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Breakfast News and Views. We covered a lot of ground this time. The dangers of mobile phones and pedestrians, burning chinese lanterns (the big Smethwick fire), the making of modern day Saints, stopping smoking and drinking addictions. Stag/hen nights turning into weekends or even weeks (I thought we were in a recession), looking after your money, pawn shops, money lenders, compulsory organ donation or should that be compulsory organ harvesting, Madeleine McCann (will they find her now?) and finally how are you with the thought of 'Big Brother' watching you all the time. Not bad for an hour or so.

Gift Aid. As part of the new rules, the Methodist Church has recommended that Gift Aid members sign the new style declaration to satisfy possible Inland Revenue involvement at a later date. If he hasn't seen you already, Ray will be having a word with you in the near future.

'Exclusion and Embrace: Peace -making in Croatia & Locally'. About 16 members spent an interesting Circuit Retreat Day at Sandon Road led by the Rev. Clive Fowle at the end of June. Clive is a minister in Rugby part of the time and for the remainder works for peace and reconciliation in Crotia, Serbia etc. Through activities, discussion and a presentation we learned about conflict not only between countries and religions but also on a very personal level in local situations.

Diary Dates:
Table Top sale – 21st September at Sandon Road Church. 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. refreshments throughout and a table costs £6.00. We are looking for quality objects (Not jumble) and cakes for the Sandon Road tables.

Wrinklies Puzzle answer.
Last months' puzzle: You are in a room, blindfolded, with a bowl containing lots of £50, £20, £10, and £5 notes. You can take notes out one at a time until you have four of the same value. What is the largest amount of cash you could end up with? Answer £305 - Three of each plus an extra £50.

This month's puzzle(32): Tony and Tina go shopping. On the way home Tina says "Hey! If you gave me one of your bags I'd have twice as many as you, but if if I gave you one of mine we'd have the same number each. How many bags were they each carrying?

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