

# THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



December 2022/January 2023 No:210



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all*

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Grapevine over the last year - we wouldn't have a magazine without you! Yet again we hope you find this double edition an enjoyable read. With all your support an amazing amount has been raised for both the Church and for those in need of support from the Food Bank - we have had another letter of thanks from the Foodbank (see Village Notice Board). What a team supported the Shantyfolk - fabulous work! It was well attended and a good evening was had by all.

We are treated to a second glimpse of Daniel's Australian adventure and it sounds as if they are very much at the vagaries of the weather this year.

Please attend the Christmas Services if you are able - it really does feel like the proper start to celebrations to all meet together. Wouldn't it be lovely if we all could bring a small item for the Food Bank?

Remember our Community Police Officer will be attending our KiT Cafe on **Saturday 17 December**.

Fingers crossed for a calmer New Year.

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## **Cockfield Benefice Services & Events**

Dear Friends,

November was a memorable month with the weather being unusually warm, even on Remembrance Sunday. For the first time in many years, I felt remarkably warm in Church! It was very strange singing 'God save our King!' this year, and I'm sure that many of us felt the loss of Queen Elizabeth all over again. Now we look forward to Advent and the Christmas season. Advent is a very important season for Christians. However, it has been crowded out by the anticipation of Christmas. I'm sure you've heard people complaining about Christmas seeming to arrive in the shops earlier and earlier every year; and I do feel a little like Scrooge in that I just want to stay at home and not be bombarded with advertising designed to part me from my money - Bah Humbug!

I long to restore the marking of Advent to its full glory, with the expectant longing for the coming of Christ's kingdom in power and the spirit of penitence (saying sorry) that it brings. But I do also understand that we must balance this with the idea of Advent as the lead into the Christmas Festival. I must be getting older as the weeks leading up to Christmas seem to fly by – and I have no sooner sat down to plan the Advent services before I am eating the left-over Turkey from Christmas Day!

But what I long for most of all during the Advent Season is for there to be peace, peace across all nations, between communities and between individuals in our communities. And for there to be inner peace for all. I do hope that you will find peace this Advent and Christmas-Tide! Yours in Christ,

**Sharon** Rev Canon Sharon Potter

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## Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – December 2022

Sunday 4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	10am Communion - Stanningfield 4pm Advent Carol Service - Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	10am Communion - Cockfield 4pm Carol Service - Gedding
Wednesday 14 December	Carols and Christmas Songs by Candlelight - Cockfield Church (A joint Community Council and Church event) Meet in the Village Hall car park at <b>6.30pm</b> to process to the Church singing carols
Sunday 18 December 4th Sunday of Advent	10am Communion - Gt Whelnetham 10am Christingle at Felsham Family Service 4pm Carol Service - Stanningfield
Monday 19 December	7pm Carols by Candlelight - Lt Whelnetham
Tuesday 20 December	7pm Carol Service - Felsham
Wednesday 21 December	7pm Carol Service - Bradfield St George
Thursday 22 December	7pm Carol Service - Cockfield
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service - Bradfield St Clare 9pm Christmas Eve Communion - Gt Whelnetham 9pm Christmas Eve Communion - Felsham 11.30pm Christmas Night Communion - Cockfield
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	10am Christmas Day Communion - Bradfield St George 10am Christmas Day Communion - Gedding 10am Christmas Day Communion - Stanningfield

## Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – January 2023

Sunday 1 January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	10am Benefice Communion CW – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 8 January Epiphany Sunday	9.30am Said Communion BCP – Cockfield 11am Communion CW – Bradfield St George 4pm Praise and Worship – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield 10am Family@Church – Felsham 11am Communion CW – Cockfield 4pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3	9.30am Communion CW – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP - Gedding
  Saturday 28 January	Messy Church welcomes all families to come and join us for crafts, story, song and a delicious tea. Starts at 3pm and finishes around 5pm (venue tbc) For more details contact Canon Sharon at <a href="mailto:revsharon2@gmail.com">revsharon2@gmail.com</a> .
Sunday 29 January Candlemas/Growing Younger Sunday	10am Benefice Communion - Felsham

*Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at [www.cockfieldbenefice.com](http://www.cockfieldbenefice.com)*

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am

A prayer group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.

