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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to Richard Boyd for being the editor over the year, I'm sure we wish him well in his new, important voluntary job of being a school governor, and thank him for his role on this magazine in the past year.

This got me to thinking how many unsung heroes there are in our two villages; volunteering for this and that, giving up many hours of Coronation Street and Neighbours for the good of others. Too many to mention by name of course, but well done them.

I would particularly like to thank the band of volunteers who deliver your magazine through your door and have done so for the past year. Our trusty and speedy Magazine Distributor in Chief, Ian Willox is an ace at getting the magazine out as soon as it arrives from the printer to the distributors. They then down their knitting, DIY, or switch off the TV and venture out magazines in hand to bring you this local tome.

By the way, we have heard that Len our distributor in Redhill Close is spending lots of time in Spain, lucky him! So he is giving up being a distributor. If you fancy taking over from him please get in touch. Seriously, it's only half an hour every month and it's great exercise.

Welcome to Mervyn Wells who has kindly taken over from me the function called 'sales accounts' to allow me to do this job. The more people who advertise in this magazine the more content we can put in and hopefully lots more colour. At the moment we are just about paying our way with the advertising revenue. This is constantly under review. If you, or someone you know who would like to advertise please let us know. The rates are in the front of the magazine.

I've spent the last few weeks making contact with volunteers in various organisations encouraging them to put their news in here. It is free and it gets them noticed. If I haven't contacted you yet, sorry; but please do get in touch. Details are at the beginning of the magazine.

The two faced god of Janus gives us the month of January, traditionally looking back into the past and forward into the New Year. Let's hope the summer of 2013, repeats itself this year.

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THE DERRY HILL THEATRE GROUP

We are still practicing hard for our production 'The Lost Book' at the beginning of February. We still are very happy to hear from anyone who would like to get involved especially behind the scenes. Jane Clark www.derryhilltheatre.co.uk.

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(Derry Hill and Studley are a part of the Calne Without Parish)

The Council met on 2nd December 2013

Mr David Wade Head of Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning addressed the councillors at length on the Neighbourhood Development Order (N.D.O.) initiative that Calne Town Council has made. I attended on behalf of the Parish Council a meeting to find out what was going on a few weeks previously.

The N.D.O. is a planning tool which enables the community to grant planning permission for specific developments they want to see go ahead, in this case renewable energy, without developers having to apply for separate planning permission. The community must be consulted closely at every stage of the process.



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The N.D.O. steering group has concluded the geographical area should be Calne Town and Calne Without, which it believes gives a good mix of both urban and rural environments to enable a full range of renewable energy opportunities to be explored. It also means we can make the most of synergies with the Calne Neighbourhood Plan as they both cover the same area.

After some discussion councillors voted that the Calne Without Parish should be part of the area considered along with Calne Town.

At this stage, the public will be consulted on the area that the NDO and Neighbourhood Plan will apply to. Once this has been agreed there will be further extensive consultation through different channels within the Calne Neighbourhood Area community to find out people's views on different and appropriate renewable technologies for the agreed area. Very soon there will be a place on the Wiltshire Council Planning website which will allow comment. Look out for publicity on this.

It was noted that some clearing of the Church Road leaves and weeds had been carried out, but not to the extent that all weeds had been eradicated.

It was noted that all the Councillors have an Emergency Plan list.

The council next meets on 3rd February 2014.

These are my unofficial jottings from the meeting, which I hope you find informative.

A full list of Councillors and minutes of previous meetings are available on the web site, <http://www.calnewwithout.org>

Richard Aylen, Parish Councillor

PARISH REGISTERS – ALL AT CHRIST CHURCH

We welcomed into the Christian faith through Baptism

Brooke Michelle Fletcher on 23rd November 2013

We congratulate on their marriage

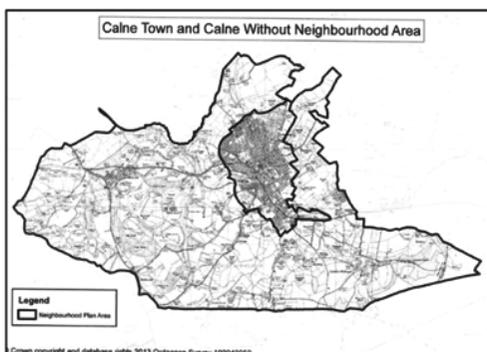
Andrew Robert James Wilson and Laura Elizabeth Cunningham

who were married on the 8th December 2013

PROPOSED CALNE TOWN & CALNE WITHOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

An application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council from Calne Town and Calne Without to designate their joint area as a Neighbourhood Area.

