

South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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Photography by Sue Vernon



A Very Merry Christmas
to all our readers,
contributors and advertisers!



The magazine committee, would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and wonderful New Year. And special warm wishes to those in the parish who have been bereaved, suffer ill health or feel alone this year. I hope this magazine will help you feel part of a community of friends and that 2018 will bring better times ahead

Bangor's Quarry Asphalt Plant Proposal

By Alison Barham

On Tuesday 17th October, Cormac held a public consultation in the village regarding the asphalt plant proposal. It was well attended by the parish, and there were five people from Cormac there (including Ian Bounsell, Simon Deacon MD and Andy Bartle, the Penzance plant manager). They had plenty of information on hand with leaflets to take away. In early November there was also an opportunity for people to visit the Penzance site, which apparently a few people attended. I have listed below some of my key questions and other information that may be useful.

How high will the chimney stack be and how much will we see?

Approximately 5 metres of the top of the stack will be visible above the tree line and will be 26 metres high in total, lower than the Storm wind turbine (76m high).

Will the air quality be affected?

I was concerned about this as when you research the subject on line you hear that plants like this release cancer-causing chemicals into the air. However, apparently this is more the case for tarmac (produced using coal tar), whereas this plant will be producing bitumen (from crude oil). Some bitumen fumes will 'escape' when it is dropped in the lorries from hoppers above them.

The rest of the process is completely enclosed, apart from the chimney stack which will emit predominantly water vapour and some dust particles. However, there will also be dust generated from the transporting of the aggregates etc. Prevailing winds are from the south-west, which means anything will be blown towards Launceston! The plant would be regulated and inspected by Cornwall Council with controls and measures in place to minimize emissions. According to Public Health England,

'emissions to atmosphere are expected to have a negligible impact on air quality' and there will be a 'minimal release of odours'.

What affect will there be on traffic?

Access only from Pennygillam, with additional 32 HGV movements per day on average (one leaflet stated 18, one 16 and another 32!).

Are there any alternatives in place?

No, MD Simon Deacon told me after an uncomfortable pause. This begs the question that it is a bit of a 'fait accompli'? The only answer I was given was that they would have to carry on as they are doing at present.....If given the go ahead, the site could be up & running within 6 months.

When will it be in operation?

From 6am to 5pm (more likely to be 2-2.30pm). Closed weekends and bank holidays (all they have permission for).

Where do the aggregates come from?

Ireland and Wales.

Why is it required?

To enable Cormac to get more road repairs completed every year, reduce haulage costs and to get more out of ever-reducing budgets.

Will any jobs be created?

'There will be 2 to 3 full time jobs, additional work for tipper drivers, need for trades to assist with maintenance and people to supply parts and consumables.' This information is from their presentation: I emailed Ian Bounsall & Andy Bartle afterwards for more details, but haven't had a reply yet.

Personally, I came away feeling a bit more peace of mind as regards noise, emissions and odour, but I still have reservations about the amount of traffic that will be generated on an already busy industrial estate. I am also disappointed that there is no other option that they are looking into.

Contacts

Details & assessment reports can be found at Cornwall's Planning Portal under PA17/04241. If you would like a copy of any of the leaflets available at the consultation please let me know. **Otherwise the contacts at Cormac are: Andy Bartle Tel 01736 336600 Email abartle@cornwall.gov.uk Ian Bounsall Email ibounsall@cormacltd.co.uk** However, the only person who has got back to my enquiries so far, is a helpful lady called Billie: bgosling@cormacltd.co.uk

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Remembrance Sunday 2017

Despite the very windy weather, about 30 people gathered by the war memorial to hear a service led by Rev Jo Smart and Dr Brian Davies. Wreaths were presented by Luke Clement and Ray Horrell and the names of the fallen, from both world wars, were read out by Helena Northmore. Deborah Adams led the singing of the National Anthem. It was a moving tribute to those who had given their lives and who have fought in conflicts throughout the decades in pursuit of freedom.