For more details contact Canon Sharon at [revsharon2@gmail.com](mailto:revsharon2@gmail.com)

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At St Clare Church we are looking forward to kicking off the festive season with two very special services.

Our church always looks wonderful at Christmas bedecked with festive flowers, holly, ivy and of course our Nativity scene.

**On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm:**

**Carol Service**

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**On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm:**

**Crib Service**

**Please come along to one or both of these services and enjoy**

**the atmosphere in our beautiful candlelit church.**

**You can be sure of a very warm welcome!**

## Church Warden's Report



November has been a busy month! On the 18<sup>th</sup> we held a concert in Bradfield St George Village Hall in aid of church funds. Entertainment was provided by the Shantyfolk and in the interval a two course supper was served to a total of 95 people. Looking back it all sounds so easy – but like swans, as we glided serenely through it, under the water our feet were paddling furiously.

Even before the great day, Lorraine Morley put in lots of hard work selling tickets, organising printing and sourcing raffle prizes, not to mention producing over 50 portions of delicious Bakewell tart. I could be seen at home, surrounded by calculations and lists, as I tried to work out just how many onions, potatoes, carrots etc you needed to feed 95 people. Local supermarket checkout staff were bemused by the contents of my trolley and fascinated by just what I might need 37 tubs of cream and 13 tubs of mascarpone for!

On the day itself, work began in earnest after breakfast, as a team of 5 helpers assembled in the kitchen to start a mammoth session of peeling, chopping, dicing and organising. Out in the hall itself another team built a simple stage and arranged – and rearranged – tables and chairs, tablecloths, napkins and cutlery.

After a very brief respite for lunch, it was back to the kitchen for the three cooks, myself, Gerard Collet and Lynn Cardale, to start

producing what felt like a mountain of chicken tarragon. By 7pm it was all ready and guests started to arrive. The adrenalin levels amongst the team were high!

And it all went wonderfully well. Phew! The Shantyfolk were a great success and everyone joined in when encouraged to, singing and punching the air. The leader of the Shantyfolk said that we were the best and most enthusiastic audience they had ever had, so a big thank you to everyone who came.

And of course a big thank you to everyone who helped, the Morleys, Will and Sue, Gerry Bullard, John Kirk, Margaret Lovick and Ian Dowling. An especial thank you to Lynn Cardale from Bradfield St George, who inspired us, organised us and cooked like a demon. Thank you too to Ukranian Svetlana, who took on the worst job of all – chopping all those onions! Last but definitely not least an enormous thank you to my fellow churchwarden Val Nunn. Val acted as runner all day and all evening and boy, did she run! Her smile and enthusiasm kept us all going. At the end of a very busy day, the Shantyfolk raised £120 for the RNLi and we raised well over £1000 for the church

And now to Christmas. In the world of our little church, it is almost upon us, as Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November is the first Sunday in Advent. Look out for the appearance of the Christmas tree and the Advent wreath. Our Carol service is on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm, led once again by the irrepressible Helen – so start practising your animal noises! On Christmas Eve at 3pm we have the privilege of hosting the Benefice Crib service. We look forward to welcoming you.

Isobel Payne

## **GATEHOUSE FOOD BANK**

**We are delighted to be able to inform you that once again a mystery benefactor left £200 in cash in our letter box at the beginning of November.**

**We had taken the latest boxful of groceries to Bury on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and the very next morning found the gift. Gatehouse staff were extremely pleased as cash enables them to “balance” their offerings to those who are in need.**

**The October groceries donations were generous thanks to a bumper boxful left at the church after the harvest festival service.**

**As the festive season approaches the call on the food bank will be ever greater. So, thanks to all who have given and please can we carry on through the difficult winter months. All donations, large or small are important.**

**A special thank you to the donor of the cash. We have no idea who you are, but you and your gift are very much appreciated.**

**As usual the donation points are the box in the church porch and a box near the front door of The Maltings on Bury Road.**