This will allow for a joint neighbourhood plan and a separate renewable energy Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) to be undertaken by Calne Without Parish and Calne Town.



For further information and to view and make comments on this proposal please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning>

Should you wish to make comments for or against the area proposed for the designated area you can either comment on the website or make comments by letter or email.

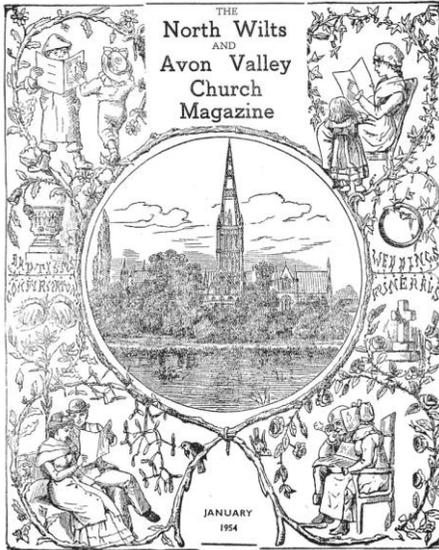
Emails should be sent to neighbourhood.planning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Letters should be sent to, Spatial Planning, Economy & Regeneration, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN.

A comment form can also be downloaded from the website address above.

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS: Tues 4th February 2014

ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



....for Derry Hill, January 1954.....

My dear Parishioners,

In this season of happy occasions, one of the happiest was the Schoolchildren's Carol Service in Church, in the week before Christmas. Very much credit is due to Miss Binns, Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss Kilford, for all their work of training and preparation. In spite of it being a Monday (washday) many mothers were present, there being a congregation of over forty. Next year we hope that it will be an oven greater success.

I would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped to make the Church so lovely for Christmas - both those who gave the tree and the materials for decorating and also those who gave so much of their time to carry out the work.

One of the great events in our Church life during the past year was without doubt the Service on Christmas Morning, when our Choir wore their robes for the first time. Many were the favourable comments on the atmosphere created at that Service. The Choir showed their sense of their new dignity to the full. It was remarked; "Why they conducted themselves as if they had been doing this for years.". Much of the credit must go to the ladies who worked so hard in making surplices and in repairing and fitting the cassocks, and to the men who have spent so much of their valuable time during the last six months in helping with the alterations in the Church. There is more to be done, of such a nature as will not easily be noticed, but nonetheless is very important.



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When all our work is completed we hope to have the Bishop come for a special Service of Thanksgiving, when it will be my happy duty to thank publicly and in person all who have helped in any way. In the meantime there is much to do, and your offer of help will be most encouraging.

Once again we have been able to send a supply of toys, sweets etc. to the Church of England Children's Society for distribution among the orphans in their Homes. These gifts were brought by Sunday School pupils to the Christmas Tree at their Gift Service on the Sunday After Christmas. During the week following several adults added their gifts to the large pile.

I am preparing a list of those desirous of being prepared for Confirmation, in order to commence Classes of Instruction. If you are over 12 years of age and are not confirmed, please give me your name at once, together with the evenings when you would be free to attend. If necessary, I shall be happy to arrange special classes for adults.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Binns on the loss of a dear son, to Miss Binns on the loss of a famous brother, and to Miss Ann Binns on the loss of a beloved father, Sir Bernard Binns, who died in Rome in early December, had made a great name for himself in the Far East in the days when the Japanese were over-running the Malay Peninsula. In latter years he was associated with the important work of the Food and Agricultural Organization, first at Washington D.C., and then at Rome. Some men have given their lives on the battlefield; others at the stake, yet others in exploration; but there are many who, in a less spectacular way, give themselves without stint through the responsibilities of executive and organizational posts, for the welfare of humanity. Let us learn to appreciate the true worth of these men and give the honour due to them.

A good resolution to make - and to keep - during this New Year is to obey the first of Our Lord's summary of the Ten Commandments-"Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy mind, and with all thy soul and with all thy strength". This can be practised and developed and revealed to others by regular attendance at Church. A little more neighbourly love would not be amiss too, although the emphasis is usually pieced more on this latter than on the former. In this way we can make it a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Your friend and Vicar, L. W. G. Hudson.



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Brenda and Kathryn won the Competition for a wartime artefact, well done ladies!

Our Hat Stall at the Church Christmas Fayre made over **£80.00** and we made a donation to the Church. Thank you to everyone who knitted hats and those who worked so hard on the day.

Our Christmas Dinner should have been at The Sign of The Angel, in Lacock, so we were somewhat alarmed to find that they had ceased trading! We were very fortunate that The George and Dragon, in Rowde, could fit us in and provided an excellent meal with great service. It was somewhat marred by Marion's accident and we all join in wishing her a very speedy recovery.

