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From the Vicarage, December

Wendy Tyndale wrote in this week's Tablet about Christians in East Germany in Communist times. She described the Roman Catholic and Protestant positions.

The Catholic position was neatly encapsulated by a quotation from Cardinal Bensch, suggesting that a Christian in a lion's cage "will neither stroke the lion nor pull its tail". So, for forty years of the Communist state the Catholic Church opted for political abstinence, involving itself as little as possible with State, and with society at large. The Protestants' line was different. Inspired by Bonhoeffer's vision of 'Church for others', it sought to serve East Germany as a whole. It criticized the regime, but it also cooperated with it, and it supported those who had fallen foul of the authorities.

Whilst the Catholic hierarchy tried to keep its sheep unsullied by withdrawing from society, the Protestants risked being involved in society. They hoped there was a possibility of changing the society from within, as well as fearing they would be corrupted by it.

It was under the shelter of the Protestant Church that dissident groups began to grow.

The Protestants clearly, like everyone else, could not have envisaged the events of twenty years ago, when the Berlin Wall came tumbling down, but they did hope to change and influence the communities in which they lived.

That leaves us with an Advent- Christmas message. The world in which Christ lived also was not just, not fair, and dangerous. He didn't avoid it, didn't withdraw into a monastery until it became better, but entered into it, and sought to change it. Immanuel is his name – 'God with us'. With him our hope is to try to change things for the better in *this* society of ours, no matter how greedy, unjust, materialistic and secular it might seem.


Two anecdotes to flesh out the thought, but not, I hope, to limit it.

First, a rabbi talking of the vast materialistic choice we have for Christmas presents. 'We can use our imaginations to buy presents far more relevant than the bars of soap and socks that were the norm 30years ago' – the material world can be used for good

Second, a clergyman scientist [Aubrey Moore] at the end of the 19th century described Darwin as a friend in the guise of a foe. If, instead of being threatened, you enter into thoughtful dialogue with scientists, you find theology not disproved, but enriched.

Patrick

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Jan Munt's visit. Those who came to an informal meeting in Debenham Church were inspired by Jan's enthusiasm and vision. She talked of the way the Ely Cathedral attempts to make visits there a richer experience, helping visitors on their journey through life. Jan's visit will already have informed our meditations about changes in our church, but it is also planned to have a trip to Ely, with an evening 'pilgrims' tour', as part of that ongoing process.

Coming events:

Advent course: The benefice course is from a Christmas Carol – How better to sing 'Be born in us today'? How do we help him be born in others? How will it make Christmas more special? There are two choices of meetings: Aspall Hall, 7.30p.m., 2nd [Wednesday], and 7th, 14th [Mondays]
Gatehouse Farmhouse, 2p.m., 1st, 8th, 15th December [All Tuesdays]

Our new venture, the Mystery Play and carols is on 21st, Monday, at 7p.m.

The last MOO coffee morning raised £30 for SCOPE. December's is at the Vicarage, 10a.m. – 12 noon, for CRISIS CHRISTMAS, December 8th.



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St Mary Magdalene Debenham Services for December

Family Service

6 th	2nd Sunday of Advent		
9.30	Readers	Philippians 1: 3 - 11 Luke 3: 1 - 6	E Chapman K James
	Intercessor	Brian James	
	Sidespeople	The Carruthers Family	

11th **Salvation Army Carol Concert** 7.30pm

Holy Communion

13 th	3rd Sunday of Advent		
9.30	Readers	Philippians 4: 4 - 7 Luke 3: 7 - 18	A Dixon R Boulter
	Server	Lynden Jackson	
	Elder	Pam Steel-Jessop	
	Intercessor	Joan Wilkins	
	Sidespeople	Joyce & Percy Creasy	

Holy Communion

20 th	4th Sunday of Advent		
9.30	Readers	Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 Luke 1: 39 - 45[46 - 55]	C Edgley P Steel-Jessop
	Server	Lynden Jackson	
	Elder	Peter Pink	
	Intercessor	TBA	
	Sidespeople	P Steel-Jessop & Stuart Bufton	

