



Christchurch Village Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2012

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Dr. Williams, all the District Nursing Team, the folk at the Pharmacy and all my friends and family who have been so unfailingly kind and supportive during my recent illness. I really don't know what I would have done without you. I seem to have lost a good deal of weight - not an ideal way to do it, of course, but I am now starting to eat properly again so hope I will soon feel more like my old self.

If I have promised to get in touch with you for any reason, please forgive me if I haven't so far done so but I hope things will soon get back to normal.

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. 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.

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH LUNCH 2012

The Annual Parish Lunch will take place on Sunday, 26th February 2012 at 1.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.

If you or your partner live in the Parish, are aged 60 or over and have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact either of the following Committee Members:

Ruth Chamberlain	638454
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CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

We look forward to welcoming our members back for our first meeting of the year on the 7th February when we will be holding a Bring and Make session.

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.

Wendy Yates
Chairperson



Parish Church Services

5th February	11.00 am	All Age Worship
12th February	9.30 am	Holy Communion
19th February	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer
26th February	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

PLEASE NOTE:

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



No meetings of the Garden Club were held in December and January, therefore our first meeting in 2012 will be on 28th February 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. Our programme for 2012 will also be available - members enjoy this information for the year.

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

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Autumn Term 2011

Dear all,

We have had a very successful Autumn Term and have managed to raise £711 (an increase on December's figure of £688). Well done, and a BIG THANK YOU, to everyone who supported us. Especially Mr. Glozier and all of the Townley School staff.

The following companies and individuals very generously donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle. The Hippodrome, March - The Cobblestones, March - Ye Olde Griffin, March - Tracy Day (hairdresser), Christchurch - Jane Green (beautician), Christchurch - Mr. Haresnape (computer repairs), Christchurch - Mrs. Fletcher, Christchurch - Navradys, Upwell - Russell Farm Produce Ltd. Christchurch - Eileen Jackson (hairdresser), Christchurch - Adelle Hill (Avon Rep.), Christchurch - LMS Property Services, March - Birmingham Fuels, Christchurch - Elaine (Avon Rep.) Christchurch and K. Andrews Upholsterers, Christchurch. We have also received support and donations from the various clubs and committees that run in the village.

Many, many thanks from Sharon (Chairperson), Kelly (Secretary) and Angela (Treasurer)

Christchurch Short Mat Bowls Club

Our year finished raising money for charity.

Members enjoyed a festive meal at the Golden Lion, Stonea on Thursday, 15th December. During the evening Wendy and Tom organized a raffle which was generously supported by members raising £100.00 for the East Anglia Air Ambulance. Our sincere thanks to the Golden Lion, Wendy, Tom and all who supported the evening.

New members are always welcome, the Club meets on a Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.. Cost £1.50. Just come along, all is required are flat shoes, bowls will be provided by the Club.

Paget League Tables

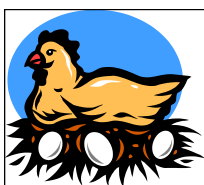
	Games	Games	Games	Games	Total
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Christchurch	6	5	0	1	10
Emneth	7	5	0	2	10
Wiimbotsham	7	3	0	4	6
Barroway Drove	7	3	0	4	6
Watlington	7	3	0	4	6
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CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS



Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall on 10th January 2012 at 7 p.m.

Members were welcomed and the minutes signed.

Apologies were received from B. Gladwin, A. Hicks, K. Goodwin, W. Yates, P. Mills. D.W. Rolfe, D. Stott.

Correspondence

Love Your Libraries action day on Saturday, 4th February. Meet at March Library at 10 a.m. to show how much the library is valued.

Events

Names were taken for: Spring Council Meeting; 10 pin Bowling; Coffee Morning (Drainage in the Fens talk by MLC); Whist Drive on 8th February (now to be held at Tracy's home (many thanks Tracy) instead of at Wendy's home Ta Wit Ta Woo, Church Road.)

Peggy thanked Tracy for running the savings scheme during the year. Some members use this to pay for the annual subscription which was collected during the evening.

It was agreed that the price of refreshments should be increased to 30p.

Competition vouchers were gained by S. Quail, V. Parker, D.T. Rolfe, K. Goodwin and S. Kay.

Birthdays

B. Brooks, S. Lloyd.

After playing Categories and Kim's Game members enjoyed a finger buffet.

A raffle was held during the evening with five lucky winners.

Competition Results

A homemade party hat: 4 points - M. Sparrow, S. Quail, V. Parker, T. Day. 5 points: B. Brooks, P. Warby, S. Kay

Next meeting: Tuesday, 14th February at 7.0 p.m.

'The Donkey Sanctuary' - Liz Wright.

Members are welcome to bring along any donkey memorabilia, photos or artefacts)

Competition: An animal ornament.

Raffle Prize Rota: C. Symons, M. Sparrow, S. Lloyd, D. Stott.

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I have received the following unsigned letter and felt that I must publish it to keep everything 'up to date'. Pat

After reading The Heron I felt I needed to write this letter as I was driving down Church Road in the early hours of morning two eyes stared at me. I braked and the animal (which I thought to be a fox) ran to my right towards the churchyard. In an instance it ran back into the side of my car. It went between my front and rear wheels. As I've already stated I thought it to be a fox and I wouldn't stop to go to it because of rabies. It was next day when I learned it was a baby Muntjac Deer. I was not speeding and I do not run over any animals if I can help it. I stop for birds and rabbits. I have lived in the village all my life and never hurt anyone or anything. I might add I was just as upset as everyone else, even when I thought I'd run over a fox. I'm always cautious whether in early hours or daytime.

Please accept my apologies.

I have received the following message from a resident who had been sent it from Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch so am passing it on. Pat

A scam has been reported offering to stop all cold calls for a monthly fee of £3.00 - credit card details needed! A very convincing sounding lady informs you that BT charges £75.00 p.a. for the same service - not true Following information from Trading Standards office I'd like to pass on the following websites.

For unwanted cold calling phone calls: www.tpsonline.org.uk/mps
For unwanted mail: www.mtps.org.uk/mps

I would like to thank my family and friends in the village for their help and support during and after Ron's illness and for their continuing support.

The collection raised £197.47 for Arthritis U.K. (Rheumatoid)

Jean Cowles, Bellasise, Church Road

Can you figure out the anagrams of these Asian countries? Answers next month.

1. GAMIN LOO
2. I VENT MA THORN
3. U TEN RABID STEEMAR
4. THIN LADA
5. AGH NASTIFAN

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1. The United Kingdom
2. France
3. Italy
4. Germany
5. Austria
6. Switzerland
7. Belgium
8. Sweden
9. Denmark
10. Finland
11. Norway
12. Luxembourg
13. Turkey
14. Croatia
15. The Czech Republic
16. Spain
17. Portugal
18. The Netherlands
19. Iceland
20. Russia

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