Dates for Diaries: The next knitting group will be at **Andrea's** on **Wednesday 8th January 2014** from **8-10pm**, and our next coffee morning will be at **Brenda's** house on **Thursday 16th January** - the topic will be 'Crafts and Hobbies'. The **lunch in January** will be at the **Brasserie in Bowood** on the **24th**, and the table will be booked for **1pm**.

Our **next meeting** will be on **January 22nd** and our speaker will be John Baumber, who will talk about 'Derry Hill AD, BC and BW.I.! Was there life before W.I.?' The competition will be for an old photo of the village.

If you are interested in coming to any of the above, or would like to come to a meeting, please phone **Sally** on **01249 817945** or **Tina** on **01249 814145**, or just pop in, we'd love to see you. Our **meetings** are held on the **fourth Wednesday of every month**, at **The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**, starting at **7.30pm**. Sheila

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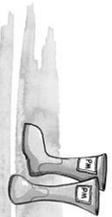
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Dr. Nick Brown has kindly agreed to be our guest of honour at the **official openings** at **9.30am** on **Saturday 18th January**. Do come along and celebrate this fantastic community effort!

The photo on the right shows the first defibrillator box installed at the Lansdowne Hall

We will start at the phone box site in Church Road and then move over to the Village Hall to open that one.

We are very grateful to Duane Clark who has given his services for the community by connecting up and installing the cabinets in cold weather in his 'spare' time. Thank you very much Duane!



Thanks also to all who supported our stall at the Christmas bazaar – we raised just over **£70**.

The carol singing on December 16th was also very well supported as it was last year. £140 was raised!

We need to continue with fund raising to maintain our existing two defibrillators and to save for a third defibrillator for the Studley community. We are negotiating with Studley Methodist Chapel to use their building for this. They have already kindly donated **£100** for the project.

For more information contact:

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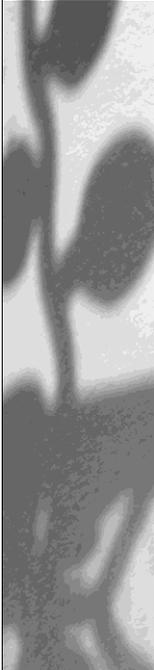
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	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins
	4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise@4 – Speaker: Sam King
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
12 Jan.	9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
	11am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
19 Jan.	8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
26 Jan.	9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FEBRUARY SERVICES

2nd February 11am	Mattins
2nd February 4pm	Praise@4 – ‘Getting Married’
9th February 11am	Holy Communion (CW)
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MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

When the Mothers Union met in Christ Church on November 6th, Deirdre led the prayers and a candle was lit in memory of

our most senior member Mrs. Joyce Marsh. We were pleased to hear that £200 had been raised from the Harvest Supper to give to Church funds.



Members discussed arrangements for the Christmas Fayre on November 30th and volunteered to man the various Mothers Union stalls. A discussion on speakers for next year's programme followed with member suggesting various topics. Our theme next year is "Help us to grow". This year it was decided to go out for our **Christmas tea**, so as our summer party was such a success we are going to **Beechfield House** on **18 December** at **2.30pm**.

New members and visitors are always welcome, for information please phone Deirdre on **01249 822157**

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2013

What a brilliant time we had. Everything worked as planned and we made over **£800!**

We had wonderful live music provided by Carol Rigby and friends, which really added to the occasion.

Our celebrity guest The Venerable Ruth Worsley was a star, having a go on so many of the stalls, including on the Church bells demo and of course drew the raffle at the end with such glee.

Mary and Joseph were booked into various households for the run up to Christmas –it was a relief to know they were being looked after before their big day! (POSADA).

A big thank-you to all the stallholders and the team from Mother's Union and PCC for making the afternoon such a good occasion.

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NEWS FROM RUB-A-DUB PRESCHOOL

Last year was very busy. The Children enjoyed a number of visits to Christ Church where they sang songs at Harvest Festival and performed their nativity just before Christmas.

For Children in Need the children dressed up as superheroes and decorated biscuits to raise money - did you see the photo in the Gazette & Herald?

We finished off the school term with a couple of Christmas parties with a bouncy castle, children's entertainer and of course party food and games.

Rub-A-Dub would like to say a big thank you to parents and the local community for supporting our fundraising November table top sale. We are planning another in the Spring so keep an eye on our website or Facebook Page for dates.

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for 2014. Here's to another fun filled year of play, laughs and learning for our children, staff and parents.

If you would like to find out more about Rub-A-Dub, look out for our ad in Inspire.