The origin of wearing a poppy

By Alison Barham

Many of us probably know that the red poppy was chosen as a symbol of remembrance as it grows wild in many fields in northern France and Belgium, where some of the deadliest battles of World War One were fought. Poppies are tough flowers which can grow anywhere, but are also delicate, so a fitting emblem to remember those who died.

The first Poppy Appeal was held in 1921, the founding year of The Royal British Legion. Red silk poppies, inspired by the famous First World War poem *In Flanders Fields*, sold out instantly and raised more than £106,000, helping veterans find employment and housing.

You read various different things, from a claim that the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents mourning and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war. Many say you should wear your poppy on the left, symbolising that you keep those who died close to your heart. Others say men should wear it on the left and women on the right. There are also those who say that the leaf should point to 11 o'clock.

The Royal British Legion says, "There is no right or wrong way to wear a poppy. It is a matter of personal choice whether an individual chooses to wear a poppy and also how they wear it. The best way to wear a poppy is to wear it with pride." It is not a sign of support for war and death. Neither should it be seen as a symbol of religion or politics. The white poppy, first introduced by the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1933, was designed to emphasise a lasting commitment to peace. In 2006, the purple poppy was created to remember the animal victims of war.



WITHY LANTERNS for CHRISTMAS!

Nights are lengthening; logs, dumped outside, are stacked by burners and ink black skies are sparked with bright stars. Our thoughts go to warming drinks and food to nourish the soul

and we make our plans for the coming season - which brings me to two Saturdays before Christmas day, **16th December and this year's withy lantern work shop.**

Come to the village hall any time from 10a.m. and either help build the village sculpture! Or build your own lantern, any size or shape, just make sure you can get it back outside the door. Warming refreshments, tea and cake available for a voluntary contribution, and each lantern costs £2 to make. Allow about two hours, or longer for a super ambitious design. Lanterns are best lit with battery operated strings of lights so pick some up and come along! Own secateurs are helpful, old clothes necessary. Under 12s accompanied by adults. See you there!

Enquiries call Abi: 01566 774873

What are your earliest memories of Christmas?

By Phil Parsons

Three residents of the parish aged between 60 and 90 talked about their childhood Christmases. They agreed it had been a day to celebrate with simple fun and expectations. A tangerine, nuts and a toy were the norm. One resident remembered her excitement at getting a spinning top.

Although turkey was often eaten at lunch, some families had chicken or duck. One commented 'Dad had to go and work on the farmer's farm before we could sit down to our lunch.' The pudding was often a steamed suet pudding, not the luxury dessert filled with nuts fruit and brandy like today. Each of the respondents considered their childhood Christmases as a very special time and looked back nostalgically to a time when they had fewer presents and more simple pleasures.





THE 12 DAYS OF *Christmas*

According to legend, this popular Christmas song was actually used by Christian parents during the religious wars of the 16th century in England, to secretly teach their children their catechism. Each symbol has a specific meaning to teach one part of the Christian faith. Whether or not this is historically accurate, it is easy to see how it could work:

The *True Love* in the song is not a smitten boy or girl but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day.

The *partridge in the pear tree* also represents Jesus, because that bird is also willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young.

The *two turtle doves* were the Old and New Testaments

The *three French hens* stood for faith, hope and love.

The *four calling birds* were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

The *five golden rings* represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God.

The *six geese a-laying* stood for the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit – Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership & Mercy

The *eight maids a-milking* were the eight Beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit – Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience(Forebearance) Goodness(Kindness) Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty & Continency(Chastity)

The *ten lords a-leaping* were the Ten Commandments

The *eleven pipers piping* stood for the eleven faithful Apostles

The *twelve drummers drumming* symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So, not quite the nonsense song we all thought, but a rather nice way to remind us all today of the true meaning of Christmas

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Parish Council News

Due to recent high profile matters of interest in the Parish, the monthly Parish Council meetings have been well attended by the general public. This has been very welcome as parishioners input is valued by all the councillors. There are only seven councillors which means we are in need of three suitable volunteers to be co-opted as councillors, to make up a full complement of ten. The role of a councillor is not arduous, and requires only attending the Parish Council meetings which are held once a month. If anyone is interested in volunteering, but would like to talk to someone about the actual duties involved, please feel free to contact either myself, or Councillor Parsons.

