

SUTTONS SEASONS

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019



Village Diary

5 December	12.30pm.	W1: Christmas Lunch	Abingdon Hall IM
5 December	7.30pm.	Parish Council Meeting	SW Village Hall
12 December	12.30 for 1pm.	Sutton Waldron Village Lunch	SW Village Hall
14 & 17 December	2.00 'til 4pm.	Christmas Gift Wrapping	St Bartholomew's Church
16 December	5.00pm.	Carol Service	St Bartholomew's Church
19 December	5.30pm.	Carol Singing	Meet at the Green
23 December	9.30am.	Nativity Service—non Eucharist	St Bartholomew's Church
25 December	10.00am.	Christmas day Service	St Bartholomew's Church
16 January	2.30pm.	W1: The Road to Eurovision	Abingdon Hall IM
16 January	7.30pm.	DWT: It Shouldn't Happen to a Dorset Vet	Fontmell Village Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

What a year! Several thankfully mended but sadly at least three lost. You can stop and chat to people as they pass by, but, ironically, you only hear them praised for a vast range of work skills and hobbies; kindness; thoughtfulness and community spirit by their loved ones as they depart us. We have such a talented set of villagers. I can vouch for all those who have contributed to this magazine over the year of 2018. Their skills are endless but their time is precious—so I must thank all for putting up with my incessant nagging and producing their copy on time—every time. I would also like to thank Ian Pinder for kindly allowing me to use his photograph of the church in snow. It has pride of place on the front page. More photos please. Closet David Baileys arise.

Very best wishes for Christmas wishing you Health, Wealth and Happiness in 2019.

KP

A MAGICAL ADVENTURE

The night was cold; I pulled my duvet over my head and my teddies and blankets down over my body. The reason why it was horribly cold was because it was snowing, like little bunnies jumping. I crept out of my bed like a tiny mouse. It was midnight. The fire was still lit, like a big, warm heart. I sneaked under the Christmas tree and waited.

Let me tell you who I am. My name is Ruby, I am 7 years old and I'd always wanted to see Santa more than anything else.

Suddenly I heard a noise. I was scared because I didn't know where it was coming from. It sounded like a bell, a tiny tinkling bell. It was faint but it was definitely not my imagination. From my Christmas tree I saw an Elf and Santa. I was so excited I shouted, "SANTA!" and he turned at the sound of my voice. He looked under the tree and saw me in amazement. He was surprised because he thought nobody wanted to see him but everyone does want to see him really. Me most of all.



Santa said, "Can I see your bedroom?"

"Of course" replied Ruby "but it's really messy!" Santa sat on Ruby's bed and as Ruby was talking, Santa started to fall asleep.

In the end the Elf and Ruby had to deliver all the rest of the presents. They had to go really fast and did scary loop the loops and ups and downs because the Elf wasn't very good at driving! I looked down from the sleigh up high in the sky and saw the glowing lights from houses that looked so small from above.

When Ruby got back Santa was awake, he was very panicky because he thought nobody had done the presents. Ruby had to tap him and say,

"It's all right we have done it".

"THANK YOU!" said Santa, "I really owe you a present. Thank you, you are the best, and you Elf. See you next year, and don't forget, do not tell anyone that you saw us or you will be in big trouble!!!" laughed Santa as he walked outside.

Santa let Ruby stroke his snow dog and the snow dogs' bell jingled. Then it was time to go.

"Goodbye Santa" whispered Ruby.

THE END

Claire Mabbort

If you want to keep track of Santa over this Christmas period

Click on <http://www.noradsanta.org/>

(supplied by Joe Mabbort: Head of SW2)

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Full colour: Downloaded in pdf from the Village website - www.suttonwaldronpc.co.uk

Or sent direct in pdf to your personal email (with blind copy exclusivity)—write to suttonseasons@suttonwaldron.info

Black and White copies: available in limited quantities from the telephone box or church porch

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next Parish Council meeting is on 5th December 2018 in the Village Hall. At this meeting the budget for next year will be discussed and approved. If you would like any particular matters to be considered in the context of the budget for next year please let the Clerk know by email on clerk@suttonwaldronpc.co.uk

The Parish Council have not met since the last issue of Sutton Seasons but since the last meeting the half yearly audit has been undertaken and everything was found to be in order. The Parish Council has also been following up on the issue of the drains in the village and have been chasing Highways to cut back the hedges around the new speed indicator signs.