**Clive and Sue Leal.**

### **The Food Bank would love to receive contributions of the following:**

Soups, Beans, Canned Vegetables, Syrup, Jams, Peanut Butter, Canned Fish, Long Life Milk, Powdered Milk, Canned Ham, Pickles, Mustard, Pasta Sauces, Rice Puddings, Fruit Juice (in cartons) Sugar, Crackers, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Pasta, Noodles, Cereals/Oats, Crisps, Cake Mixes, Flour, Salt, Brown Rice, Pet Food, Sweets, Selection Boxes, Chocolate Biscuits, small gifts for all ages, toiletries, clothing, toilet rolls, flannels, shampoo/soaps

Thank you



## Message from Australia



Since my last month's article about my harvest down under in Western Australia, a lot has gone on. Just at the end of October we had one massive storm that came over, as always seems to happen when we start harvest, in six hours we had over 50mm which is 2 inches, with that came a mix of hail and storm winds, lightening and thunder, with it being so dry here lightening it not the best thing to have as that's how bushfires start, but we were lucky.

When the storm had passed most roads were flooded and impassable, of course a lot of the roads are dirt/gravel. With that it was time to see how much damage it had done to the crops, we were lucky and had mostly got all of our oil seed rape in but we still had one paddock left (field), unfortunately the hail had stripped it all off so that's one less we don't have to harvest, the lupines had been hit hard too. Let's just hope that's the last storm we have like that.

Since being here the weather has not been as hot as they would like, normally it's around 30+ from August onwards and come December it should be 35-40+ which is very weird saying that for us English people. It's mainly 25-29 and drops to around 15 and under 10 at nights. Fingers crossed we get some heat so we can get cutting again,

in the farm's history they have never had to harvest past Christmas so let's hope that this is not the year for that record to be broken.

I'm sure some people will be wondering if I have seen any nasty spiders and snakes, well yes!! I have seen a few brown snakes which have been longer than my arm and we had a nice little surprise one evening to find a massive huntsman's spider on our outside door, the biggest spider I've ever seen in my life, the size of both my hands together. But the bigger the spiders the less dangerous they are, so we got the spider in the box and let it out far away from our place in the bush and wished it on its way.

By the start of November we were all getting itchy feet to get going again and start getting into the thick it all, unfortunately the weather was against us once again and another bad storm was on it way, so it was all hands on deck to try and get what was left of the lupines off and safely harvested. While we were harvesting was when we had some of the most challenging times. The ground was very soft in places and we had one combine go down fully, my chaser bin hit a few holes and went down, both combines blocked up with lupines and weeds so there were a few times that we had to try and unblock it and get it going again. But to top it off the storm that was forecast didn't come to anything! But out of the blue, very bad hail and heavy rain was coming for us so it was what we call stick forward and away we go. Due to a storm two weeks before the yield was down big time so combines were going 8-12kph so we were flying through it. Lightening storms all around us all night which lit up the sky amazingly, and safe to say after a 19hr day we got it all done, and of course during the early morning the storm hit and another 30mm fell.

With time now ticking to get all the rest of the harvest done we needed the weather to be on our side big time, around 15,000 acres left to cut and if things go to plan it would be six weeks of straight harvest, but with what we have seen so far I can't see this happening. We are

going to be very close to Christmas harvesting still that's for sure, let's hope we don't go over Christmas as my flight home is on the 7th Jan 2023.

I hope you enjoy reading about my experience down under as much as I love writing about it. From a young age of 21 I moved away from my family to work away from home, now 25 and being at the other side of the world, it made me realise how much families are important, and especially to me. Covid times were not kind to me and my family, sadly losing my grandad on the 20th December 2020. He was my soul and my biggest inspiration to go and do whatever I wanted to do. So, Christmas is always a tough one for all the family, going to be a bit strange Christmas with 35-40c heat and in shorts with a nice cold cider.

But I would like to say I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy new year. My last part of my experience down under will be in 2023



## Parish Council News

### **SCAM!**

Just received, a warning from OFGEM

**You can't 'swap your energy meter' to save money.** There are reports on social media you can save money by changing your energy meter without permission from your supplier.

