



*Christchurch Village Newsletter*

**January 2012**

A happy new year to all our readers

**Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all have a peaceful and prosperous 2012.**

**As you will realise there is not quite so much news this month as one or two of the Clubs do not meet in December and January but no doubt we will revert to normal in February!**

**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**



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8th January 2012	9.30 am	Holy Communion
15th January 2012	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer
22nd January 2012	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
29th January 2012	11.00 am	United Service, MANEA

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## **CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB**

Before our meeting on 6th December I had made some Christmas door decorations to show to members and partly made some which I then completed to demonstrate to members so that they could try them out at home and hopefully they will enjoy doing this.

A raffle was held during our refreshment break - many thanks to all those who provided prizes.

It was decided by members that no meeting would be held in January 2012 so our first meeting of the New Year will be on 7th February 2012 when we will be having a 'Bring and Make' session.

I would like to wish all our members a Very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in February.

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.

*This letter was received from Amanda on 1st December - too late for the December issue so for obvious reasons I am publishing it now. Pat*

### **MUNTJAC DEER**

It is with regret that I inform you that in the early hours of 25th November the young male muntjac deer was hit and sadly killed by a car. My partner was informed by a member of his family going to work of this sad event and was asked if he could remove it as it had been laying in the road all day and we didn't want to cause distress to any children that may have come across it. In the evening we picked the poor little thing up and buried it in our garden. This is a very sad occurrence and we hope that if the mother and father of the poor little boy stay in the village that people are a bit more cautious in the early hours of the day to try and avoid such a tragedy in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Tominey, Union Cottage, Church Road, Christchurch



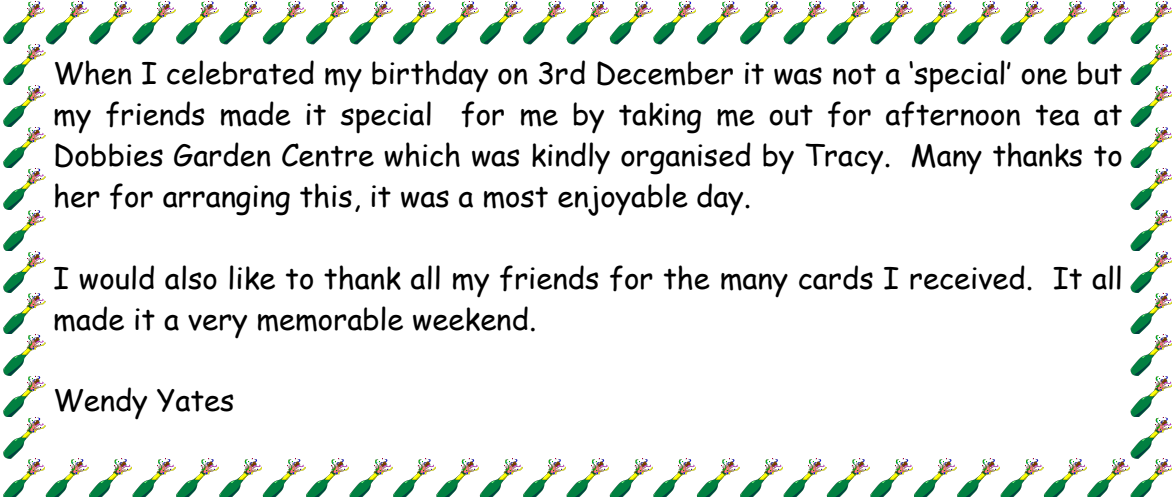
No meeting of the Garden Club was held in December and there will not be a meeting in January, therefore our first meeting in 2012 will be on 28th February with the A.G.M., election of Committee, followed by a talk on Alpines, accompanied by slides to show these exquisite beauties in detail. It is not 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

### WARNING - MECHANICAL KEY SAFES

**Would anyone with a mechanical key safe please remember to ask users to reset it once it has been used, otherwise anyone will be able to access it and gain the keys to your property**

A decorative border made of small, repeating icons of a green and yellow object, possibly a garden tool or flower, surrounding the text.

When I celebrated my birthday on 3rd December it was not a 'special' one but my friends made it special for me by taking me out for afternoon tea at Dobbies Garden Centre which was kindly organised by Tracy. Many thanks to her for arranging this, it was a most enjoyable day.

I would also like to thank all my friends for the many cards I received. It all made it a very memorable weekend.

Wendy Yates

**200+ Club Draw (56) - SEPT/DEC 2011 - Draw 19th December 2011**

<b>Top Prize</b>	<b>Picking Order</b>	<b>Number Drawn</b>	<b>Name of Winner</b>
£100	1	46	M. Moyes
£25	2	53	W. Baker
£25	3	58	S. Johnson
£25	4	139	J. Albutt
£25	5	100	M. Lee

<b>Runners Up</b>	<b>Picking Order</b>	<b>Number Drawn</b>	<b>Name of Winner</b>
£10	6	41	P. Jolley
£10	7	24	J. Farnsworth
£10	8	176	S. Trower
£10	9	200	Ted Hodgkins
£10	10	85	D. Chisholm
£10	11	35	K. Thorpe
£10	12	76	M. Ginley
£10	13	37	Mrs. Millard
£10	14	1	Mrs. Griffen
£10	15	50	R. Morris

**200+ Club Draw (55)**

**Draws will normally be just before the start of the monthly  
Memorial Hall Committee meetings in the months  
APRIL/AUGUST/DECEMBER  
(see HERON for future meeting dates)**

## **CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS**



*Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall  
on 13th December at 7 pm*

*Our President Peggy Warby welcomed members and one visitor.  
Minutes were signed and the annual report was given.  
Apologies were received from B. Gladwin, C. Symons, D.W. Rolfe and B. Brooks.*

### Correspondence

*East of England Show Schedule  
Kosovo Challenge  
Gardening Project  
Invitation to Friday Bridge quiz night  
Details of the speaker for the Spring Council Meeting*

### Election of President

*M. Sparrow took the chair for the election of president. All committee members were eligible.  
Two names were put forward - W. Yates declined and P. Warby accepted the post for 2012.  
P. Mills, the retiring treasurer was presented with a gift and thanked by Peggy on behalf of  
members. S. Quail will be our new treasurer and Pat will be assistant treasurer.*

### Birthdays

*A. Horton*

### Resolutions

*Members voted on the six resolutions, the results of which will be sent to the Federation.*

*Our demonstrator, Ann Purt, created some wonderful floral arrangements using both real and  
artificial flowers. The arrangement of gold flowers on a wreath was particularly admired.  
Members were keen to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the five fabulous creations.  
Peggy and Val provided mince pies for refreshments and the evening ended with a carol after  
Peggy had thanked members and committee for their support during the year.*

### Competition results

*A decorated serviette ring:  
5 points: S. Kay, P. Warby, M. Sparrow  
4 points: A. Hughes, T. Day, K. Goodwin*

*Next meeting - Tuesday, 10th January at 7 pm  
New Year Party  
Competition: A party hat  
Raffle prize rota: V. Parker, F. Piper, D.T. Rolfe, D.W. Rolfe*

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