

KNIGHT CLUB

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From the left, President Cathy Jones, Pat Griffiths, daughter Beccy and friends Jenny and Sheila

TALK BY PAT GRIFFITHS- EMBRACE AFRICA

Pat came to our meeting on 4th November at the Norton Manor Hotel with daughter Beccy and friends Jenny and Sheila.

Pat is a Practice Nurse at Knighton and with the support of friends and family made the long journey to S. E. Nigeria to give support to the Royal Cross Mission Hospital as well as a Mother and Baby Home, where on arrival the temperatures were in the high 30s C and humidity 90% plus. The area is in a very poor part of Nigeria where no government support is provided and was once known by the name that many of us associate with famine, Biafra. The local language is Ebo but English is spoken throughout Nigeria. Financial and practical help has come from many local sources, including Wigmore Parish and Knighton G.P.s who have donated various pieces of medical equipment.

Pat illustrated her talk with projected photos which graphically illustrated the lack of even the basic facilities. Whilst she was there, Pat managed with donated money, to purchase a second-hand operating table to replace a very dilapidated original. A dedicated team of doctors treat patients with a senior Dutch Doctor insisting that all patients are seen on the day they arrive, often camping in the hospital foyer. Pat also trained many of the unqualified staff acting as nurses, which was very much appreciated.

Pat was thanked by President Cathy for her enlightening talk about one of the many African societies in dire need of support.

PRIZE GIVING AT JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL, PRESTEIGNE

Rtn. Sylvia and Rtn. Colin represented the Club at the above event on 13th November, where our donated prize for Welsh was presented to Sophie Lloyd. The presentations were followed by guest speaker Professor Dame Betty Kershaw, Emeritus Dean at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sheffield, who gave an inspiring talk mainly aimed at the students.

LEGS CLUB OPENING

12th November saw the official opening ceremony for Knighton's 'Leg Club', attended by President Cathy, Rtn. Ivan, Rtn. Sylvia and Rtn. Colin. It was a rather bitter sweet occasion for Rtn. Debbie Evans, who set up the Club, as this was her last day as a District Nurse in Knighton, as she leaves for a new post in Newtown. We all wish her well in her new position.



SEED Charity

This is a charity set up by David & Rosemary Brice's Daughter Emma, after living for 6 months in a remote village in Tanzania. They currently support 25 girls at Idodi School, where a recent fire took the lives of 2 of the girls. We have donated £120 for them to buy 2 bunk beds. Pictured is one of the girls from the school.

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?

Going through an old (1970s era) wallet the other day I came across this book review:

“Although written many years ago, ‘Lady Chatterley’s Lover’ has just been re-issued by the Grove Press and this fictional account of the day by day life of an English gamekeeper is still of considerable interest to outdoor-minded readers, as it contains many passages on pheasant-rearing, the apprehending of poachers, ways to control vermin and other chores and duties of the professional gamekeeper.”

“Unfortunately one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous matter in order to discover the side-lights on the management of a shooting estate, and in this reviewer’s opinion, this book cannot take the place of J. R. Millers ‘Practical Gamekeeping’.”

I knew it would come in useful one day! I even remember when it was first published in the 60s and buying a copy from the local book shop where the assistant discreetly brought it out from underneath the counter.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

There will be street collections in Knighton and probably Presteigne on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December.

Tree of Lights: Why not show loved ones you are thinking of them by buying a light for a minimum donation of £3, that will be placed on a tree in front of St Edwards Church, Knighton. The money collected will go towards funding our ‘Kids Out’ day next year, for local special needs children. Contact Rotarian Gill Warrington, (Hazel Barn, Upper Woodhouse lane, Knighton) or Norman Thorp (4 Bryntirion Close, Knighton).

<i>December</i>	<i>Future Events. All are welcome.</i>
2nd	Dinner, 7-00 for 7-30. Fellowship, at Norton Hotel. Speaker. Officer Elections.
9th	Lunch, 12-30 for 1-00. Council, at The Baron of Beef.
16th	Christmas Dinner, 7-00 for 7-30. At The Baron of Beef. Fun and Frolics!
23rd	No meeting.
30th	No meeting.