This is **illegal** and could be **dangerous**. More details thanks to the @CitizensAdvice, here:

[https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/your-energy-meter/move-your-gas-or-electricity-meter/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=ofgem&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/your-energy-meter/move-your-gas-or-electricity-meter/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=ofgem&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=)

Full minutes of Parish Council Meeting will be on the Village Noticeboard -below is a brief summary.

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** AWA confirmed that the village cannot use the electrical supply at the Pumping Station - Parish Council are investigating alternatives.

**STREET LIGHTING:** We have eight lights in the parish - all owned by WSC. It is a relatively easy task to adjust to reduce timings or turn off individual lights. The Parish Council will proceed with this. NO comments had been received from parishioners at the time of the meeting held November 8 2022.

**DOG POO** - Signs have now been placed around the village where particular problems were occurring.

The Community Police Officer PC Lee Andrews-Pearce is due to attend the KIT Cafe on **Saturday 17th December**, if anyone would like to go along and meet with him, particularly if you have any concerns that you would like to raise directly with him.

## News from Homefield



Well, here goes for my final writings of the year and I don't know where to start really! So, I'll start with the allotment. In the Spring it was all going so well, seeds germinating and the outlook was good, then summer sets in and dries it all up, we get to Autumn and its like Spring again. We have had a very good year for soft fruits, black and red currants, gooseberries, strawberries and rhubarb, not sure that's a fruit but it goes lovely in a crumble! Potatoes were another thing that did really well for most varieties that we planted. Charlotte and Saxon came out best overall for taste and flavour. We grow Marfona for jacket potatoes, these have a wonderful flavour (other varieties are available). Broad beans and Runner beans failed but the dwarf beans that were non-climbers decided to head skywards did very well. There's a title for a pantomime in there somewhere! The cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins, butternut squashes and tomatoes did well despite no watering and three watermelons were grown in the polytunnel - with watering. We are now harvesting beetroot and turnips with the odd green and red cabbage thrown in. Back three months ago everything

looked desperate on the allotment, but writing the harvest down you realise what has been achieved and are thankful for that. Debbie tells me Christmas is in the freezer so that's good.

Now for the sheep who are up to their knees in grass again. It is now time to put a ram with the ewes for lambs next year. After this year's losses I'm in two minds whether to get a ram or not but that would leave me with expensive lawn mowers, however with the price of fuel at the moment!....?

It's coming to that time when I try to take stock of the year 'so far'. All those things I've vowed never to repeat and others that I've said 'that worked well, I'll try that again' Included are don't plant winter beans, drill swedes and parsnips earlier, pigeons eat cabbages faster than you can - find that net you folded away safely. How about giving the sheep a yoga course on how to stay calm when they are having their toenails clipped or having their coats shorn. I believe goats are into yoga so why not sheep? Just a thought. These thoughts and ideas are stored away for future use. They might not come out in the right order but it makes for a bit of fun 'mix and match'

Seasons greetings to you all - lets see what next year brings to Bradfield St Clare.

Glyn

What do angry mice send each other at Christmas?

*Cross Mouse Cards!*

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

*The Elf - abet*

## **A Lovely Christmas Recipe from Isobel**

### **American dressing for turkey or chicken**

3 slices good bread, a day old

2 sticks celery

Medium onion or 2 shallots

Lots of fresh thyme and parsley, chopped

1 clove of garlic, chopped

Salt and pepper

1 egg, beaten

1 cup of chicken stock

Oil or butter for frying

3 sausages, skinned and crumbled or equivalent amount of sausage meat

Tear the bread into pieces about 1.5cm square

Chop the onion and celery, small but not fine

Fry the sausage until golden then place in a bowl.

Gently fry the celery and onion until softened but not coloured and add to the bowl.

Stir in the bread and herbs.

Mix the egg and stock and add to the bowl. Stir through gently.

Season to taste with pepper and salt. Dot with butter.

Pile loosely into a dish. The stuffing should be about 1 ½ inches deep.

Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes in a medium oven, then remove the foil and cook in a hot oven until the top is lightly golden and crispy.

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### ***St Clare's Carol Service Mulled Wine***

*4 Bottles of Good Ordinary Claret (or any full bodied red wine)  
3 pints of water  
1 orange stuck with cloves  
2 oranges sliced 2 lemons sliced  
6 tablespoons of honey  
2 inch stick of cinnamon  
2 teaspoons finely grated fresh root ginger  
2 bottles of dry ginger ale*

*Put all ingredients except ginger ale in a saucepan and heat to simmering point. Stir until honey is dissolved - simmer gently for 20 minutes DO NOT BOIL. Remove from heat and add ginger ale - serve immediately.*





## ***BRADFIELD WEATHER***

**‘I’m dreaming of a white Christmas. But if the white runs out, I’ll drink the red!’ Unknown**

Last month I finished by saying it was raining heavily as I wrote. We actually had 4mm at the time, but, as so often happens, all around us places had far more and the village missed it. The finish of October was certainly warm, with above average temperatures for the time of year, in the high teens, and on occasion 20+C by day and no lower than mid/high teens by night. A couple of windy days brought down more leaves and more rain to bring the total for the month to 38mm, against an average of 60.6mm. And still the grass grew!

The first few days of November certainly continued with above average temperatures day and night but after a couple of weeks things are changing. Very foggy mornings, high winds and the prospect of the first significant frost of the season. We have also had somewhat more rain than we have been used to in recent months. With two heavy downpours we have already, with barely half the month gone, exceeded our average of 60.4mm for November. This is the first month this has happened in 2022.

Keith Payne

## **Exciting Opportunity to get involved.**

At the end of this year we will have recorded 30 years of rainfall statistics for the village. John Parsons started it all when, I believe, the predecessor of the Grapevine started, and continued until he left the village in 2013 and I took over at that stage.

I regret to say that age is now starting to take its toll on me. I am finding it increasingly difficult to do things and am looking for a volunteer to take over. It is by no means a burdensome task and the only equipment you really need is a simple rain gauge. It is certainly not necessary to have lived in the village for long and it would be nice to see a recent arrival take it on with maybe some fresh ideas.

Whilst I am tempted to say that volunteers should form an orderly queue at our gate, I would more sensibly suggest that anyone vaguely interested might ring me on 01284 386169, when I can give any more details necessary. Keith Payne

## **Sadly scams, fraud etc are on the increase - Here are some additional numbers to keep handy for reporting these events.**

Report non-emergencies online

[www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something) or 101.

Report suspicious activity to 101 or Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111.

Report cold callers to Suffolk Trading Standards - 0808 223 1133.

Report fraud attempts to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Domestic Abuse Helplines - 0808 2000 247 or 0800 977 5690.

Stop hurting the one you love & call The Respect Phoneline - 0808 802 4040.

Forward SCAM/suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Forward SCAM texts to 7726.

Dial 159 for priority connection to your bank's fraud department.

## BIN COLLECTIONS FOR December 2022

<p>Tuesday 6 December          Wednesday 7 December          Wednesday 14 December          Tuesday 20 December          Wednesday 21 December  <i>For Christmas collections and          January's schedule please refer          to the website below or see local          press.</i></p>	<p>Brown Bin          Black Bin          Blue Bin          Brown Bin          Black Bin</p>
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[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bindays](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bindays)



### ***The Library Van***

Contact: [help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk) Telephone: 01473 351249

The Library Van will call at Bradfield St Clare Village Hall from **9.40am until 9.55am** on the following dates:

14 December 2022	5 April	23 August	14 December 2023
11 January 2023	3 and 31 May	20 September	
8 February	28 June	18 October	
8 March	26 July	15 November	



**Our Christmas opening will be:  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 11 am – 1 pm**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**First Kit Café Opening: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 11 am – 1 pm**

***This café is FREE and OPEN TO EVERYONE (Donations Welcome)  
Why not make a date in your diary?***

For our December (Christmas Celebration) opening there will be plenty of mince pies, sausage rolls and cakes (including gluten free). This promises to be a very happy occasion so do join us if you can.

