



*Christchurch Village Newsletter*

**December 2011**

**It is with regret that I must announce that Roland Singleterry feels he can no longer deliver The Heron to Tipps End after this issue. Many, many thanks to Roland for all the time and effort that he has put into this task over the past years.**

**This, of course, means that we now need someone to deliver in the Christchurch area of Tipps End as should no-one feel able to take on this 'round' residents will no longer receive copies of the newsletter. Please contact me if you feel you could help in any way.**

**Don't forget that all articles you wish to appear in The Heron should be with me by the 28th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition (if you can make it earlier this would be very helpful). Please send all articles to: Pat Mills, Redbricks, Upwell Road, Christchurch, PE14 9PF. Tel. 01354 638204. Email [pat@millsread.plus.com](mailto:pat@millsread.plus.com). To place advertisements in the newsletter or for information regarding adverts please contact Mrs. Vanessa Murray, 1 Fen View, Christchurch. Telephone No. 01354 638272. Small personal adverts will cost 10p per word and any personal messages you would like to put in The Heron will be without charge - for any of these just contact me at Redbricks.**

***Pat Mills, Editor.***

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## **CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB**

At our meeting on 1st November there was a very good attendance, including 3 new folk, we hope that they enjoyed themselves and that we will see them again in the future. Wendy demonstrated a new design in Christmas cards and all had a chance to make one. The usual raffle was held and all enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.

At our last meeting of the year on 6th December Wendy will be demonstrating Christmas door decorations and members will then be able to try them out at home. There is no need to bring any materials to this meeting.

Why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome, no matter where your interest in craft lies. We try our hands at a variety of crafts and also hold 'bring and make' sessions whereby members bring their own projects in to share with us. Entrance is £1.00 plus 50p for raffle and 20p for refreshments. Please come and join us - you don't have to come to every meeting! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. For more information ring Wendy on 01354 638448.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all at first meeting of the year on 3rd January 2012.

Wendy Yates  
Chairperson

## **LOST!**

**On Friday, 4th November 2011**

**|**

**in the vicinity of Green Lane/Church Road  
a silver bangle with a number of silver charms**

**If found please contact Yasmin on 07827778018**



## Parish Church Services

4th December	11.00 am	All Age Worship
11th December	9.30 am	Holy Communion
18th December	3.30 pm	Carol Service
24th December	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion WELNEY
25th December	10.00 am	Christmas United Family Communion
1st January 2012	10.00 am	United Holy Communion MANEA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Autumn Fayre in any way - those who gave their time and energy to providing the stalls and refreshments, to Father Christmas for coming along at such a busy time, for donations generously given and to all who came along making the event very enjoyable and successful. A profit of £837.16 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Any matters concerning the Parish Church please contact Rev'd Kevin Fitzgibbon on 01354 680969.

### ROSIE HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

I would like to say a big thank you for any money or help received with our boot/yard sale in raising the £100 which has been donated to the Rosie Appeal.

Peggy Warby



Another good meeting for our Fish & Chip Supper, almost every member managed to come. Graham and Frank went off to get our suppers which had been ordered, Peggy was busy making the mushy peas. The tables were ready and looking fresh and bright with lovely cyclamen waiting to be won. Raffle prizes were in abundance and whilst the Members waited for the off, Bubbles had left a quiz paper on each table just to keep the brains in action. There is always plenty of banter and laughter when members meet at the Club and tonight was no exception.

Our single stem flower competition was won by Sheila Smart - her face was a picture when it was announced. She certainly deserved to win.

This was our last Club meeting for 2011. We start again on 28th February 2012 with the A.G.M., election of Committee followed by a talk on Alpines, accompanied by slides to show these exquisite beauties in detail. It is not often the true Alpine is shown - join us for this special evening. Also the Club will have Snowdrops in the green for sale. Are we tempting you? Hope so.

Our programme for 2012 will also be available. Members enjoy this information for the year.

We, the Club Committee and members wish everybody in Christchurch a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

PS. That weather front is on its way, stay safe, keep warm and watch out for each other.

Bubbles Whiting, Chairperson

For any further information regarding the Garden Club or visiting us in 2012 - ?? will you chance it - go on give us a try - contact Bubbles on 01354 638024.

