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Village Voice

DORMANSLAND
DECEMBER 2021

EVENT NEWS

Enjoy an evening of carols at The Bluebell Railway, and the Christmas services at St Johns

LIGHT PARTY

Dazzling success and fun for all

MOVIE NIGHTS

Bob's end of year films to watch



St Johns Light Party

Worship at St. John's

www.stjohnsdormansland.org

Email: info@stjohnsdormansland.org

Sunday

Said Communion (1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) In Church

8:00 am

Communion Service & Sunday Smilers (children 4-11) Every Sunday

10:00 am

Evening Service (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) in Church

4:00 pm

Weekdays

Wednesday - Service of Compline on zoom

8:00 pm

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Centenary Room Bookings - Benefice Office

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Dormansland Baptist Church

www.dormanslandbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday Morning Service Now live at church

10:30 am

Minister

David & Mary McLachlan

St Bernard's Catholic Church, Lingfield

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 am

Father Jack Lusted

325705

Claridge House Quaker Meeting

www.claridgehousequaker.org.uk

Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship

9:45 am

Please contact Tony Franklin (barandtony@aol.com) or Lesley Evans

(lesleybcevens@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend - see page 7 for details

Resident Friend

832150

Village Voice – ‘From the Vicarage’ - December



I wonder, if like me, you have noticed the proliferation of roadworks with their associated temporary traffic lights. Now I am sure that most are necessary in order to repair broken water pipes or help mend other utility problems.

Such emergency work is often necessary. However, the frustration occurs when lengths of road are partially or even totally blocked off for days with no one in attendance and nothing appearing to happen.

Is it really impossible to indicate the reason for the delay or must we jump to our own conclusions about inefficiency or an excess of cones that must be placed somewhere!

Of course, we all accept that physical things will break down and go wrong – usually at the least convenient time.

But apply the same lesson to people, or more specifically ourselves and somehow we balk at the implication. The thought that we might need mending is not a particularly comfortable concept.

Yet it is this idea that lies at the heart of Christmas.

Originally Christmas was not about presents under a Christmas tree, or families getting together or even wonderful Christmas dinners followed by the message from the Queen.

All these have their value but have replaced the essential message which is about putting things right – or rather putting us right.

The story of the baby born to a young girl from a poor family on the margins of a great empire over 2 millennia ago only has meaning because of who that baby was, why he had come and what he was to do.

This was to be no emergency patch up of a broken pipe; it was a pre-planned rebuilding of the whole network.

It would be like the restoration of your aged, failing computer to its original pristine factory settings. This special child would grow up to reveal the true sacrificial nature of God's love and the human potential we each possess once we are transformed by God's Spirit.

That is why Christmas is associated most with joy and hope.

It is about a wonderful gift – from God – one we can all choose to share in and benefit from both now and for ever.

I trust that you will find time and come and share with us this wonderful message of transformational possibilities and divine love.

Do look in the insert, in this Village Voice, for all that is going on at St John's this Christmas. Come and join with us, or with our fellow Christians at the Baptist Church.

I trust you will receive a warm welcome and leave suitably encouraged to help make this a truly wonderful Christmas this year.

P.S. Here is a little festive humour from Milton Jones, the multi-award comedian.

'Sometimes I feel like Joseph at the inn in Bethlehem holding a crib of straw and saying, 'No, I asked to see the manager!'

Nigel Hinton

* Milton Jones '10 Second Sermons' (2011) Darton, Longman & Todd. p.55 ISBN 973-0-232-52882-4



Bluebell Railway Christmas Carol Service

with the

Bluebell Railway Band

Revd. David Murdoch Bluebell Railway Chaplain

Horsted Keynes Station

Tuesday 7th December 7.30pm

Station open 6.00pm Service approx. 50 minutes

**Collection for
St Giles Church
and the Station:
"The Jewel in the
Crown" Repair fund.**





The Dormansland Carnival Committee wish all
Dormansland and Lingfield residents
“A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS”
Carnival is planned for **Saturday, 2nd July, 2022**
so pencil the date in your diaries now



Our 2022 theme is **“MUSICALS”** with
‘Anything Goes Scarecrows’ appearing during the month of June.

We always need more help/volunteers
(before the event and on the day) so if you
can offer us a few hours please get in touch or watch this space.



BEST WISHES AND WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A BRILLIANT 2022
The Dormansland Carnival Committee
email: info@dormanslandcarnival.org

More trees in the village

Tree donations have kindly been
received from local resident,
Steve Pollock, who has grown on several
trees from saplings.

