

ONE might not readily see the link between England winning the football World Cup in 1966 and the work of a hospital chaplain, but for Rev Colin Leggate there certainly was and as he told Kyrle Probus members at their recent meeting, that link was 'emotion.'

At the time England won the World Cup he was working as a breakfast chef in a hotel in Israel and when they beat Germany in the final, as an Englishman he could do no wrong.

That was the highlight of his life then, but later, after he embraced Christianity and was ordained as an Anglican priest, his life just got better and especially as a hospital chaplain.



A lot of emotion went on during the World Cup victory and hospitals are wrapped up in total emotion, he said. Illness is a deep emotion and there is such a range of emotion that a hospital chaplain has to deal with.

There is birth that does not always have a joyful outcome; disfigurement from burns; accidents that cause brain or spinal injuries; attempted suicide, the feeling of giving up – how can you deal with that as a chaplain; and of course, there's death.

Each one is different and each can result in the emotion of resentment, which is so damaging and which must be got rid of, he told his appreciative audience.

This was just the latest in the varied, interesting talks members hear when they meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Kyrle Probus Club, they can visit the website on: kyrleprobusross.org.uk or contact club secretary, Jeff Morris, on 01989 563698.