I am pleased to announce that we have just appointed **Rebecca Frame** as the new Parish Clerk, and I will be handing over the duties and responsibilities over the coming weeks. This is good news for me, and my wife, as she is glad to see the back of the A3 printer that was the focal point of our back room. The contact details will be updated as soon as possible, but the E-Mail address will still be the same – **parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org** so if you need to pass some information across to the Parish Council that is the best place to start.

Cllr Phil Fox

Neighbour Watch ALERT!

There have been a spate of thefts in the Daws House, Tregaller Lane area, from sheds, gardens and front of properties. Please be vigilant, lock your property and look out for your neighbours too.

If you spot anything suspicious or have any concerns contact the police (details below)



Other NWS News-

Please be aware of telephone scams. A woman in North Devon recently received a call from someone claiming to be the police. The intention of this scam call may have been an attempt to gain personal/bank details. A genuine call from the police will not ask you to press a number. If you doubt the authenticity of a caller please hang up and phone the business/company back on their main advertised number. Be aware too of pop up screen messages on the computer reporting that we have a virus which needs to be cleared. Please ignore these also and just close down the browser. Do not attempt to click on it.

If you have any concerns please ring the Police on the **non-emergency number 101** or email **101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**. If urgent call 999.

Wind Turbine Community Fund

The magazine recently received an email requesting an article about the wind turbine community fund and how it operates. Here, Chris Powlesland, chair of the committee responds to the enquiry.

South Petherwin Community Fund was originally set up in November 2013 following a public meeting in February 2013 at which a number of people volunteered to act as trustees. The purpose of the fund is to hold the capital and interest from the wind turbines at Bottonnett and Trevozah and use the money for the benefit of the inhabitants and organisations of the Parish as the trustees see fit, within the conditions laid down by the providers. The money is given to the fund via Cornwall Council who oversees the allocations **via the section 106 agreements of the planning permission.**

For the first time in some while there is now a full quota of trustees. Two of the trustees are members of the Parish Council, Michael Screech and myself (Chair of trustees). There are also five co-opted members: Peter Northmore (secretary), Jonathan Blake (treasurer), Rachel Jeffery, Ann Nicholson and Dawn Rogers. The trustees meet up to four times a year to discuss applications.

Funds can be allocated providing there is evidence the grant will be used to benefit the community even if an organisation is outside the Parish. We especially welcome requests from new applicants as we try to reach as wide a range of parishioners as possible. We try to do this fairly and reasonably keeping in mind our accountability to those who provide the funds and to Cornwall Council.

The parish magazine is used to publish annually successful applications for grants without necessarily identifying individuals and various grants have been made. The smallest was for £50 to an individual applicant for educational purposes and the largest was to the bell ringers for £1500 to assist in repairing the church clock. By far, most applications have been successful. We value our impartiality and maintain the confidentiality of all applicants by not discussing or publishing any applications that are not successful.

We strive to build on our success to date and are continually hoping to attract new organisations or individuals who fulfil the application criteria. We are not allowed to give to religious or political organisations. Accounts are audited annually by



professional independent auditors and there is no profit made by anyone connected with the fund. All trustees give their time and experience freely.

Please see the advert on page 14 for information about applying for a grant.

If you have any comments or questions about the wind turbine community fund please email the magazine at hmnorthmore@msn.com or contact any of the magazine committee (details on back page)



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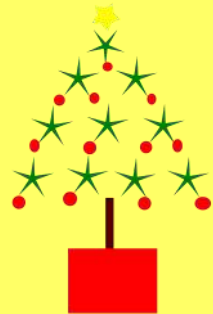


CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Can you name the 8 reindeer from the poem 'The Night Before Christmas'?
2. In the poem The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many birds are there altogether?
3. What's the name of the famous Christmas character, whose favourite line is "Bah humbug!"?
4. Which famous recently-deceased singer and musician starred in 'Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence.'?
5. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics ' all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around'?
6. What is the name of the little boy in the filmed story of "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs?
7. Which 3 dimensional puzzle, sold by Ideal Toy Corp., was the most popular Christmas gift in 1980?
8. 'Ilex' is the scientific genus of which type of Christmas foliage?
9. Waits' was the name given to what type of singers/ bands of people who sang on Christmas Eve in old times?
10. In the Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone what Christmas present does Harry receive in his first semester at Hogwarts?

