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From the Rector

Happy New Year!

Ask a New Yorker what they think of when you mention Dyker Heights and the chances are they'll reply "Christmas lights". Dyker Heights is a residential area of Brooklyn, and its rise to fame began in the early 1980s, when local resident Lucy Spata installed some illuminated angels on her front lawn. When local parents started driving their children past Lucy's house to see the decorations, at first neighbours grumbled about the amount of traffic. But Lucy was undeterred and the local police refused to get involved, so in the end the neighbours decided that if they couldn't stop her, they'd make their own displays - only bigger and brighter. Now Dyker Heights is known as the "undisputed capital of Christmas pageantry", and the whole community takes part. Another resident, Alfred Polizzotto, created an elaborate display outside his home, featuring a pair of 29-foot-high wooden soldiers which stand quard waving their arms. When Mr Polizzotto died in 2001, his family continued the tradition in his memory. At this time of year, when the nativity play gives way to the pantomime, the Magi wouldn't seem out of place in either. These exotic visitors from afar - who were astronomers, astrologers, occultists and magicians - have something of the Arabian Nights, a touch of Aladdin and a sprinkling of stardust about them. Indeed, we might not be surprised to see them flying in on magic carpets. But by any standards, their journey was quite a



trek – not something you would undertake lightly or without real conviction that it would be worthwhile. They would have had the elements to contend with, and for most of the time they would have been only too aware that thieves or bandits could ambush them at any moment. They were, after all, carrying extremely valuable gifts.

If you're taking down your

decorations today or tomorrow, the place might look a bit dull and dowdy without the Christmas bling. Among the Christmas cards, the chances are that at least one depicts the Magi. Typically, it will show three men in flowing robes and turbans, riding camels through a desert landscape dotted with the odd palm tree, following a single star in the sky. Each man is carrying an ornate cask or box. This popular image of the Magi is a fairytale rendering of reality, part of the Christmas make-believe. But as we have seen, behind the popular image lies a story of hardship, peril and sacrifice. But as we emerge, blinking and dazed, from the dazzling Christmas lights, we find ourselves in

the bleaker, quieter landscape of the

New Year. And behind the mystery

extinguished, there is one which

and myth, once the lights have been

endures undimmed. We find it not in the sky, but in the Word of God, in our prayer life and our church community. That is the inextinguishable star of the Christ child, shining bright and true.

A very big "Thank You" to all those who made our churches look so lovely for Christmas and to all those who helped our church charities: It does make a difference!

Parish News

Friendship Club

At our December meeting we enjoyed mince pies, Stollen Cake and some gorgeous Chocolate crunch made by Rebecca (I suspect with a bit of help from Annette). Rebecca also helped everyone pull their crackers and thoroughly enjoyed telling us all the jokes. Santa had kindly come out early left us each a small present - many thanks Santa.

There will be no meeting in January. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th February, when we will have our traditional post-Christmas celebration - no lunch required that day and catch up on everyone's Christmas and New Year news.

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Coffee Morning and have a chat with friends and neighbours. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 11.00am. If you would like more information please ring Ann Roberts (01886-821063) or Eileen Badger (01886-821501).

Ann Roberts

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Anyone in full time education gets in free but if joining does not appeal, just come along to any of our lectures for £3 a visit (with refreshments thrown in). So here's what we can tempt you with:-

Monday 27th January: What Crystals in Ash tell us. Examples from St Helens. Thomas Jones.

Monday 17th February: Geology Work & Health. Tim Carter

Monday 17th March: Escape from the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake. Dr Richard Hamblin.

A number of field trips are being put together and will include a summer day out in the Brecon Beacons. Adult & Junior Courses for 2014 will be announced soon. For all this and more please go to our website www.geo-village.eu or ring Harriet on 01886-888382.

Whitbourne WI

We met on a cold November night in the small hall to begin our AGM and business meeting. Many things were discussed, including reports on some of the meetings that members had attended. For our January meeting, we are going to have a meal out. Myrtle reminded us of the carol service in Church and a Christmas Fair at the school. The Treasurer gave her finan-

cial report which was proposed and adopted. The next report was from our Secretary and then the President thanked her committee and all members for their support throughout the year. Di thanked the committee and our President stood down. All the committee were re-elected with one new member.

Our speaker was then introduced. Les King spoke to us last year and was informative and comical so he was asked to come again as our original speaker had let us down. Last year he spoke about the probation service. Tonight he talked about "Drink, drugs, death and not much rock and roll". This is the title of his memoirs, though it may need changing before publication as it won't fit on the book spine!