In the last issue of Sutton Season's the residents were invited to let the Clerk have their emails so that a group email could be set up with a view to the Parish Council passing on relevant information to the residents e.g. planning applications. To date the Clerk has only received 3 requests to be added to the group email. If you would like to be kept up to date on Parish Council matters please do email the Clerk. She will only blind copy you in on any information so that your email address is kept confidential.

The Parish Council have been asked to publicise the following service:

Healthy Homes Dorset is a service provided by Dorset County Council. Healthy Homes Dorset provide free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, using your heating system, understanding your energy bills and making energy saving improvements – if you're eligible for loft or cavity wall insulation it will be free! They will also register you for power cut support, a handy service to be on if you experience a power cut in your area. The advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents. If you think you might benefit from this service please contact Healthy Homes Dorset on:

Phone: **0300 003 7023**

email: **help@healthyhomesdorset.org.uk**

Web: **www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk**

Library Survey - Dorset County Council are currently undertaking a Let's Talk Libraries consultation – it consists of just a few multichoice questions to understand the needs in Dorset, this consultation is not related to funding.

If you use the library service you might be interested in taking part in this survey. If so please go to the Let's talk Libraries page for engagement information www.dorsetforyou.com/talklibraries and the direct survey link [The Let's Talk Libraries survey which is available online.](#)

Please note the deadline for this consultation is midnight on 2 December 2018.

The next Parish Council following the December meeting will be on 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Marianne Wheatley

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There is not much to report this month apart from saying what a successful evening the Arabian Night was. We had lots of complimentary remarks about the food and the belly dancer!

We have been given, very generously, a Table Tennis table, so in the New Year leaflets will be coming round and we hope to have a regular Table Tennis Evening/Afternoon in the Hall.

The Village Hall Committee wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 2019 and to thank you for your support for our events throughout the past year.

Jane McNeil

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Further to the Nativity Pageant, with sadness, we have decided not to stage it this year. This is not a reflection of the proposed new venue's suitability i.e. Clayesmore School but to do with the Pageant's overall co-ordination and organisation and the personnel needed to assist with that. Hopefully, in the future, someone will come forward who is willing to assume ownership and management for the Pageant. Should this happen, I am willing to assist in the first year to ensure a smooth handover.

Rod Swift

Best Laid Plans Part One - Christmas

The Sunday supplements, supermarket magazines, TV adverts and bloggers are all doing it at Christmas time: trying to make you feel guilty. My fridge is busier than usual but not gluttonous, and the freezer, despite gaining a new comer that sedately hogs a whole shelf (that feeds 11-15 people) looks remarkably similar to usual and the cupboard would look more interesting if everything hadn't been hidden in the garage to avoid the snaffling hordes.

Our tree is a little on the wonk, and the bald bit has been hidden at the back. The star is bent, the decorations old with balding tinsel and none of the baubles match so our 'colour theme' would vex Madeleine who is currently giving her top Christmas tips in the Lidl's Magazine. In fact she looks fabulous, whilst balancing a small child on one hip she delightfully shares her perfect Christmas housekeeping catalogue of successes.



However, on with the story. In keeping with the title 'Best Laid Plans' we had achieved the closest we were going to get in terms of Madeleine's high standards, and all that was left to do was cook and eat the food. It was the year when there was ice and snow on the ground and, on going outside to finish placing clues for the treasure hunt we do every year for the children, my husband slipped and fell with a wallop. In a certain amount of pain he gallantly vowed to continue with the preparation and cooking of the meal, turning to bucks fizz as his medicine of choice.

By 11 o'clock he was singing along to the radio and by time people arrived for pre-lunch drinks, he was more than a little worse for wear.