21st **Mystery Play & Carol Service** 7.00pm

24th **Crib Service** 5.30pm

⁴ **Midnight Communion** 11.30pm

25th **Family Service** 10.00am

Holy Communion

27 th	St John		
9.30	Readers	1 John 1 John 21: 19b - 25	J Read J Wilkins
	Server	Lynden Jackson	
	Elder	Hav Wilkins	
	Intercessor	P Steel-Jessop	
	Sidespeople	Ray & Val Watts	

December Services for Aspall, Debenham, Framsdén, Helmingham, Kenton, Pettaugh and Winston

6th

8.00	Aspall	Holy Communion	P Cotton
9.30	Debenham	Family Service	P Wilkes
10.00	Framsden Winston Pettaugh Helmingham		
		All Age Holy Communion	P Cotton
11.00	Kenton	Family Service	P Wilkes
11.15	Debenham	Holy communion	R Barnes

13th

8.00	Kenton	Holy Communion	P Cotton
9.30	Debenham	Holy Communion	P Cotton
	Framsden	Holy Communion	P Wilkes
	Winston	Morning Prayer	M Trevett
11.00	Pettaugh	Holy Communion	P Cotton
	Aspall	Morning Prayer	M Trevett
6.30	Helmingham	Evensong	P Wilkes

20th

8.00	Aspall	Holy Communion	P Cotton
9.30	Debenham	Holy Communion	R Barnes
	Framsden	Morning Prayer	V Berriman
	Helmingham	Holy Communion	P Cotton
11.00	Kenton	Morning Prayer	D Alway
	Pettaugh	Morning Prayer	R Barnes
	Winston	Holy Communion	P Cotton
	Aspall	Carols	M Trevett
3.00	Pettaugh	Carols	V Berriman
6.00	Helmingham	Carols	P Cotton/ M Trevett

27th

8.00	Kenton	Holy Communion	TBA
9.30	Debenham	Holy Communion	TBA
	Helmingham	Morning Prayer	J Andreason
11.00	Pettaugh	Morning Prayer	TBA
	Framsden	Family Service	TBA
	Aspall	Morning Prayer	TBA
6.30	Winston	Evening Prayer	TBA

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Debenham & Helmingham Benefice Christmas Services

Aspall

20 th	11am	Carol Service
25 th	8am	Communion, [BCP]

Debenham

11 th	7.30pm	Salvation Army Carol Concert
21 st	7pm	Mystery Play, and Carol Service
24 th	5.30pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	'Midnight' Communion
25 th	10am	Family Service

Framsden

24 th	6pm	Carol Service
25 th	10am	Communion

Helmingham

20 th	6pm	Carol Service
24 th	11.30pm	'Midnight' Communion

Kenton

24 th	6.30pm	Carol Service
25 th	8am	Communion
	10am	Family Service
26 th	10am	Communion [St Stephen]

Pettaugh

20 th	3pm	Carol Service
25 th	10am	Communion

Winston

24 th	6.30pm	Carol Service
25 th	10am	Communion

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from Mothers' Union Christmas Day Prayers

God of joy
Remind me to rejoice
Wrapped up in my Christmas gifts
Tied down in my debts
I have forgotten

God of peace
Remind me of your calm
In my anxiety
And in my haste
I have forgotten

God of all
Remind me
Of the true light of Christmas
Of your gift shared
In my own wants and in my own needs
I have forgotten
Remind me of your world
God of joy, remind me
To rejoice

Linda Jones CAFOD

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 28th January 2010 in Dove Cottage at 2.30pm.

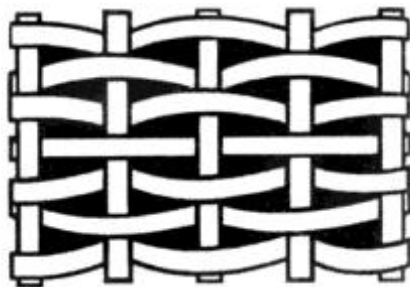
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The November meeting coincided with Guy Fawkes celebrations so when we first arrived at the hall it sounded almost as though we were in a battle zone, but fortunately peace returned almost as soon as the proceedings began.