Liz Christopher

GARDENING STEVE

I've taken to my potting shed to have a bit of a rest and contemplate the year past and plan for the year ahead. Whilst I'm in here I'm going to have a good old clean up and make sure everything is ready for the new growing season. Look out for my article in the February edition.

Stephen Starr

Bowood Gardener.





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SCHOOL REPORT

It's been a busy Autumn term with lots of school trips happening as well as preparation for all our Christmas performances and activities.

This term all the children from key stage 2 attended the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon to watch the Horrible Science show, which will support the teaching and learning of science. Over 100 pupils travelled by coach to the event on Wednesday 27th November and enjoyed an engaging creative show.

Dormouse Class had a visit to the Chippenham Library, travelling to and from the library by public bus. Whilst on the trip, the children experienced an introduction to the library and a story book session provided by the library staff. The children then had the opportunity to sign up for a library card and choose a book to bring home.

The children from Hedgehog Class experienced a fire drill when they visited Swindon Fire Station and were given the opportunity to try out some of the equipment. It was a very enjoyable and informative teaching the children about fire safety.

Mole Class enjoyed a visit to Lacock where the children learnt about 'toys.' The children had a chance to look at and experiment with various toys from the past. During the afternoon they explored the grounds of the Abbey, to see what they could find. This was a great opportunity for the children to make links across the curriculum and apply their knowledge of the history of toys.

We have been very fortunate to secure Tag Rugby training from the Bath Rugby Club for our children in Squirrel and Rabbit Classes. This led to an exciting opportunity for our team to play a game of Tag Rugby at the Bath Rec on Sunday 17th November. The schools "LV=Cup" Tag Match was played on the main Bath Rugby Premiership Pitch, during half time in the LV=Cup rugby match.

The school continues to encourage and support fund raising opportunities and this year our children raised £57 from the sale of Poppy's in school for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and over £397 for Children in Need by coming to school dressed in pyjamas and slippers!



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Key stage 1 children have been rehearsing in earnest for their performance of Michael Conyers "The Nativity – A very Respectful Comedy". The children have been very excited about the production and we hope parents enjoyed the show.

We would like to thank all pupils, parents and Friends of Derry Hill School for their continued support to enable us to enjoy such action packed learning experiences during the year.

We do hope you all had a nice Christmas and wish you all a Happy New year.

NEWS FROM DERRY TOTS

It's been a busy few months at Derry Tots playgroup; we enjoyed visiting Reverend Ann to celebrate Harvest Festival, we all took a donation of food and listened as she told us all about the meaning of harvest.

In October the whole group was treated to a trip to the soft play centre. It was great fun and we all enjoyed going down the bug slides! As December approached we were busy preparing crafts to sell at our fantastic Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and lots of us enjoyed visiting Father Christmas in his magical grotto. Before we finish for Christmas we will be visiting Reverend Ann again at the church to hear the story of Nativity and having an end of term Christmas party.

When we return in January, it will be business as usual, making music, playing with toys, enjoying story time and creating crafts. Some of the crafts we will be making are Valentine's Day cards, Mothers' Day presents and Spring pictures. Plenty more group activities and visits are also being planned.

If you fancy joining our parent led friendly Under 5s group on Wednesday mornings, visit our website www.derrytots.co.uk or email enqdhuf@gmail.com and enquire about your free taster session.

Emily Lee



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REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

Thank you so much for your kindness during December when my mother died suddenly after a fall. At 92 years she was a relatively very fit lady, and was rather annoyed with herself for falling and breaking her hip! Sadly complications set in post-operatively which led to her death. We are all very grateful for your condolences and prayers.

As you can imagine it was difficult to focus on Christmas 100% after this shock but the joy of Christmas did shine through the sadness. MASK gave a great concert – it was lovely to see so many come and enjoy listening to and singing carols. Excellent refreshments and a raffle completed the fun of the evening.

The following Saturday we had a most successful Children's Craft and Decorating morning. I hope you saw how beautifully the children decorated the tree, produced a banner at the back of the church and made beautiful T light holders for each side of the East window. They also produced 120 Christingles for the Christingle Service. A BIG thank you to Elizabeth Vaughan for organising and running this event.

The decorating made sure the scene was set for the Bath Male Voice Choir and Bath Chorus on that same day in the evening. The choirs were wonderful, as were the refreshments headed up by Barbara Barnard and her team. Thank you to Stephen Starr and The Friends for organising the event and particularly to Deirdre Lias who hosted tea for the choirs and did much of the clearing up afterwards.

As I write we are about a week away from Christmas and I hope that by the time you read this you will have enjoyed the Christmas events at Christ Church. Please do let Reverend Ann or the churchwardens know what you have enjoyed and what you would like to see happening in Christ Church. Your feedback is essential!