Starters were consumed along with wine and toasts and chef was feeling queasy! He vanished upstairs and didn't reappear so the Christmas meal, although laid for 12 was only fed to 11. Eight hours later he materialized announcing that he was in terrible pain. At -13 degrees and snow, he headed off to A&E. I doubted if I would ever see him again. At 2.00am he was back with the diagnosis of 2 broken ribs, for which there is no treatment, and so the best laid plans fell by the wayside on that particular Christmas!



Christmas Day once more, hurrah! (I think we did have one that went according to plan) and just as the children finished their stockings I notice my husband looked peaky, grey and clammy but also felt sick with a pain down his left arm. I quickly popped two aspirin into him and dialed 999. The table is laid for 12 and once again only 11 are fed as my husband passed Christmas Day in A&E with a suspected heart attack. We never found out if it was, however, I do know that without the aspirin, he may not still be here.

The moral of the story is, it is people that make Christmas not how much you spend in the shops, how beautiful your wrapping is with ribbons and bows or how many hours you spend making your home look and smell festive. The food is nice however the exciting twists we can conjure up with a sprout or the additions we can chuck in with a parsnip are not important, it is the people around your table!

So Happy Christmas to everyone and remember to enjoy the things that matter!



Celia Myth

GARDEN NOTES

Designing a garden

Over the festive period and during the colder months of the new year, you may be tempted to design a new garden or re-develop an existing part which is looking neglected. It is always a challenge but some basic rules or guidelines can help and I list below how I might deal with them.

Firstly look at the orientation of the site relative to the sun.

Are there any views you want to incorporate or accentuate in your plan. For instance there may be a church spire or hill you want to see to 'bring in ' to your garden.

Trees may be in the way as we all know this is a difficult problem but I always say if something is wrong it is always wrong and if you want your design to work you should work to correct it. It is often best to consult a qualified tree surgeon to negotiate on your behalf with the local council tree authorities. Having said that sometimes things are immovable and you have to plan around them

The next thing to think of is your boundaries—fences, hedges and trees. It is best to sort these out as soon as you can as they will form the background to your garden and give a proper, and one would hope, structural basis to the garden. Some views need to be enhanced perhaps some hidden with trees or fences, noises blocked out as far as possible and as noted above maybe a view needs to be a main aspect of the garden. As far as views are concerned it sometimes pays to concentrate the view by limiting it. This can be done with fences, hedges or trees. It is invariably better to keep boundaries simple with the use of one variety of tree or hedge.

Once these basic problems are sorted it is time to concentrate on the garden itself.

One needs to think carefully where one is going to place the main sitting area or terrace and from this and the house the garden plan can begin. At some stage you will have to think of the paving materials you are going to use. If you can afford to it is always better to use a natural stone however bricks can also be laid as paving and mixed with natural or man made paving but do ensure the bricks are frost hardy.



Do you want an internal structure of walls or hedges and certain things hidden for example - generally cars should not pollute ones view of the garden. A structured garden will always look better and take one through the seasons with less pressure on you with the planting you decide to do. In other words the framework provides the interest independent of what you decide to plant.

In your garden you must consider what you want from it, do you want fruit trees vegetables and orchard, flower gardens, borders, a pergola perhaps, pathways etc. It is always a good idea to make a plan of the garden and put it on paper so you can play with concepts ideas, areas, driveway, possible paths, views etc. They can then be marked out in the garden with sticks to check on the practicality of your ideas.

If you want a pleasurable garden to look after, make it simple, in fact simplicity should be your byword in creating any garden design. A garden should be a restful place with not too much going on as it is then confusing to your eyes and your being. The same principle should be applied to planting. Repeat planting is important with a long border and does not imply laziness on your part. The subject of planting is long and complicated but start by trial and error learning as you go. Whatever you do don't be frightened to get rid of plants that don't do well, plants which become thugs and take over. As I said above what is wrong will always be there so it is best to rectify it sooner rather than live with it.