It was also the 70th birthday of our former president, Val Watts, and she was presented with a small cake to celebrate the occasion.

Our present President, Jill Gow began the business by announcing that the recent cake stall raised £233, and congratulated Christine Miller for holding a successful coffee morning in aid of the bees. There was another treasure hunt held recently, the first one to cross the A140, which concluded at the tea-rooms in Bacton, and was won by Christine Miller and her car load. Several members had attended the scrabble and whist event at Playford..

It was decided that the carol to be sung at the Magpie group carol service would be “The Holly and the Ivy.”

The AGM followed, Ann Ferrier giving the treasurer’s report, followed by Anne Packer with secretary’s report and Jill Gow with the President’s report. She thanked her officers and all the committee for their work throughout the year with special thanks to Anne for help and support during her spell in hospital and recuperation.

With no new volunteers forthcoming, the present committee were re-elected en bloc and Jill agreed to continue as President.

At the conclusion of the business, cheese and wine was enjoyed by all and a “Bring and Buy” stall was held. The meeting ended with the raffle.

The Christmas social evening on December 3rd will include the latest offering from Ann Dixon and the drama group, and the “Secret Santa” lucky dip will take place.

DEBENHAM WI

Guests and visitors are always welcome.

For further information ring Jill Gow (01728 861642)

Meetings are held in the Community Centre on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Details of the January meeting are as follows:

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Subject: Beetle Drive

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Sunday	13 th	Mr Simon Pyett	10.45 am	
	13 th	CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	6.30 pm	
		Led by Mr Sam Fuller		
Sunday	20 th	Rev Barbara Challis	10.45 am	
Sunday	27 th	Mr Sam Fuller	10.45 am	

Wednesday Mornings 10.30 am for 10.45 am

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Final Bible Study meeting before Christmas break 9th December.
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A LIGHT HAS SHONE

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Into the uncertainty and darkness, through the crowds and chaos of that little town came Mary and Joseph seeking shelter and finding it in the stable of an inn, where Mary gave birth to her first child, whom she named Jesus. He is the one who fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah (9:1), which we read at Christmas Midnight Mass:

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light:
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

Jesus is the Light of the World who comes to set us free from darkness, to bring us into the splendour of God's kingdom of light and to be our peace.

May you have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Father David Finegan

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN OUR LADY'S PARISH

Thursday, 24th December, Christmas Eve:

9.00 pm, Christmas Mass at Woolpit Church.

11.30 pm, Carols followed by Midnight Mass of the Nativity (at Midnight) in Our Lady's Church, Stowmarket.

Friday, 25th December, Christmas Day:

8.30 am, Dawn Mass and 10.15 am, Day Mass,
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KENTON NOTES

What happened in Kenton in November? Well, it rained a lot and the wind blew and we had fog and most people sensibly stayed in the dry. Apart from one coolish snap, however, it does seem to have stayed unseasonably warm. Let's hope it continues to be so when we go carol singing round the village, although we do like it to be nice and dry, as well!

But I'm getting ahead of myself. First we have a coffee morning in Dove Cottage, from 10am until noon on Saturday 19th December. As well as the usual coffee, biscuits and a bit of a natter we will have delicious, home-made mouth-watering cakes (mmm!), great value, just-in-time-for-Christmas bottle tombola (wow!) and, best of all, beautiful, gloriously scented, pink and blue hyacinths in baskets or decorated pots (aaah!). These are great value from our good friend Debbie who brings us the superb plants in the summer. They make an ideal present for the aunt, granny or friend when you can't think what else to get them. Or maybe just for someone you think will appreciate a little gift to brighten their Christmas.

