

# FELLOWSHIP

Looking back at our first meeting in June which was just before D Day, our leader Jean in our opening devotions reflected on the significance of D Day and suggested that the Lord's Prayer and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm the Lord's My Shepherd would have been very familiar and perhaps a comfort to our forces at that time.

Our own members Phoebe and Liz then recalled memories of Liphook Childhood at Liphook School which was where the library is now, heating the milk bottles, the cane, always snow at Christmas and 2 feet thick ice, picking primroses at Easter and long hot summer days. Phoebe went on to recall potato picking, war time sweet rationing, an outing to Hayling Island in a charabang and a concert for the children by the Canadian soldiers. Liz used the Heritage booklet 'The Shops of Liphook' to remind us of the builders, butchers, (at one time there were at least five) grocery shops such a Matthews in Station Road and Wilson's stores in Bramshott. Mr Cook the boot repair shop, the Anchor Garage with petrol pumps and in the London Road the Liphook Emporium Coytes. Recalling where they all were all situated in our village and what was there now was challenging.

We invited back the Rev. Elize Goddess to tell us how different it is in England from South Africa. Noted the accents around the country was impressed with our NHS, our church communities and friendly neighbours. We know our history, we have music knowledge and has found food an 'interesting journey' Elize said she can speak Afrikaans and closed with the comment that differences should not bring division.

Alastair came back to us from the Mission Aviation Fellowship confirming that 1,500 organisations work with MAF in 25 developing countries and showed us a video of their work in isolated areas in places like Papua New Guinea. We presented Alastair with a cheque for £500 and have been reminded that MAF collect post cards and have placed a box on the coffee bar for any contributions.



Wise words from Rev. John Illsley acknowledging we all age but 'never get old' giving many examples of folk he had meet in his ministry who had aged but never got old all making the best of their lives. John mentioned his first job was accountancy before entering the ministry and has no regrets that he has now retired celebrating Holy Communion with us at the close of our meeting.

Standford Gospel Hall invited us to their meeting in July, the speaker was Ella Perseadoss from Ukraine Christian Ministries (UCM) who had recently returned from Ukraine where they assist the Christians families coping with life in that war torn country. Six of us were able to attend, Ella was a most interesting speaker and we were made very welcome.

The last Tuesday in July was a beetle drive followed by a cream tea with scones from Jean and cream and jam from Elizabeth. Back on the 10<sup>th</sup> September for our AGM and the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

