer department for up to a month and only 743 calories per serving.

Break the chocolate into pieces and place in a heatproof bowl. Assemble a bain-marie (hot water in a saucepan and place the bowl on top of the pan on the hob), be sure not to let the water in the pan touch the bottom of the bowl, allow the heat of the water to warm and melt the chocolate. Once melted take it off the heat to cool a little.

Meanwhile, place the butter and half the sugar into another large bowl. Using an electric or hand whisk beat until the mixture is light and creamy, then beat in the cocoa powder.

Separate the eggs and put the yolks in a third bowl. Tip in the remaining sugar then beat together until pale and creamy. To check that it's ready make a figure of eight in the mixture with the beater, it should hold its shape for a couple of moments. Finally in a fourth bowl, whip the cream until thickened with soft

peaks.

Pour the melted chocolate into the butter mixture and carefully stir through until it is well combined.

Gently fold in the egg mixture. When this is thoroughly mixed together stir in the whipped cream.

Now prepare a 6.5 x 22cm tin with three layers of cling film leaving 10 cms overhang (this is so you can lift out the dessert once well chilled just before serving).

Spoon the mixture into a large piping bag with a large nozzle attached (if you don't have a piping bag I use a plastic food bag with the corner cut it does the job perfectly).

Pipe a layer of the mixture over the bottom of the tin, then cover this with a layer of After Eights (cut them if need be to make them fit). Pipe over another layer of chocolate cream followed by another layer of After Eights. Continue this process until the tin is full and finishing the last layer with the chocolate cream mixture. Then fold over the cling film and chill in the freezer overnight.

Be sure to take the Marquise out of the freezer 10 mins before serving as this makes it easier to slice. Place the tin, bottom-side up on a serving plate, slide off the tin and peel off the cling film. Dip a knife in hot water and skim it over the top of the Marquise to give it a glossy sheen & smooth surface. Then still dipping the knife into the hot water, cut the Marquise into slices and finally enjoy it and I can assure you, you will be left craving for more.

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The Wycliffe Rooms in George Street Lutterworth have been completely refurbished and the new Community Room was officially opened by Lady Gretton JP accompanied by R. W. Bro David Hagger Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire & Rutland on Saturday 21st November 2015.

The Entrance Hall is warm and welcoming and it has been completely redecorated throughout giving it a fresh and up to date look. There are comfy sofas, new toilets including disabled and nappy changing facilities and it has a new lift up to The Masonic Lodge Rooms.

The Main Hall has been redecorated and updated and has a contemporary feel to it with up to date bar facilities, wifi, cctv and is fully air-conditioned. Holding up to 200 people theatre style and up to 160 people on round tables, it is the perfect venue for a wedding or function. It also has a large stage for performances, concerts or seminars.

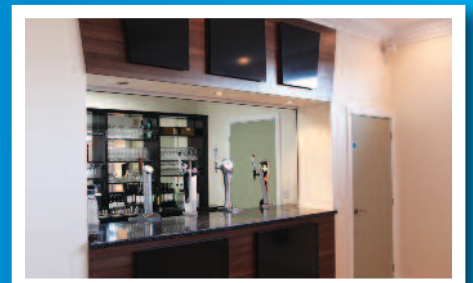
The new Community Room has been

built at the rear of the building and is very light, airy and modern. It can hold up to 100 people theatre style and up to 60 people on round tables. Suitable for small weddings, wakes, parties and other functions, it boasts audio visual equipment, cctv, is fully air conditioned and has bar facilities. Already hosting Zumba, Martial Arts, Community Sunday Lunches and local group meetings, it's an ideal venue for any new groups to meet.

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All members of staff participate in events that help to strengthen ties within the community whilst raising funds for many different local and national charities. The events vary from an individual staff member taking part in an athletic challenge for sponsorship to selling raffle tickets and wristbands or a voluntary optical clinic for disadvantaged children from Chernobyl.

The activities can be incorporated into the working day – such as HOPE Against Cancer's Blue Friday or Optometry Giving Sight's World Sight Day Challenge. Other times it happens outside working hours. Socially the team meets up outside of work for meals and charitable events that benefit the local community. In the past year the team has participated in The London Marathon, The HOPE quiz night and even a naked calendar shoot for Pancreatic Cancer Research! The team recognises that the main objective of any such event is to raise as much money for the chosen charity as possible and over the past year they have collected almost £5,000 for various charities. Every year

Edmonds & Slatter has an open evening to celebrate the Christmas lights switch-on and hold an annual Christmas raffle to raise money for a nominated charity. They also use this opportunity to have a festive 'open-house' for patients, inviting them along for a drink, mince pie and maybe a goodie bag to take home. Almost all of the team volunteer their free time to put on the event. This year will be no exception.

Saagar Hirani, Partner at Edmonds & Slatter Opticians, attended AOP Awards Ceremony on behalf of his team. Speaking about the award, he said, "We have learnt that as an independent practice engaging with your patients and community is vital. Charity work involves a lot of interaction with your community and you need to get out there and be part of that community too!"



Partners Tim Cole (left) and Saagar Hirani (right) join Frozen characters and Leicester Riders player Harrison Gamble to raise money for HOPE Against Cancer

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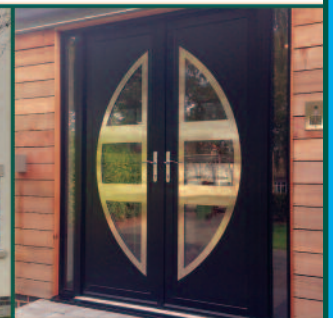
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