(Answers on page 31)



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Methodist Coffee morning	10.30am Sat 13th Jan	Methodist Hall	Tony Smith 782204
Knitting	Most Thursdays at 2pm	West Petherwin Farm	Muriel Parsons 773027
BIMBO's (over 50's keep fit)	Every Monday (except B/hols and lunch club dates)	at the "Winds of Change" during Methodist Hall building work.	Vi Brook 779243
Bell ringers	7.30 pm Mondays	St Paternus Church	Nigel Parker 773233
Skittles	7pm Tuesdays	Village Hall	Peter Northmore 778744 Vi Brook 779243
Bingo	Last Wednesday of the month 2pm	Village Hall	Pat Locke 774671
Table Tennis	10am Tuesday mornings	Village Hall	Sue Vernon 772640 Tony Bawn (U3A) 784665
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*For all other Christmas services
see page 21*

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This year, rubbish and recycling dates will be unaffected by the Christmas/New Year holidays and will be collected as usual.

Rubbish is collected every **WEDNESDAY** in the village of South Petherwin

Recycling is collected on alternate **WEDNESDAYS**. Next recycling dates are **22nd Nov 6th and 20th Dec**

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Deborah Adams 774244
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Methodist Chapel

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The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall. It is open for anyone to come and listen in.

Parish Councillors are:

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Clerk: Rebecca Frame

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CHAPEL NEWS

By Mary Stoneman



Major Building Work Update

The work has progressed well with the builders soldiering on through all types of weather conditions. Hopefully the scaffolding will be down by the end of November after which the new guttering and painting work will be completed. There is some refurbishment work required in the kitchen and the Sunday School room will be redecorated. This should all be completed in time for our Christmas Lunch club being held on Monday 18th December.

Harvest Festival Services

The chapel was beautifully decorated for our Sunday morning service led by our Guest preacher Mr Alan Libby from St Ive. He reminded us that he last preached in our chapel in 1996. He spoke about all that God the Great Creator has given us and which is often taken for granted. The wonders of nature, sunset, wind, power of the sea and our senses. He also took us through the words of the hymn 'All Things bright and beautiful which was written with children in mind by Cecil F Alexander and covers all aspects of beauty and nature. Alan also brought his guitar and sang some songs relating to his theme. A retiring collection was taken for 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief and Development Fund)

Our Tuesday evening service was led by Rev Heather West with the lesson from 2 Corinthians Ch 9 verses 6 to 15 read by Mr Robin West. Rev West spoke on this 'Remember that the person who sows few seeds will have a small crop, the one who sows many seeds will have a large crop. He gives generously to the needy, his kindness lasts forever. Let us thank God for his priceless gift' The service was followed by the harvest supper when over 30 people sat down to a meal of cold meat, salads and accompaniments, and delicious sweets, which had been provided by chapel members and friends. We were extremely grateful for all the help we received from our willing band of helpers, all of which contributed to another successful harvest supper where new and old friends enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

A sale of produce was auctioned by Mr Philip Parsons who worked hard to encourage the bidders to reach the highest price. All non perishable food, pictured right, was delivered to the Launceston Food Bank the following day.



See Christmas Services on page 21



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South Petherwin Band of Bellringers

By Nigel Parker

Autumn is well with us, and many in the Parish will have heard the Church Bells ringing, some as usual on Sunday mornings and for the weekly practice on Monday evenings, but there have been two notable additions in the past month. There is a 'band' of Cornish ringers who make special occasions in what they see as special places. They selected South Petherwin in mid October as one of two specific North Cornwall towers (the other being Laneast) to ring 'a quarter peal' - 1256 different pattern changes to mark the Centenary of the end of the terrible Battle of the Somme. We are indeed honoured and extend our thanks.