Now the carol singing round Kenton will be on Sunday 20th. Wrap up well, have a spoonful of honey and come along at 5.30pm. We all meet outside the church and we finish up for mulled wine and nibbles afterwards at Wisteria House. Go on, come and join us, there's nothing worth watching on the tele. We'll be collecting for the air ambulance, as we did last year. The traditional Candlelit Carol Service will be on Christmas Eve starting at 6.30pm in the church. If you haven't got into the Christmas spirit by then this will certainly get you in the mood especially with mulled wine and mince pies after. The Christmas Day service will, not surprisingly, be on Christmas Day at 10.00am. It seems a little early when this magazine comes out to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but I will anyway. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

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Philosophy 7

Those who braved a windy November evening were treated to an excellent lecture by Stuart Bufton on two World War I chaplains. Stuart's enthusiasm and admiration for the courage and astonishingly brave and self effacing care that those chaplains showed, gave us sight of the highest human virtues revealed in the lowest human circumstances. (The image of Hardy spending nights comforting men dying in the mud, in the horror of the battlefield well illustrates why he won the VC) Thanks to Stuart for another stimulating Philosophy 7 event)

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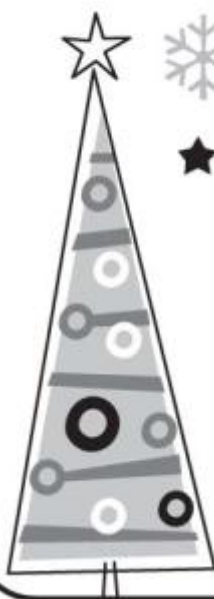
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Especial thanks to all in Debenham, the surrounding villages, and the local authorities for all their support.

By the way, we shall have a stand in Dove Cottage on the Christmas Shopping evening, December 4th from 4.30 pm until 8pm - do come and see us.

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Karen Cook Co-ordinator

We have had a busy 12 months since the last AGM, our team membership has ebbed and flowed with new members joining, original members retiring or taking time out for themselves and rejoining as circumstances allow.

We are pleased to have the following members trained, Chris Bishop, Rob Parmenter, Catherine McGuire, Peter Holme, John Feeney-Howells, Tori Payne and myself, with two new members awaiting their training Saffron Fairey and Katherine Branch. Stuart Bufton remains our very committed Chair, using his influence to attract potential new responders. Tori Payne and I have been able here since the start in May 2006.

The team continues to be very fortunate in its support from Jon Needle Manager Suffolk Responder Teams (East of England Ambulance Trust) and from Philip Byrne Suffolk Responder Trainer who now undertakes our monthly training. We have recently been revalidated for our CPR and Defibrillation skills and undertaken mandatory Movement and Handling training.

On the fundraising front the communities around us are continuing to generously support us.

- We are very grateful to the Ministry Team for St. Mary Magdalene for allowing us to hold our meetings here in Dove Cottage. It is an ideal location, being easy to find and of a good size for practicing our first aid and resuscitation skills.
- Drum-Ah-Mania 2 this was the second drum and percussion fund raiser for us, organised by Samboomba and we are very grateful for their continued support.
- Mrs Creasey for her special birthday this year had donations instead of presents.
- Pettaugh Ladies Circle Crowfield Village Fete Committee
- Zeera Indian Take Away Debenham Football Club
- Debenham Leisure Centre Helmingham Parish Council
- In memoriam donations
- Personal donations from individual supporters.

Activity report:

The team have attended 74 calls, in the period October 2008 to October 2009, the majority to chest pains, the defibrillator has been used and one patient has been shocked, sadly to date we have not had a successful resuscitation. The calls have been attended throughout the 24 hour period with very few gaps in the rota and therefore few calls missed. We aim to have 24 hour cover seven days a week, but as with all volunteer services this isn't always achievable.

The changes within the new East of England Ambulance NHS Trust which had resulted in changes in policy and procedures in 2008 have now settled down and the three original responder areas are working much more in line with each other. Suffolk Responders still do twice the calls of Cambridge and Norfolk combined.

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Mr Steve Stoner, doing well with Gladys his wife who is not 100%. Mrs Joyce Hammond, home from hospital after a bad fall and doing very well , even been out and about. Keep it up Joyce!!

Mrs Joy Nunn, being cared for by dear Alan.

Mr Harry King of Gardeners Road, friend of many, who was admitted to hospital on 14th October has come home today. He's a bit dodgy on his legs but after four weeks in bed no wonder!

Mr John Knights, another who has been tied to home for a while is being looked after by Vera.

Daphne Fosdike, being looked after by hubby Wally.