Please come and join our friends and neighbours (past and present) for coffee, tea, cakes and savouries. Pop in for five minutes or stay for the whole two hours. To keep our younger visitors amused while the grown-ups chat we have colouring books, games and pencils. Last month some toddlers enjoyed an impromptu disco after most of the people had left. Very entertaining! If you are new to the village please pop along. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

This is YOUR café and was set up by our community in Bradfield St Clare. We named it KIT café to stand for Keep In Touch so that neighbours and friends can come together and share news, meet those new to the village and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and slice of cake in the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of our village hall. If anyone has any ideas on how we can make the café even more enjoyable, maybe share a board game, hobby or skill for example, please don't be shy. We'd love to hear about it. Any offers for donations of cakes, biscuits or savouries would be most welcome.

## Village Hall Whist Drive

Despite clashing with Guy Fawkes Night there were still 14 players for our November Whist Drive. The winning lady this month was Joy with a very impressive 180 points, Margaret and Jus tied on 164 sharing the proceeds of second and third prize. The wooden spoon was awarded to Siobhan with 131 points. The first place prize for the men was won by Terry on 169. Again there was a tie for Ian and John who each had 163 points. The wooden spoon was awarded to Keith on 145.

Whist Drives are held in the village hall on the first Friday of every month starting at 7.30 pm. The next one will be on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**The first Whist Drive for 2023 will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Entry is £2 per player including tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval. All entry money is paid out in prizes. Money raised from the draw helps with the upkeep of our village hall so donations of draw prizes would be very welcome. If you can play whist we would love you to join us or if you would like to support the village hall by donating a draw prize or buying draw tickets the village hall committee would be very grateful.

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### **The First Christmas - Marian Swinger**

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sands,  
And years ago a stable and a most unusual star  
And three wise men who followed it, by camel not by car,  
While sleepy, sleepy on the quiet hills, a shepherd gave a cry.  
He'd seen a crowd of angels in the silent starlit sky.  
In the stable, ox and ass stood still and calm  
And gazed upon the baby, safe and snug in Mary's arms.  
And Joseph, lost in shadows, face lit by an oil lamp's glow  
Stood wondering that first Christmas Day,  
Two thousand years ago.

## **News from St Clare Cottage**

Firstly, 'CRISIS COOKIES' will be back once again, hopefully from the beginning of December. Production temporarily halted due to my 'crash landing' - a pretty horrendous fall - mostly muscle damage to my right shoulder and as I am right handed it curtailed activities. (Incidentally a huge thankyou to everyone who has helped me so fantastically through what has been a painful time).

I intend to split any money raised between DEC Ukrainian Appeal (I've reached nearly £870 since starting), and CRISIS at Christmas, the UK charity that provides Christmas support and so much more for homeless people. I've supported them for years, in fact at one time we sent the collection from our Christmas Carol Service to them.

So, please buy the cookies, there might even be some marmalade (has anyone a few spare Seville oranges?) available anytime from St Clare Cottage but definitely Friday mornings. It will also be available at the KiT Cafe and at the back of the local Churches.

I am planting up a Christmas Tree in the village as I did last year - my way of thanking everyone for all their kindness, friendship and help. I could not stay here without it so ... Happy Christmas to you all

Pat

## Christmas Quiz for after lunch!

1. Which March sister opens LM Alcott's *Little Women* by grumbling "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents?"
2. According to 1946's Christmas classic *It's Wonderful Life*, what happens every time a bell rings?
3. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
4. How many gifts were given in The Twelve Days of Christmas Christmas carol?
5. What's the name of the giant snow monster that guards Elsa's palace in *Frozen*?
6. What does Harry receive from Dumbledore during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?
7. How many siblings does Kevin have in *Home Alone*?
8. In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, which character complains that they never have enough socks, because people always buy them books for Christmas?
9. Which famous US political figure and celebrity makes a cameo in *Home Alone 2*?
10. Which character declares "Merry Christmas, one and all!" in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?

(Answers in FEBRUARY!)

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