Much of the time aspect will dictate what you plant. Planting is decided by sun or shade, nature of soil, whether for summer or winter plants, or just personal preference.

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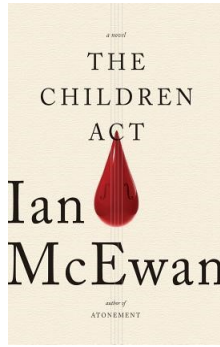
BOOK REVIEW

The Children Act by Ian McEwan

I do like Ian McEwan; I always have. There's something about his attention to detail that impresses me, as does anyone who can study one subject for a significant length of time when my attention span is often troubled by a shopping list.

McEwan famously researches the background for each setting for a novel, studying at length to be as accurate as possible. The Children Act is no exception and in this case the intricacies of family law are thoroughly explored in the most testing of cases; a minor is refusing a lifesaving blood transfusion on the basis of religious grounds. Without it, he will die a long drawn out and painful death. Fiona, a High Court judge, is forced to intervene and the philosophical and legal discussions that result are heart wrenching. Add to this McEwan's predilection for romanticism and exploration of self-absorption and you are drawn in to the most moving of situations

Fiona, our central character, is senior in her profession and, unsurprisingly work focused. She has been married for a long time, and the spark and excitement from the first days have disappeared. Her husband requests a break for "one last affair", the need for that final spark of physical excitement, in his middle age, clouding memories of their partnership. Or is it just a need to be noticed?



The gender placement of the characters, in opposition to the norm is in itself fascinating. Fiona herself, childless, becomes drawn to the boy needing the transfusion and the action follows the multi strand relationships as they become entwined, building up to a crescendo of revelations at the end, mirrored by Fiona herself playing the piano. It is a story that explores what it means to be saved, and McEwan constantly keeps the reader guessing as to the outcome. It is also a story that explores the clash of the precision of the law against the messy nature of human life. I think the characters themselves are well drawn out and believable, life rarely ends up where you think it should and before you know it you are looking back examining your decisions and their outcomes: what did they lead to? Was it worth it? I have yet to see the film, although am keen to. Emma Thompson by all accounts is phenomenal.

Next: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

A Book Lover

SW2; SUTTON WALDRON SKY WATCHERS

Okay Weird

Charlie and I were driving back from Poole about 11pm and suddenly both the street lights and our headlights went out (engine stayed on). Now the obvious answer is aliens but you might have a better explanation.

Answers on a postcard to the editor.

So this got me thinking to the strange bits of science that come up in Astronomy. Talking of aliens, they would have to come a long way. The nearest star to our sun is 4.2 light years away, it would take thousands of years for a conventional spacecraft to travel from there. Outside our galaxy would be even worse, the Milky Way is some 100,000 light years across and the universe is estimated at 13-14 billion light years. Our intergalactic gardening friends responsible for the now famous crop circles must have come along way for their horticulture. If you do fancy getting away from it all a trip to our local black hole Cygnus x-1 could be worthwhile, sitting on the edge of its event horizon will allow time to slow for you relative to us left behind. A chance for a real getaway.

As you can tell I'm not holding out for much observing at the moment, skies have been pretty dismal. Not bad around 4.30/5.00 when Charlie and I leave for work.

More from me next time if the aliens spare me !

Joe Mabbort



French Ale for Christmas - Biere de Noel



Given the vast selection of wine in French supermarkets, it seems madness to consider a trip to France to stock up on French bottled real ale to enjoy with Christmas dinner. But fine ales have been brewed in France for generations.

Bières de garde, or keeping beers, originated in France's Nord Pas-de-Calais region where they were brewed on farms for the farmers and farmhands. Before refrigeration, which contains irregular yeast activity, brewing could only take place during the cooler winter and spring months and the beer was then kept for consumption in summer and autumn.

The increasing popularity of bières de garde has resulted in the recent mushrooming of micro breweries all over France. Most micros and independent craft brewers now brew a Christmas ale, a tradition that began in northern France and Europe in the 11th Century. After the last harvesting of the barley in October, master brewers would brew secret-recipe beers enriched with spices such as cinnamon, coriander, ginger and cloves for villagers, workers and favoured customers. These beers were then laid down to mature until Christmas.