The second event was a visit from a Band of Ringers from Egloshayle who selected our village as their last tower on their annual outing. In addition, the Honours Board to remember past Tower Captains has now been updated to include the names of two previous Captains- Bernard Wadland and Keith Couch who have passed on during the last year. As ever, if anybody who reads this would like to experience what it is like to ring a bell – and has never known what to do, then come along on a Monday evening around 7.30pm, enter the West door of the Church and you will be made most welcome. But, I do warn you it is addictive ! One thing I can assure you is that it is great fun, we laugh at ourselves – and at our mistakes, it is good exercise and camaraderie without the expense of a 'keep fit' class. Should you be hesitant call me on 773233 and I shall try to allay any fears you may have.

Sadly We Say Goodbye to

Betty Darkins who passed away recently. Betty came to live with her family in Trelinnoe Gardens in 2007. In her earlier days she worked for British Rail as a management secretary enduring the devastation Londoners faced daily throughout the War. Betty married Fred Darkins in 1949 and in 1956 the family moved to rural Hampshire where her passion for animals became evident as they often shared the house with the family. Betty was an active member of the knitting group held at West Petherwin, and a regular attender of lunch club and chapel until 2014 when ill health made it difficult for her to get out and about. She was a kindly lady who will always be remembered for her infectious smile, sense of fun and a twinkle in her eye. Our condolences go to all her family.



CHURCH NEWS

By Clare Beacham



Bel Canto Concert

The organisers would like to say a big thank you to Shelley Jeffery and the members of her two choirs who entertained us with an afternoon of song and music in September. The church was lucky enough to host two choirs that afternoon - Bel Canto and the Launceston College Acapella choir, both of whom are filled with many talented individuals. There were many class performances and we were lucky enough to witness a number of new emerging talents - some as young as eight! The cream teas, provided by the ladies of the church, also proved to be very popular! It was lovely to see so many people in the church and the event raised just over £600 towards the upkeep of the church.

Dedication of the Clock and Ramp

A special service was held on the 1st October to give thanks for the new church tower clock faces that have been rehung over the summer and the new ramp that had been installed in the church. The service was led by Rev Heather West, with organist Gordon Maunder.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

In October, the regular coffee morning held at the church on the first Saturday of each month, raised funds in aid of Macmillan. A scrumptious array of cakes were made for the event, and £60 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported it. These monthly coffee mornings have proved to be a big hit and will continue in 2018.

Quiz Night

The church held its first quiz night at the village hall in October. Many thanks to quiz master Robin West, who put the quiz together and provided us with a very entertaining evening. Competition was tight, but the winners of the evening were the Pirates of Pennygillam - so on behalf of the organisers, congratulations to them! There will be another quiz night next spring, so look out for details.

Harvest Festival

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce by members of the church for our Harvest Festival. A special Harvest Worship Service was held at the church followed by a Harvest Tea and Auction. Dr Brian Davis acted as auctioneer and auctioned off the harvest produce raising £63 for Launceston Memory Bank.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



St Paternus Church

Sunday 3rd December	4pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 24th December	4.30pm	Candlelit service
Monday 25th December	9.30am	Eucharist Service at LAWHITTON

Methodist Chapel

Sunday 10 th December	6.30pm	Parish Carol Service
Tuesday 19 th December	1.30pm	SP School Christingle Service
Sunday 24 th December	11.00am	Christmas Eve Morning service

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School News

By Helen Masters



The building work has started! So far we have not had too much disruption, but from November 17th Class 2 move out of their classroom and into the hall whilst their class is extended. After that it will be Class 1's turn and then the hall itself. The whole extension should take 14 weeks, so fingers crossed it is finished on time (at the beginning of February). Thank you to everyone to their patience with delivery lorries and the need to take a few parking spaces out of action. Although we are creating more space, we do not intend to raise

the number of children in the school as we treasure the fact that we are a village school. We just want to make the learning environment better for the children who are in it.