He told us some anecdotes from his days in the police force since 1970. He was speaking as himself. Les is a Bromyard boy and went with 'Pete' to take the police exam in Bromyard. He then went on to tell us about his time in the force, although he doesn't really know why he joined apart from the fact that he found a book about it in the library and he thought it sounded an OK job. Lots of stories then ensued, some serious, but mostly funny. There was much hilarity in the room in response to his light-hearted talk. Although policing is a very serious job, it does have its funny sides. 43 yrs on and things are still the same. It was a pleasure to have done the job which he would do again: "For every bad thing you hear about there is plenty of good too". Di then gave a vote of thanks which was

followed by some delicious cakes from Alison and Meg. Linda Gray.

Bell Ringers Needed!

Earlier this year a small group of us began ringing the bells at All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp which have stood silent for many years (for want of ringers). They were coaxed into action with copious amounts of oil being applied to their bearings. The ropes were rather elastic to begin with, but they soon stretched and became much better! Of course, what we are absolutely desperate for is volunteers to learn to ring them! -And no, simply pulling a string it isn't; the largest bell weighs 1/2 ton so some skill is required to persuade it to revolve upside down. That said, anyone can learn how to ring, and once the technique of ringing is mastered, the various 'methods' (ringing patterns) are an endless source of interest to anyone with a head for numbers and patterns. We are looking for ringers and non-ringers alike to come and support us or learn how to ring. We are in the tower every Thursday evening from 7.30 till 8.30pm, and I would be delighted to show people the ancient belfry and let anyone have a go at ringing, and you don't have to come back if you don't like it! It would be especially good to get some youngsters interested in learning this ancient English art. Give me a call/email if interested, or just turn up on a Thursday evening - we're a friendly bunch and don't take ourselves too. seriously! Jason Fisher 01584 881 454 Jfisheresq@aol.com

Whitbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan

As I shall be away on the 22nd of January, I would like to use the magazine to join in the consultation about the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

- 1. The Parish Council already discusses every planning application, considers how it might affect the community and passes on its conclusions to Herefordshire Council. Our local Councillor attends its meetings and actively supports it within the Council witness the use of the Olde Rectory for unauthorised weddings. If anyone disagrees with Herefordshire Council's decision, they can appeal to an independent Inspector. This system has worked satisfactorily up to now, so why is the Parish Council so convinced that it must be changed?
- 2. This proposed neighbourhood plan starts with a declaration of principle. The Parish Council wishes to encourage the natural growth of Whitbourne. But the plan does not say what this natural growth is, so how can anyone vote for or against it?

Is it one or two houses a year, or four, one or two-bed affordable houses, or five-bed residences? How big does the Parish Council think Whitbourne should be in 2031? Without some figures, the plan is meaningless.

3. It moves on to land use citing the importance of keeping the settlement boundary at Meadow Green. The boundary, however, is just a line drawn on a map round the then exist-

ing houses and gardens by planners at Malvern Hills District Council and inherited by Herefordshire Council. It was never intended to define the built -up area for all time and Herefordshire Council has approved development beyond it, like the new Village Shop and the conversion of the hop kilns at Poplands Farm.

- 4. The plan supports the building of affordable housing. However, no numbers or types are given for the field next to Bannercroft, which is outside the settlement boundary, so the plan contradicts itself. No landowner can be expected to release land for affordable housing at less than the market price without being compensated by planning permission for a larger number of houses for sale. So, if this is a serious proposal, it means a new estate, all outside the settlement boundary.
- 5. The plan predicts ten infill sites, based on the number of houses built on infill sites in the last 20 years. Two are in the Conservation area, where no infill building has been allowed, so the other eight must be at Meadow Green, where five houses have already been built on infill. The accessible sites there have been used, though, if the pub is re-developed, there might be room for a couple of extra houses. Two sites are identified in the Conservation Area. One has twice been refused by Herefordshire Council and on appeal. The other is next to the Whitbourne Brook and so at risk of flooding on the official map. Yet the plan states "new building should be

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so planned as not to increase the flood risk."

6. The plan states that 16 barns are available, in principle, for conversion and others have been identified. How many farms are there in the parish and are they all going out of business? Working farmers don't want their yards turned into housing estates.