From mid-November to late December in France, supermarket shelves are bedecked with a host of brightly-labelled bières de Noël. But why bother with such an enigma when French wine is

such good value?

What's more, French real ale prices, varying between 2 and 4.5 € for a 75 cl bottle, are a bit steep. But these niche products are the Grand Crus of the beer world. They are brewed with top-fermenting yeasts, which ferment the beer quickly and give it a sweet, full-bodied and fruity taste. The specialist bières de Noël in Champagne-type bottles and sealed with wired corks undergo a secondary fermentation (or bottle conditioning), which develops rich maltloaf flavours from the roasted malts.

So why not deck over to France before Christmas to stock up on the following exceptional beers?

Amadeus, a 4.5 ABV straw-coloured ale from the independent, family-run Brasseurs de Gayant in Douai in Nord-Pas-de-Calais. This classic, unfiltered wheat beer is brewed with 50% malted barley and 50% malted wheat. Though not marketed as a bière de Noël, its clean, crisp palate makes it an ideal aperitif for Christmas Day. The beer's complex nose of coriander, liquorice, vanilla and orange peel balances its long, slightly acidic finish. Its subtle hopiness and dryness will arouse the appetite for a memorable meal. Serve chilled.

Météor Bière de Noël, a 5.8% ABV ale from the independent family-run Météor Brewery situated in the hop-growing area of Hochfelden in Alsace, the province producing half of France's beer. With plenty of malt fruitiness and hop bite, the beer's toffee characteristic will cut through the turkey's dryness and enhance its subtle sweetness. The beer's hopiness also creates a richness which lifts the turkey and its malty blend complements flavoursome gravy. Best served between 6 and 12°C.

Brasserie Artisanale Savoyarde (BAS) Bière de Noël, a lively 6.5% ABV winey brownish ale, brewed with English barley malted in Warminster, Wiltshire, and a mix of English and German hops. This Christmas ale from the micro in Chambéry has a subliminal gingerbread nose, with notes of blackcurrant on the back palate. Whilst the beer's generous hop-bite and liquorice flavours leave a warm glow, its rich maltiness will complement the Christmas pud perfectly and the sweet burnt sugar flavours will sit happily with the fresh cream or brandy butter accompaniment. Available in Chambéry, Annecy, and by mail order from www.b-a-s.fr. Serve between 6 and 8°C.

Jenlain Noël (6.8% ABV) is the Christmas ale from Brasserie Duyck in the French Flanders village of Jenlain. Brewed with aromatic Alsace hops, this ruby red ale has a slightly sweet citrus palate, dried fig nose and a cream-coloured head. The sweetness and dried fruit flavours will complement the cheese and balance the blandness of the biscuit. Best served between 6 to 8°C.



Christmas Menu

(with my beer suggestions)

Smoked salmon blinis -----	<i>Amadeus.</i>
Roast turkey, trimmings -----	<i>Météor de Noël</i>
Christmas pudding, mince pies, brandy butter -----	<i>BAS Bière de Noël</i>
Cheese & bisuits	<i>Jenlain Noël</i>

When I asked local French shoppers whether they would substitute bières de Noël for wine at Christmas dinner, some declared such an act '*un sacrilège*', others expressed concern about some of the larger French wineries doctoring their wines with illegal additives, and a few had never even heard of bière de Noël! Just one couple, from Lille in northern France, replied enthusiastically in the affirmative.

The distinctive flavours of these favourite bières de Noël would definitely add spice to their Christmas dinner.