The Parish Council offered to fund the
costs of the stakes and
manure which is brilliant and gives them
a good start.

The trees are being planted in New
Farthingdale central area and the corner
of Hollow Lane and New Farthingdale,
where there are still some gaps.
They're a mix of horse chestnuts, maple
and flowering bushes.
Good news that Tandridge Council have
appointed a new tree officer so I will
make contact in the New Year.
Due to the generosity of local
people planting trees most of the ap-
proved areas have been filled.
Until new areas are approved current
offers of trees cannot be pursued.

Sadly a cherry tree in the rec, planted in memory of a previous Parish Clerk was destroyed and will be replaced by the council – oh what joy the mindless person must have felt doing that! Unfortunately the beech tree, which is nearby, has died so I will look to replace that at some stage. If you wish to donate a tree for what-

ever reason please get in touch and I will add you to my list.
Wishing you all a healthy and peaceful festive season.
Fiona French – Dormansland's one and only Tree Warden

fiona.thompson@ft-property.co.uk



East Surrey Walkers (ESW) News & Article

www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk.

ESW are presently compiling our programme of walks to cover the period from January to March 2022. This will be published in December. Please do check our website for our current walk programme which covers the period to the end of this year. It's always a good idea to check the programme near a walk date just in case there have been any last minute alterations.

I began this article writing about a completely different subject but was interrupted by the sad news of the death of a legendary member of East Surrey Walkers. Stuart Pickford has died at the age of 96,

he joined the ramblers in 1948 (73 years unbroken membership) and walked until the age of 91 when he finally hung up his boots.

At the age of 95 Stuart spoke of the changes in walking equipment that occurred since his early days as a walker. Stuart's recollections were recorded by ESW member Pamela Cunniffe. With thanks to Pamela I'm reproducing a number of Stuart's comments as a tribute to a remarkable man. I hope that you may share my interest in how kit developed and the elements of social history Stuart mentioned.

In the 70 years of walking, clothing and accessories have changed out of all recognition – from the adaptation of normal everyday wear to scientifically designed garments and footwear.



The Rucksack – in the 1940s there was nothing specifically available in city stores and one borrowed knapsacks from parents and slung them over one's shoulder.

After the War a more commodious sack, with a detachable 'A' frame came into use, this was followed by ex-Army Commando rucksacks with a rigid metal frame which stood the test of years until, in the 1980s, came the 'H' frame where the rucksack became a cylinder and stood up to head level or higher.

It was comfortable but unsuitable for woodland trails as the sack kept snagging branches and, from the rear, one looked like a walking pillar-box! Finally, a compromise came between the 'A' and the 'H' frame resulting in a ventilating space between you and the sack and padded support at the waist reaching just up to the shoulders.

Made of water-repellent fabric,
The Walking Stick was essential in the 1940s for fending off frisky cattle and hacking through brambles.
In those Wartime days, restrictions as to



how cattle should be penned, or obligations to keep footpaths clear, did not exist.

Footwear – with clothing coupons used only for essential items, walking was undertaken in stout but everyday shoes, worn with galoshes if muddy conditions or slippery rocks were encountered. In the 1950s a double skin waterproof leather shoe, 'Veltschoen', with Commando rubber sole came on the market.

Trousers – trousers were just trousers! Ordinary trousers getting a bit threadbare were quite suitable for walking. If it rained, it rained. In summer, shorts were worn, combined with long socks to protect from nettles or biting insects. Waterproof over trousers sweated and it wasn't until designer trousers that dried quickly came on the market 'Regatta' seemed to have solved the problem.

The Jacket – In the 1940s an old sports jacket was worn, preferably three buttoned, with maybe a pullover underneath. Not until clothing coupons ended in the 1950s was any alternative available.

Then it was an ex-RAF Bomber jacket, with buttoned waist and zippered front. They were warm lined and waterproof but they sweated and became uncomfortable.

Ten years later came the ‘Grenfell’ jacket. Almost knee length, with copious pockets and double skin of water-repellent fabric and sweat proof. However, before this satisfactory garment, one had to protect the sports jacket of the 1940s from rain.

Ordinary raingear was a gabardine raincoat, too cumbersome to carry in the small rucksacks of the time.

But available, if you knew where to look, was a fold up pure plastic mac with stitched seams. This was secured round the waist by a string of binder twine, and lasted until the stitched seams rotted in the rain.

