

October 2017



The very late snow in the spring had not had the devastating effect on the harvest this year we feared. The major effect was felt in the south but generally we should be very thankful.



When visiting families a few weeks ago the fear of the impending winter was common, especially with the elderly. With freezing temperatures that can easily kill only a few weeks away many are starting to panic they do not have enough

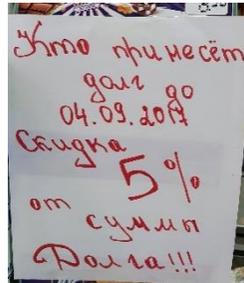


wood to stay warm. Throughout the year wood has been collected, often dragged huge distances home.

We will, as we do every year, arrange for wood for as many families as we can. We concentrate on the elderly and families with young children. Unfortunately wood is becoming increasingly expensive and it is very frustrating not being able to help all those in need. All we can do is to hope and pray they will survive.

Last month's notes highlighted the huge task ahead preparing for the Christmas Truck. We hope again to take several thousand Christmas Shoeboxes but the numbers are not as important as the quality. Everyone is busy collecting and sorting very good quality clothing, bedding and medical supplies.

With little or no work available, especially in the villages life is very difficult, even the shops struggle to survive. Giving credit is the only way shops can operate but with little money coming in they still have to buy stock. One shop I visited had an interesting sign, they were offering a 5% discount for debts settled quickly, (on the sign before 4th September). If the shops do not offer credit nothing would be "sold".



It is astonishing to see the efforts people go to to survive in such seemingly impossible circumstances. It is humbling to witness young and old alike working so hard, day after day achieving so little but still carrying on. Sadly they have little choice. Our Aid Trucks offer them essential practical help and are of huge importance, encouraging them and letting them know so many in England are working hard to help them. Thank you all.

Open days in 2017 -

**1st Wednesday in each month
10 am till 3pm
also**

**3rd Saturday in each month
10am till 1am**

Future dates:-

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
4 th October	21 st October
1 st November	18 th November
29 th November	2 nd December

Last date for Family parcels & Christmas Shoe boxes 2nd December

Our next Prayer Support meeting will be on

Monday 20th November 2017, 7.30pm

at St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER

Come and join us to hear more about the work of CR2EE

Hugh will have recently returned from Moldova and will bring us the latest news on families etc

Thank you

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