We had a terrific WOW week straight after half term with the theme of Africa. We started with a dress up day. There were explorers, animals and traditionally dressed African children. Everyone made such a good effort as you can see in the photos.

We learnt about the geography of Africa and way of life. This was particularly enhanced by Miss Paynter talking about her teaching experience in Zimbabwe and Mrs Borthwick and others talking about their trips to Uganda. Our children wrote to children in both Uganda and Zimbabwe and will hopefully hear back. The children learnt some local language and songs, as well as making drums and playing them. All the classes were extremely lucky to create amazing





works of African art with local artist Susie Graham. The children were inspired by her brilliant paintings of elephants, cheetahs, giraffes and lions and I can see we have many budding artists.

Due to our building work, this year's Christmas Production 'One Night in Bethlehem' will take place in the Town Hall. All the school are joining together to

do a whole school play to celebrate Christmas in style.

Upcoming events:

17th Nov Children in Need - Rock the 80's

12th Dec Whole school Christmas Performance

19th Dec Christingle service 1.30pm at the Chapel

**We wish you a very merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**



Cornwall

by
Harvey Davies Careswell
(aged 8)

Beautiful, sandy beaches,
Pasties tasting lovely,
John the fisherman,
Catching all the haddock,
Old, rickety boats,
Sitting in the harbour,
Old men,
Drinking lager.

*Highly commended
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Halloween



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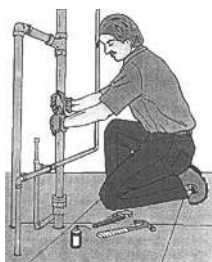


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Gardening Matters

Dark evenings and crisp mornings are a true sign of November. With less opportunities to venture out into our gardens and having to dress up warm, when we do.



Jobs in November

- Mulch beds and borders with compost or well-rotted organic matter.
- Collect leaves from lawns and remove them from on top of plants if very wet.
- Protect plants that are not winter hardy from frosts.
- Plant bulbs such as Hyacinths, Iris, Crocus and Daffodils for early spring colour.
- Plant garlic between now and the end of December and it will be ready to harvest in June.
- For an early showing of sweet peas sow them now. Once germinated they can be left outside over winter somewhere sheltered, like a cold frame or greenhouse.
- Once dahlia foliage has died back, dahlia tubers can be lifted and left to dry out somewhere frost free over winter.

Plants for winter interest

Is there an area of your garden you can sit and admire from inside in the warm? Perhaps consider some of the following plants for winter interest to look at. Cornus dogwoods and willows provide brightly coloured red winter stems. Winter flowers include Snowdrops, Hellebores, Sarcococca and Witchhazel. Evergreens provide structure such as Yew, Box, Holly, Osmanthus, Camelias and Azaleas.

Ella Payne

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Answers to the quiz on page 13

1. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. Sorry, no Rudolph
2. 23. One partridge, two turtle doves, three French hens, four calling birds, six geese & seven swans.
3. (Ebenezer) Scrooge in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.
4. David Bowie.
5. *While Shepherd's Watched Their Flocks by Night*.
6. James.
7. Rubik's Cube.
8. Holly.
9. Carol singers.
10. An invisibility cloak.

Parish Events

DATE

EVENT

VENUE

*****For Christmas Church Services see page 21*****

Saturday 2nd Dec	10am Christmas coffee morning	Church
Sunday 3rd Dec	4pm Christingle Service	Church
Tuesday 12th Dec	6pm School Christmas Performance	Town Hall
Saturday 16th Dec	10am Withy Lanterns	Village Hall
Monday 18th Dec	12.30 Lunch Club	Methodist hall
Tuesday 19th Dec	1.30 School Christingle service	Methodist chapel
Tuesday 19th Dec	School term ends (Inset day on 20/12)	School
Thursday 4th January	School term starts	School

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