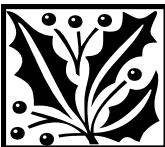
Mr. William (Jock) Fuller of Coopersfield, always cheerful though not a well man, has now suffered the loss of his dear friend Gwen Bode, who passed away last week after a long illness in hospital.

Rita Longwill who lost her son so suddenly this last month

Mr. Harold Knights. It is with great sadness that we hear of the loss of Harold on November 13th. Our prayers and thoughts are with Vera and his family at this sad time

Should there be any others who need our prayers or a visit please let me know for future magazines

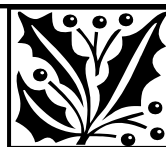
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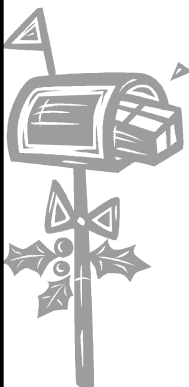
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The route which Leader William Wickham invented many years ago is a mixture of footpaths, bridleways and tiny roads, with indoor overnight stops. Crossing Devon northwards into West Somerset it includes some rough walking and especially as the ground was often extremely muddy and sometimes dangerously slippery with wet rock underfoot.

Changing the clocks before rather than after half term added an extra sense of adventure to the expedition with walking in the dark on several evenings. It all added up to a great experience being both enjoyable and testing, but was characterised by good spirits and real determination - and luckily by beautiful autumn days.

The boys were well backed up by a Mum Tess who cooked a hot home-made meal each of the first four days when they got to the next camp and Dads Robert, Paul and Stu who walked and manned the back-up mini-bus.

The end goal was an overnight stay at Butlins where the boys had great time and enjoyed the luxury of real beds after four nights sleeping on floors. The hikers were guests of Butlins during their stay, for which William expressed huge appreciation

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Manager Mel Aldis has got the team playing an exciting, passing game, with the emphasis on skill and commitment, and the team spirit is there for all to see, they never know when they are beaten and keep going right to the final whistle.

With wins already this season over Kings Lynn Reserves (twice), Histon Reserves, Stanway Rovers, Ely City, Newmarket Town, Wivenhoe Town (twice) and also losing very narrowly to high flying teams like Needham Market and Bury Town, the team deserve their position in the league.

The club is well run off the field, with a committee headed by local businessman Stephen Anderson as Chairman and are currently running several fund raising events throughout the season.

The club would obviously like to see more spectators through the gate to support them, and at just £5 admission, with half price for Senior Citizens, Students and Children under 16, you get a great afternoon's entertainment and the opportunity to buy one of Bridget Anderson's renowned Burgers!!

During December we are at home to Harwich & Parkeston on Saturday 12th and Walsham - le - Willows on Saturday 26th - why not find time to come along and

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Mid Suffolk Video Camera Club

The October meeting saw members discussing and organising the project that is going to be used in the Triangle Competition. The ideas flowed freely and a plot soon emerged.

A storyboard was established for the filming. Members volunteered to play the parts in the story and filming was to take place over the next 3 Tuesdays. A member had volunteered the use of a small bungalow, which was to be the scene of the plot. Filming was fun and as is the way there was a lot of waiting round for your call. Which had the added bonus of having 3 social evenings, swapping tales and discussing problems when filming. The filming went well and our producer Jon Nicholls was satisfied with the results. The leading lady Mary Smith enjoyed the experience and jokingly said that it is Hollywood for her next.

A 5-minute film was the theme of the November meeting. The films covered a variety of topics, which included a miniature railway and a Swiss railway that showed beautiful views of lakes and the summer pastures of the Swiss mountains. There were calm videos about flowers, water and the seasons of a garden. The hunt for a cave in the Lake District provided an interesting topic. Ann Evans film 'Where are all the Little People?' was a story about hunting for Little People at Bewilderwood and had a charming ending.

If you are interested in joining this friendly, progressive club, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30. The lecture room is at the rear of Abbot's Hall Primary School, Danescourt Avenue, Stowmarket. Or contact the membership secretary Ann Evans on 01728861566 for more information.