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HARE PRESERVATION TRUST (Extract from News Bulletin 228-contributed by Josephine Bell)

The mysterious deaths of hares have sparked concern about the future of the species in the East of England. Suffolk and Norfolk Wildlife Trusts are working with the University of East Anglia (UEA) to look into a recent batch of deaths. Dr Diana Bell said myxomatosis and haemorrhagic diseases were possible causes and is asking people to report sightings of the dead animals. She said losing a large number of hares would be "disastrous" for the region. The People's Trust for Endangered Species estimates there are around 817,500 left in the UK. Suffolk Wildlife Trust said the number nationally had declined by 80% over the past 100 years, with the animals hunted year-round and also facing threat from illegal hare coursing. Over the past month, landowners and farmers have reported several sightings of sick or dead hares - many of which were around Bungay. In one case, six hares were found dead in a field. Dr Bell has asked people to [get in touch](#) if they find a dead hare in "unusual circumstances". "We need to know what is happening," she said.

"East Anglia is a really important stronghold for brown hares so it would be disastrous if we lost them. Hares are really up against it so getting good images of the bodies, along with their exact location, is crucial for us to rule out or identify possible diseases. Until we get more cases, we can't call it." Dr Bell said that hares, which are larger than rabbits and have longer hind legs, were at risk from RHD2, a haemorrhagic disease that "got into the wild big-time in the last three years". But she also said myxomatosis had been "particularly virulent" in rabbits this autumn and it was possible the highly-contagious disease could "make the jump to hares". "Myxomatosis in hares is rare but earlier this year there was a huge die-off in Spain," she said. "That was the first time it had happened. We're losing both our rabbits and our hares but if we lose our hares, we're going to be in trouble."

Most of the affected hares have been found in East Anglia so far but we should keep our eyes open. If a dead hare is found we are advised to take photos especially of the head and back end and email the details to: Dr. Diana Bell, University of East Anglia, email: d.bell@uea.ac.uk. Alternatively photos and details of where the hare was found could be sent to Dorset Wildlife Trust. Tel; 01305 264620 email: enquiries@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

Hopefully Dorset will not be affected and the disease contained in one area.

"HPT is recording the locations and details of dead and dying hares sent to us and we are working with the experts to find out more about the possible causes. We'll hopefully be in touch with Diana Bell next week." Sue, HPT Chairman.

Notes From A Country Church

Murder Mystery Evening – “Who Killed The Vicar?”

Well, our vicar, Rev. David John, survived the evening. Taking up a role from his previous career he arrived on the scene, turned detective, and helped to reveal the true culprit. It turned out to be either “manslaughter” or even “accidental death”! Grateful thanks goes to all those who co-ordinated the evening, to all those who attended and, of course, to the actors. A marvellous three course meal was prepared and served thanks to Sandra Jelbart, Caroline Marsden, Shirley Asbury, Yvonne Pinder, Helen Dixie, Judith Hooper. Gill Samways and Rod Swift. Our resident sommelier, Mr Stuart Asbury, ensured that wine was enjoyed. Much fun was had by all and much needed funds raised for running our church. Thank you.

Church services:-

Our Remembrance Sunday service was conducted by Rev. Jeff Waring, co-ordinated by Dick Hood and attended by 45 villagers. Bill Maddocks, once again, kindly provided the “bugle” sounds at the appropriate moments. Dick included some additional words to recognise the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War but significant reference was also made, in general terms, to all those who have fallen or been injured in the many “theatres of war” over the last 100 years. All monies collected at the service have been donated to The Royal British Legion.

“**Peter the Magician**” arrived, (not in a puff of smoke!) to help with our family service on 18th November. During a service in which we focussed on the mystery of Christ and how our lives are often affected by incidents we can’t fully comprehend, Peter performed several tricks. He linked these tricks to how Christ can help us with our problems and guide us in our lives. Twenty six folk, including four young people, were amazed by the tricks and got much enjoyment and stimulation from the service.

As mentioned before in this place, we are always seeking to provide forms of worship and pastoral assistance which will offer as wide as possible spiritual support to parishioners. We welcome new ideas. Our current, small band of regular worshippers always welcome others and are pleased to enjoy chat and refreshments after services.