The plan is against sprawl, but scattering handfuls of dwellings in farm yards all over the parish is sprawl. For example, the conversion of a barn at Lower Tedney Farm into six dwellings is top of the Parish Council's list. This is down a mile of single-track lane, in a bad state of repair, and about as far from the centre of the village as one can get. It received planning permission in 2007, but this has expired because nothing was done.

7. Looked at in detail, the sites proposed for the undefined, natural growth are unlikely to become available, and many are contrary to the principles set out in the plan itself. The most likely outcome is very few or no new dwellings, a stagnant village with an ever-aging population. This may be what the people of Whitbourne want, but they should know what they are voting for.

Andrew Kneen

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News from QE College

Following two hugely successful shows in two years, the Music and Drama departments at the Queen Elizabeth Humanities College have a tough reputation to live up to. After months of consideration it can now be revealed that the name of the next production will be Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's lively Rock Opera Jesus Christ Superstar.

After the power and emotion of Les Miserables (2012) and the bloodthirsty gore of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (2013). Jesus Christ Superstar poses the question of divine power and brings home the reality of brutal betrayal, set in the sandy streets of Jerusalem. Produced in 1973, the show features the hit songs Jesus Christ Superstar; the hauntingly beautiful I Don't Know How to Love Him: the funky What's the Buzz and the guitar heavy Heaven on Their Minds. With powerful songs and energetic dance numbers, the show continues to be a popular choice for performance. It will now be delighting audiences in Bromyard on its debut appearance at the Queen Elizabeth Humanities College.

The dates to put in your diary straight away are Wednesday 30th April, Thursday 1st May and Friday 2nd May 2014, and if last year's show is anything to go by, you will need to get your tickets in plenty of time before they sell out! Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of April so watch out for further updates on the QEHC website (www.qehc.org.uk) and the Twitter page (@QEHCBromyard).

Whitbourne Neighbourhood Plan

You are warmly invited to a Public Meeting at

Whitbourne Village Hall at 7.30pm on

Wednesday 22nd January 2014

This will be the last public consultation before submission of the final draft plan to Herefordshire Council. The present draft plan will be delivered to as many Whitbourne households as possible in December 2013 or early January 2014 by members of the Parish Council. Households on Bringsty Common will receive their copies by post.

If you have not received your copy by Sunday 6th January 2014 please read a copy to be found at Whitbourne Church, the Wheatsheaf Public House or Whitbourne Village Shop.

A Happy New Year to all our readers Maureen Williams - Chair Whitbourne NPD working party

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Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

It is customary at this time of year to wish each other a very Happy New Year. Please accept this as my best wishes in that customary form to each and every one of you. In so doing it caused me to reflect on happiness. What is it that we are wishing for each other when we say these words? For some it may be simply a greeting. For others, a genuine wish that those greeted enjoy a prosperous or trouble free year. Eleanor Roosevelt famously said "Happiness is not a goal...it's a by-product of a life well lived." As we enter this New Year what might that entail?

The Christmas season and the run up to it encourage us to think that getting the latest must-have present, parties and general indulgence will give us happiness. To some extent there may be some truth in it. If not taken to a ridiculous excess many of us can experience a fun time. However fun and happiness are not quite the same. Fun and its effects fade. Happiness of the sort that lasts has to be deeper.

Contentment is surely among the ingredients. A few years ago we lived close to the sea. On the 28th December each year we developed a custom of going to the beach all wrapped up, buying fish and chips and sitting out and eating them as a family. It came to be one of the best bits of the holiday. Simple? Yes. The happiness was in being together and enjoying the moment together. Walt Whitman wrote; "I have learned that to be with

those I like is enough." Interestingly, despite the recent years of austerity British people have emerged from the global financial crisis happier than before. Perhaps we have learned something through the crisis that has helped us to realign our priorities.

Thankfulness is the other quality that comes to mind. Oprah Winfrey was quoted as saying: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." There is a spiritual discipline in this kind of happiness by recognising that life itself is a gift from God. The Christmas message reminds us that Jesus came to reconcile us to God. In offering peace and good will he invites us to find the source of that happiness in him. Learning, as St Paul wrote, the secret of being content in any and every situation is a process. It promises true happiness; happiness rooted in contentment, thankfulness and loving relationships and ultimately in God himself.

Have a very Happy New Year. Bishop Alistair Magowan

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

The results of the December draw of the Village Hall 200 Club were as follows:

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Ί.	256	Derek	Shore	£50.

