

Mothers' Union Diocese of Lichfield e-newsletter

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Diocesan AGM Thursday 9th July 7.30pm at Doxey

[supper at 6.30pm]

Guest Speaker

Captain Gordon Banks

Stafford Area Mission & Growth Partner

as introduced in the last e-newsletter



We are pleased to be welcoming Captain Gordon Banks as our speaker at this meeting, Lynne Tembey is unfortunately unable to be our guest but will be meeting many of us the following Saturday at Summerfest.

As in previous years, there will be a buffet supper (including tea/coffee) available before the meeting, from 6.30pm at a cost of £4.50* per person.

Your branch leader will have had details and a form on which to book places. If you do not belong to a branch and would like to come to the AGM and would like supper you can book direct via the office.

For those who prefer not to have the full buffet supper, tea/coffee and cake will be available from 7.00pm at a cost of £1.00 each. To assist with catering we would be grateful if you would notify us of anticipated numbers for each option by Friday 3rd July.

* Please make cheques payable to **LDMU**

A copy of the AGM agenda can be emailed to you from the office on request.

familiesfirst All it costs is 3p per day.

Branch leaders will have received the order form for Families First Magazine for 2016. Please ensure this is returned to Sian West (her address is on the form) by the due date of 1st August 2015. Please note that this is a month earlier than previously.

Please encourage your members to take out a yearly subscription.

**Quiet Day
Monday
28th September
at**

Shallowford House

Contact the office for details

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If you are a branch leader you will have received a pack of posters and flyers advertising



If you have not already done so, now is the time to display them. Make sure you have put a poster on the notice board of your church hall, especially if none church groups use the facilities.

If you are wondering who to give the flyers to here are some ideas;

Playgroups

Baden Powell Groups

Sunday school

Supermarket notice board

Holiday Caravan/Camping Site

Keep Fit Class etc etc

If you would like the poster/flyer emailing to you please contact the office.

Family Fun Day



**Saturday July 11th
at Dovedale House, Ilam**

come and meet

**Lynne Tembey
Worldwide President of
Mothers' Union**

*It promises to be a grand day out for everyone
it is not just families!*

We need prizes for the games and competitions that will be going on all day and we are asking every branch if it would supply a bag of 'funsize' sweets or chocolate bars. These can be brought to the AGM on 9th July or to the office at a convenient time before that date.

We are looking for members and their husbands, wives, partners, friends to act as Stewards for our various activities at Summerfest on 11th July at Dovedale House.

You will not be asked to pay entrance, [please bring your lunch], tea/coffee/juice will be free and you will have the chance to look around during the day and enjoy the activities and music. Even just an hour during the day will be a great help to us.

Please contact the office if you would like to help - thank you in advance.



A Request from Revd. David Primrose to all members;

Social Responsibility Network - A network of people passionate that the Church engages with the issues of our communities

An invitation to tell your story ...

We would love to hear a story that expresses the relationship between what you do and what you believe.

It may be that as you have 'loved your neighbour' you have found that your love for God has grown. Maybe when you were caring for a relative it 'clicked' that you were acting out your faith. Maybe something you did 'out there' shone a light on part of a service of worship ... or maybe ...

We would like to hear all sorts of stories, from regular volunteering for a charity to a small act that was somehow particularly significant to what you do in your paid employment. Maybe the story took place at work, at school or in the home. We don't want to limit the stories we hear and are looking forward to being surprised.

The point is to deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Christian disciple and how that relates to what we do in caring for others – whoever they are and in whatever circumstances.

Would you share your story with us?

We would really appreciate stories that fit onto one side of A4. Some stories may be only a few sentences long.

To find out more details and where to send your story visit www.srnet.org.uk

What are you doing to support the Big Wheels Appeal to help people, at home and abroad, who are refugees, survivors of abuse or living in poverty.



Send your reports and photos by email to the office so that we can share what we are doing with all our readers.



Afternoon Tea for the United Benefice of Cheddleton, Horton, Longsdon and Rushton Spencer. Raised £150

New Updates on Recycling For Fundraising

We now have a link on the 'charities page' of The Recycling Factory Website [ink cartridges], there is a description of the work we do as Mothers' Union in this diocese as well as a downloadable postage label and a list of the cartridges we get paid for. Visit www.therecyclingfactory.com and follow the links for charities until you come to the page for Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield.

All types of jewellery and watches – including broken items, mobile phones, digital cameras, handheld games consoles, Sat Nav systems etc and UK and foreign banknotes – including obsolete notes. Please bring all these items to the office and when we have a sufficient quantity we contact the company and they arrange to collect them. Visit www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org to learn more about the company.

Used UK and foreign postage stamps should be brought to the office. Please leave the stamps on the envelope, but trim around the stamps leaving about a quarter of an inch of the envelope paper around the stamp.



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