As 2014 now approaches we will be turning our attention towards furthering the Bells Project. At the end of January there will be a tower inspection to work out the weight of bells that the tower can tolerate. A ring of bells will then be proposed that is within the tolerances set by the inspector. There has been a lot of interest shown at both the Gift Day and the Christmas Fayre so I hope we will see this being developed in 2014.

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ALTAR GUILD

Flowers in Church: The Flower Guild are inviting flower sponsorship for the single pedestal in Christ Church, Derry Hill each week. If you would like to do this or sponsor part of a pedestal, in memory of a special occasion then, to find out more contact Claire Satchell, on **07968 091217** or email newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk

Please get in touch with Reverend Ann or the churchwarden Stephen Starr if you would like to be involved in any way with the Bells Project or would just like to know more.

I would like to leave you with this thought for January 2014 from Ruth Burgess (IONA Community)

‘Walk wisely in this world.
Listen before you speak.
Look deeply before you leap.
Share love with those who walk beside you.
And, on long winter nights
when the moon is hiding
and frost cuts the soil,
do not be afraid to try out something different,
something wild,
something joyful,
just for the hell of it
and hope that it leads you to heaven.

and this prayer from Lynda Wright from the same community:

May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around you and your sense of mystery be deepened.

May you be aware of the light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness can never put it out.

May you be blessed with companions on the journey, friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

May you learn to live with what is unsolved in your heart, daring to face the questions and holding them until, one day, they find their answers.

May you find the still, quiet place inside yourself where you can know and experience the peace that passes understanding.

May love flow in you and through you to those who need your care.

May you continue to dream dreams and to reach out into the future with a deeper understanding of God’s way for you. Amen.

I pray that you all receive a blessed and peaceful 2014.
Reverend Ann

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PRAISE@4 & TOYS

Thank you to all who brought toys to this service at the beginning of December. All the toys have been delivered to Elite Fashions for picking up and distribution by the Salvation Army to needy children this Christmas time.

In January Sam King will be the speaker at this service. He is the minister at the Baptist Church in Calne and will be talking about Baptism and revelation (Epiphany).

We hope too that many of you will come in February when we will be theming the service on 'Getting Married'. We hope to show couples who may wish to be married in church what Christ Church can offer!

We are always looking for musicians, vocal and instrumentalists to enhance the music, so please do get in contact with Mary Aylen if you are interested. You don't have to be a concert pianist!

Contact: maryaylen@aol.com or ring **01249 814632**.



GIFT DAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

23rd November 2013

We had an added bonus this year of having the demonstration church bell skillfully manned and demonstrated by Ken Webb.

Many people dropped in to have a go on the 'bell', have a chat and a bacon butte supplied by resident chef Richard Boyd.

The idea of a church gift day is to ask people of the community to pledge support, be it in long term financial giving or talents.

John Kilbee, Mission & Stewardship Adviser for Wiltshire, was on hand for the whole time to chat to visitors and fill them in on such matters as Gift Aid and legacies. However he couldn't resist having a go on the 'Bell' and a bacon butte!

Many thanks to all those who popped in and made pledges, or improved on existing ones.

If you missed the boat or even the bell, please get in touch if you want to talk about a gift to Christ Church, I shall be happy to hear from you.

Richard Aylen. Gift Aid Secretary



THREE WISE MEN

What if the three wise men had been three wise women? Well, they would have asked for directions and arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, brought a casserole and given the child more practical gifts. [Susan Perlman]

THE LANSDOWNE LUNCHEON CLUB

Members and helpers at The Lansdowne Luncheon Club were enjoying their Christmas meal on Wednesday 11th December, when Father Christmas made a surprise visit, with gifts for everyone.

Volunteers have now been providing lunches once a fortnight for the over 60's of Derry Hill and Studley for 12 years, with people of the villages making new friendships and sharing fun and laughter, while enjoying a two-course hot meal.



We originally had Council funding but this has now been withdrawn so we are grateful for the generosity of locals, usually including a donation from the Derry Hill and Studley Fete Committee which is used for our Christmas party.

Members pay **£3.50** per meal, paid in advance to cover our rent which is due each half term throughout the year.

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BOTTLE STALL AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to all the residents of Derry Hill and Studley for the generous donations of bottles for the PCC bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre on the 30th November. Thank you also to everyone who came to try their luck on the stall and, of course, to all the helpers collecting bottles, setting up and manning the stall on the day'.

Lucinda Prater



Nick Roberts putting the finishing touches to the converted Church Road Telephone Box in December.