- 2. 32 Tony Wright £30.
- 3. 69 J. Westacott £20.
- 4. 182 Ruth Neville £15
- 5. 255 Mark Powell £10

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Bromyard Film Society Season 2014/15 (Member of the British Federation of Film Societies) generally runs on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road, Bromyard (also see advert opposite). Evenings begin at 7pm and the bar and coffee shop will be open at the conclusion of the film. Annual Membership: Individual £50; Couple £80 Membership entitles you to: Free admission to all 12 evenings; A 'friends' social evening; The chance to choose the programmes and to watch some unusual films, as well as some old favourites; Free admission to related Bromyard Film Society events - talks, festivals, etc. Visit our website for joining details or phone 01885 482543, bromyardfilmsociety.co.uk or email:

mary@bromyardfilmsociety.co.uk.

Sunday 26th January Jumble Sale in aid of Whitbourne Village Hall 12:00 start. Donations of any items gratefully received. Please bring to Whitbourne Village Hall on the evening before or on the day from 10am onwards.

Saturday 1st March Curry/Lasagne Evening. 7.30pm at Sapey Golf Club. Tickets £13 from Kath Harris, Tel 01885 483681.

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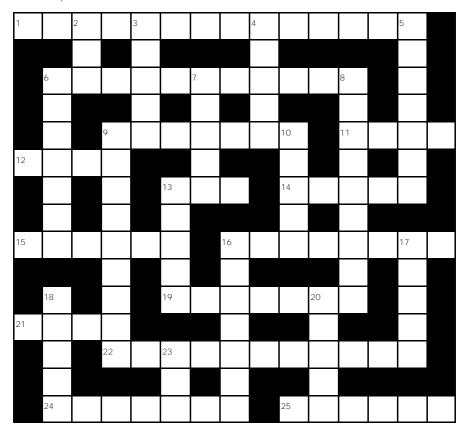
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Call Steve Symonds on 0116 821 736 for more information.

Crossword No. 20 (Compiled by Lord Threadneedle of Whitbourne)



Across

- 1. Open space with Badley Wood and The Glebe (8, 6)
- **6. Of Greek history before Rome's** Empire (11)
- 9. Contradict (7)
- 11. Voyage with Captain Kirk (4)
- 12. Prepare for flight (4)
- 13. Log's remains (3)
- 14. Flinch, for instance (5)
- 15. Stymie the plans (6)
- 16.Gets you anywhere, sometimes (8)

- 19. Inquisition target (7)
- 21. To kiss, in the back of the 420, perhaps? (4)
- 22. Attention-craving behaviour (11)
- 24. Steering mechanism's central pivot (7)
- 25. Where Tuck might be kept (6)

Down

- 2. Frozen water (3)
- 3. Helmet-formed (5)
- 4. Italianate rib, in a coffee shop? (5)

- 5. The result of inattention (7)
- 6. Chronicler of The Rake's Progress (7)
- 7. One might be dressed to them (5)
- 8. A tact-rich, release (9)
- 9. King in an ancient epic (9)
- 10. Infused spanish herb (5)
- 13. 8th letter, say? (5)

Solution to crossword No. 19

Across: 1. icicles; 8. tackiness; 9. ornaments; 11. numb; 12. aves; 13. gnome; 16. sale; 17. rams; 18. alert; 19. sylvic; 20. office; 22. email; 24. neon; 25. crib; 26. girandole; 31. snowflake; 32. deplume.

- 16. Program for the translation of formulae (7)
- 17. Represents words as pictures (5)
- 18. Speedy Di was Brideshead's matriarch (5)
- 20. Fits with tube and ear (5)
- 23. Take a mouthful (3)

Down: 1. infants; 2. ivy; 3. Lear; 4. strain; 5. ache; 6. list; 7. assists; 9. observing; 10 sacrifice; 13. grace; 14. omega; 15. extol; 19. sunrise; 21. embrace; 23. indeed; 27. info; 28. afar; 29. lump; 30. you.

Hidden Message: Merry Christmas!

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	contact Mrs Ann T		<u>Upper Sapey</u> Jan/Feb	Carol Wilde/ Carol Evans Fisher		
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	12th January	Mr. J Cummins	Coffee - Whitbourn	<u>1e</u>		
	19th January	Mr C. Short	5th January	Mr and Mrs J Bland		
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	9th February	Mrs S. Bland & S. Cole	19th January	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg		
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2nd February

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