

## 3Cs Annual Report for 2005

During 2005 the ladies of the 3Cs and friends have spent some very enjoyable times together. New members have joined us and again we welcomed our men-folk to several meetings. Our programme has been very varied: We had an interesting talk with slides from Andy Jervis about walking the Leicestershire Round; heard from Liz Clarke again, this time about her and Geoff's climb up the Inca trail to Machu Pichu, the talk again accompanied by slides. Dettie Wallington came to give us an insight into "The Carpenter's Arms", a local Christian organisation offering lifelines for the homeless. Roy Davies talked to us about "The Life of a Packyman", with anecdotes from first-hand family experience. Caroline Kew enlightened us about the "Skylarks" charity, which provides respite care and holidays for disabled people and their carers; and Mike Smith gave us a talk with slides about the setting up and present situation of the Great Central railway, and their hopes for the future.

In June we went on our annual outing, this time to visit Moira Furnace. On an idyllic warm day we were shown round the furnace and museum, walked by the canal or took a ride in a canal boat, and enjoyed an excellent lunchtime buffet. In July Liz Featonby again graciously entertained us for our "Bring and Share" supper. A companionable time was had by all.

After our AGM in November, Roy and Jean Francis kindly led us in line dancing, a very happy occasion. The year again concluded with a Christmas party including fun games and party food.

We held a successful coffee morning jointly with the choir in April and raised much-needed funds, which enabled us to support various charities. These have included Air Ambulance, the C of E Children's society, Lifelines for the Homeless, "Breathe Easy", "Skylarks", and "Great Central Railway". We have also been able to donate £100 to the Church Centenary Fund.

All ladies and their friends are always assured of a friendly welcome. Our meetings are an especially good place to socialise and share friendship and fellowship together.

We look forward to another happy year ahead.

Christine Henley (Secretary)