*Herewith answers to last month's Famous American People Quiz, hope you didn't find them too difficult! Pat*

1. Marilyn Monroe
2. George Washington
3. Bill Gates
4. Elvis Presley
5. Michael Jackson
6. Abraham Lincoln
7. Madonna
8. Sylvester Stallone
9. James Dean
10. Clint Eastwood

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We will finish at the church at 8.00 for some carols round the Christmas tree followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Contact Helen on 638092 or Ruth on 638419



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## TO ALL DOG OWNERS

There have been several instances recently where dogs have been allowed to soil the footpaths, particularly in Church Road, and on one occasion a small child on the way to school accidentally stepped into this causing the parent to have to clean the child's shoe before he/she was able to go into school, this was very distressing for them both and could have been avoided had the owner of the dog been more caring.

Could dog owners please make sure they carry bags with which to pick up the mess their dog deposits. There are several bins around the village where they can be placed.

**Not only is it against the law not to clean up after your dog but can also be a real health hazard.**

Do please think about this when you take your dog for a walk and thus leave the pavements clean for other people to use.

*I recently received the following from Andy and thought some of our older readers would like this passed on. - Pat*

Although my wife and I have been in Christchurch for over 6 years now this is my first item for The Heron. I hope it is O.K. as it's a mini obituary for someone born here in 1920.

'Walter Woolner (aka Doug) 1920 - 2011

Walter Woolner (as he was christened but known to me as Doug) was born on the 16th November 1920 to Edith Ellen and Arthur Charles, the youngest of seven children, in Christchurch. Life was tough in the early days and Walter was only a year old when his father passed away. With his mum working to make ends meet, Walter was entrusted to the care of his older siblings.

Walter grew up in Christchurch, driving the shire horses pulling the plough when he was only 11 or 12 years old. Academically bright and a good footballer, the future looked bright and at one point he had trials with Arsenal football club, among others. However, football wasn't really a good way to make a living back then and it is most likely he would have followed his brothers Jack and Bill into trades at some point, but then along came the war.

Initially Walter worked for De-Haviland in Hatfield, most famous for the Mosquito fighter bomber. He worked in the drawing office as a draughtsman, but not long after the outbreak of the war, he signed up with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and after an initial period in the U.K. was shipped out to the Cocos Keeling Islands in 1943. There are lots of stories about the journey there which involved aircraft, trains and boats. When he was de-mobbed in June 1946, it was at Kirkham in Lancashire. His discharge papers stated him to be of very good character and of superior skills.

After leaving the RAF Walter went to St. Helens and with his talent in 'administrative organisation' he found the perfect job - driving a bus. It was whilst working on the buses, over 60 years ago that Walter met his future wife, Jean.

They married in 1957 on the 16th November, in the very Church in Haydock where his funeral service was held. They had two boys, Leslie and Robin.'

To close I quote one of his remarks which was "I don't know how I ever got to be 90. I've been bombed, torpedoed, machine gunned, not to mention falling down a well when I was four and only saved by my braces."

Walter is remembered by some of the longer standing residents of our village, including Walter Chamberlain, Wolsey Rolfe and Mary Rolfe.

My original connection with the family came through Robin, their younger son, who encouraged me to become a St. Helens fan and through that I subsequently had the privilege of meeting Doug and Jean. So when we were moving here in 2005 and I said to Robin, "Oh, it's a small village in Cambridgeshire", little did I know that my friend's father was born here.

Andy Day



***Minutes of the meeting held in the  
Memorial Hall on 8th November 2011 at 7 pm***

*Our President Peggy Warby welcomed members and signed the minutes.*

*Apologies were received from B. Gladwin, P. Mills, S. Lloyd, C. Symons, A. Hicks, S. Quail, D.W. Rolfe, T. Day, F. Piper, D. Stott, A. Hughes*

*Correspondence*

*Details of an outing to the Supreme Court.*

*Sick Visitor's Report*

*Several members were unwell and unable to attend the meeting.*

*Birthdays*

*W. Yates, D. T. Rolfe.*

*A report of the recent Council Meeting was given by Peggy.*

*Transport arrangements for the flower arranging demonstration were sorted out during the evening.*

*The menu for the Christmas meal was circulated during the evening for members to make their choices for the dinner on 8th December at The Golden Lion.*

*Election of Committee*

*Members of the committee who were present agreed to stand again. There were no other members willing to stand so the committee was re-elected en bloc.*

*Whist Drive 2012*

*Wendy Yates agreed to hold the whist drive at her home on Wednesday, 8th February 2012 at 6 pm.*

*Members then enjoyed games of dominoes, the eventual winner being Sandra Kay.*

*Competition results*

*4 Finger Flapjacks: 5 pts. M. Sparrow, 4 pts. B. Brooks.*

*Next Meeting:*

*Tuesday, 13th December at 7 pm. - Flower Arrangements for Christmas by Ann Purt.*

*Competition: A decorated serviette ring.*

*Raffle Prize Rota: Prizes will be provided by the speaker.*

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