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Phew! I have just got all the goods back home from the Big Fairtrade Day – apart from the items that are in the shop of course! It's been a tiring week, but worthwhile, because we took a total of just over £1,000 in sales on the day. That is a bit better than in '07 (when we last did this event) – but nowhere near as good as the £2,500 we took in '06. Lots of new faces came along which was great, but where were all of the stalwarts we have come to rely on? If you think you are one of the stalwarts I am referring too, why not pop in the shop because I've missed you or find me at...

DECEMBER EVENTS

Brundish Christmas Fair Saturday 5th December 1pm – 4pm

Framlingham Charities Market Sunday 6th December 2pm – 4pm

I know folks are now shopping on line a lot for their seasonal goodies. I do understand that it can be convenient, but don't forget that it can be expensive – in both Postage costs, and time spent in Post office depot collection queues. Also, it is always better to see things in the flesh rather than rely on photographs– and finally, although most importantly – by shopping in a real shop you help the community life, and help keep enterprise and jobs alive in this area. Thank you to everyone who has shopped with us in '09, asked me to an event, or listened to me speak – you all give me the encouragement to keep going.

Special thanks have to go to Phil, my husband, who has had his domestic life turned upside down by fairtrade for over 8 years now.

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Summary of Meeting 16 November 2009

Mrs Ann Evans and Mr Robert Grimsey attended the meeting to update us on progress with the old URC Memorial Garden. As well as a memorial garden and quiet picnic area it is intended that a hardstanding area is provided for occasional farmers' markets, tabletop sales, charity sales/Xmas fayres. A proposed site plan will be made available for parishioners comment in the New Year, in the meantime we would like to thank Mrs Evans, Mr Grimsey and the Committee for the work they have put into the project so far. There has been a huge response via the website overwhelmingly in support of a new or refurbished skateboard park. We are pleased to report a newly formed steering group has been set up, comprising parents/parishioners, and they have carried out some initial research into funding. The Parish Council is in full support of the scheme and will work alongside the steering group. It is hoped the park will remain at the Leisure Centre and the first stage in the process for the steering group will be to look at fundraising and design.

Unfortunately there are some ongoing plumbing issues with the public lavatories. These are gradually being resolved and we would like to record our thanks Mr Peter Beckett for his work and advice in sorting these out.

Parishioners have raised a number of highway concerns over the last few months and we have now been able to arrange a site meeting with a Suffolk CC Highway Representative to discuss these. We hope they will be favourable to some of the concerns raised. Any action arising from the meeting will be reported in the next magazine.

We would like to remind residents there are still vacancies for further parish councillors. Any parishioner, 18 years and over, interested in the community and work of the Council is encouraged to attend a meeting to observe or to speak to a Councillor to obtain more information.

Date of next meeting : Monday 14 December 2009

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

Another year and another Remembrance day with too many more brave soldiers to mourn. Watching the service from the Albert Hall the night before I found the tears coming watching the two children walk across the stage so confidently to say their thanks for their chance of a future. I wondered just what will have happened before they grow up. It is a lovely world if only we could all be nice to each other. We went this month to Stuart Bufton's lecture, part of the Philosophy Seven series, to hear about two of the Padres in the First World War. Far from being just a comfort back at base, they both were in the front line where "Woodbine Willie" Studdert Kennedy won the MC and was only killed towards the end of the war while Theodore Hardy won the V.C the M.C and the D.S.O and lived some years after it ended.. They must have been remarkable men.

We really have had a very warm run up to winter with "positively the last rose of summer" happening time after time! I only took the last of my outside tomatoes indoors to ripen last week. I feel poor Northumberland suffered for the change in climate with their terrific floods this week.

This hasn't been a very cheerful letter this month but now I must wish everyone on behalf of all the team A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Make sure you come out on December 4th to join in the late night shopping in the village and a visit to hear the "Sally-Anne" Band and Songsters on December 11th is absolutely guaranteed to boost you spirits 100%

Just one little nag-We have had about thirty replies out of eighty for advert renewals in 2010 (Stop crowing you with clear consciences!) .Spare a thought for poor David trying to compile January's edition you others.

Happy Christmas and we wish a Happy Healthy 2010 for you all

Gwyn

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