Christmas Countdown

14th and 17th December – Christmas Gift-wrapping in the church 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. If you would like help with, or some company whilst wrapping, your Christmas gifts for others, bring your gifts to the church. Paper, gift tags and ribbons etc will be provided. You can bring your own if you wish. You can enjoy a cuppa and some light refreshment whilst you wrap or someone else will wrap for you. Any donations received will go to the church. For further details contact Yvonne on 01747 811253

16th December 5 p.m. – Carol Service – Our lovely carol service will once again contain traditional carols for all to sing and enjoy, together with some readings, a beautiful solo piece and some drama. Come and meet the grumpy inn-keeper and make sure that Mary and Joseph reach that stable along with all the others! If you would like to assist, we need some props made and some lighting set up and we will welcome any young shepherds who might want to visit the stable. Please contact Ian on 01747 811253. The service will be lead by our vicar, Rev David John.

19th December 5.30 p.m. start – Carol Singing – Come and sing around the village. We will meet on “The Green” with warm clothes and torch or lantern. Song sheets will be provided. We will walk along The Street, and up Church Lane and eventually down Napiers Way, stopping on the way at key positions to celebrate the season in full voice! All voices welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will finish at number 5 Napiers Way where we will enjoy a warming drink. Please contact Dick Hood 01747 811659 or Yvonne for further details and to register your interest in taking part (The latter will help with organisation. Thank you)

23rd December 9.30 a.m. – Nativity Service – Non – Eucharistic led by Rev. Jeff Waring

25th December 10 a.m. – Christmas Day Service – Holy Communion

As always, our continued thanks goes to all those who support the life and activities of our church. On behalf of your Parochial Church Council may we wish you a very Happy Christmas.

Ian and Yvonne Pinder (Churchwardens)

New nuisance calls measures

Rogue companies making unsolicited calls related to personal injury claims could now be fined up to £500,000.

New powers which came into force on 8 September give consumers the choice to 'opt-in' to receive these calls, and people being harassed by nuisance calls now have new powers to stop them.

Cold calls offering to help claim compensation for mis-sold payment protection insurance (PPI) will be banned if the claimant has not chosen to 'opt-in' to receive them.

Previously people had to 'opt-out' of receiving such calls by registering with the free Telephone Preference Service or withdraw their consent while on the call. However, the new powers will force the caller to make the necessary checks to make sure they have the recipient's consent before calling.

Those offering unwanted claims management services could be fined as much as half a million pounds by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if they breach the rules.

The Financial Conduct Authority highlighted that in the last 12 months, approximately 2.7 billion unsolicited calls, texts and emails were made to the UK's adult population offering to help them make a claim. This includes calls about recent accidents or mis-sold PPI. This is equivalent to approximately 50 calls, texts or emails being made to every member of the adult population. Individuals can opt-in to receiving these calls by consenting to be contacted by claims companies when enquiring about settling a claim, or when seeking claims advice.

These new measures together with the strengthened Data Protection Act, will curb the number of nuisance calls received by consumers. If you receive nuisance calls you can report it to the ICO who may investigate and take action against those responsible. The Government has already made it easier for regulators to fine those breaching direct marketing rules, by forcing companies to display their number when calling customers and there are increased fines for wrongdoers. If you think you have been the victim of a scam or would like advice about your consumer rights then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

Key local price indicators

Description	Price	Amount/timing	Source	Date
Heating Oil	£245.03	500 litres (incl. VAT)	The Heating Oil Company	30 Nov 2018
Electricity	£831.99	5000 Kwh p.a.	Comparison Website: Annual Contract	30 Nov 2018
Broadband, unlimited + calls	£24.99	Per month	Comparison Website: Annual Contract	30 Nov 2018
Broadband, Fibre, unlimited, + calls	£27.99	Per month	Comparison Website: Annual Contract	30 Nov 2018
Savings Rates, easy access	1.50% variable	Per annum	Comparison Website	30 Nov 2018
Savings Rates, notice account	1.80% variable	Per annum	Comparison Website	30 Nov 2018
Diesel	131.9p	Per litre	Comparison Website	30 Nov 2018
Petrol	124.9p	Per litre	Comparison Website	30 Nov 2018

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