Luckily, by the 1950s, ex-army Gas Capes came on the market, voluminous in the extreme they had the advantage of a large pouch at the back which fitted over the rucksack.

They were waterproof and didn’t sweat much as they were so voluminous and flapped around when one was walking. Eventually, the plastic mac returned with welded seams, also reinforced with nylon. Headgear – The office trilby was first used until one windy holiday I nearly lost it! So next was a cloth cap and then a beret, keeping the hair dry but offering little protection to the neck.

A Sou-Wester with tie on cord did the trick for many years until the arrival of the ‘Tilley’ hat. Cool in summer, dry in rain, screwable up to stuff in the pocket.

In conclusion no reference to Stuart is complete without mentioning Alice his wife of 69 years an equally committed walker. They are pictured above in 2018.

A walking expression states “there’s no such thing as wrong weather only wrong kit “I’m not sure that would apply to most of Stuart and Alice’s walking career which was more a demonstration of their spirit , determination and dedication to walking.

ESW wish you happy walking (hopefully in comfortable and protective kit).

Stephen Hanks
(ESW Publicity Officer)



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on Saturday 4th December.
The Parish Room, The Platt. All tuition & materials provided.
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Dormans Evening WI

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It was a busy meeting for our AGM this month. After the presentations of Annual Reports and Accounts, we heard from the leaders of our many groups – Mah-Jong, Walkie-Talkies, Craft and the two Book clubs – all of which seem to involve lots of fun, talking and cake!

We looked back on a year like no other, and appreciated how well we overcame all the difficulties we faced by continuing to meet both remotely, then in small groups, till finally we were enjoying garden parties and meeting together again.

We said good-bye to our old Committee, welcomed our new one, and with our President, Christine, we look forward to celebrating Christmas once again with a meal at The Star and our very own Christmas party DEWI style!

Then we look forward to the year ahead with lots more speakers and events to put in our diaries and keep us busy!

We are pleased to see visitors, for which there is no charge, and you can always be assured a friendly welcome.

Our visitors usually enjoy themselves so much that they quickly become members. If you would like to know a little more about our organisation, please telephone our President, details below.

Jackie Atwell

You can also visit our website at <https://dewi.chessck.co.uk/>

If you are interested in joining us you may visit our website or give me a ring, all visitors will receive a very warm welcome.

Christine Perkins. President Tel. 01342 323241



The YWI meets at The Parish Rooms at 8pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month and we always welcome new members.

At our annual meeting in November we elected a new committee and president and are looking forward to 2022 with our lovely group in safe hands.

Thank you for the lovely feedback following our autumn display at the Newhache green. By the time this edition hits your doormat perhaps our Christmas offering will be up? Many thanks to our Kindred Krafter ladies for their creativity and generosity.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14th December. A Christmas social with a touch of magic! We'll then meet on Tuesday 11th January, details yet to be confirmed.

In between times, the Soul Sisters walking group have trooped in the worst weather for brunch at The Wiremill, many members been up to town to see Pretty Woman at the Savoy Theatre – we get great discounts on group bookings, both book groups have continued to meet, our Kindred Krafters have been busy as usual and we have record numbers for our upcoming Christmas meal.

Interested? If you would like any further information or would like to come along to a meeting in the future, please contact Jude Duggan, our membership co-ordinator, at the email address below. If you haven't been a member before, your first meeting is free!

Liz Moulard

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8.11.21.

VACANCY : The Chairman of the Friends of the College of St Barnabas,Lingfield.

The College is a registered Charity (Ch. No.205220), providing care and supported housing to 60 retired Anglican Clergy, wives, widows and others since 1899.

The Friends are a group of volunteers who promote and fund many varied social activities, to enhance the wellbeing of the Residents.

The Friends are managed by a Committee of 7 Trustees, plus the officers of the Committee : the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Membership Secretary, all of whom are elected/re-elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting. which is held in February.

The Committee is supported by a membership of 158 who all pay an annual subscription of £10 per annum.

All monies received go into the Friends of the College account held by Barclays Bank.

The Chairman of the Friends is a hugely rewarding post. It is a great privilege and pleasure to work with such a committed team of Trustees and to meet and get to know the Residents.

Further information about the Friends and a formal role description of the Chairman of the Friends can be obtained from the Secretary.

Alternatively, the current Chairman, Cynthia Taylor, will be pleased to answer any questions or discuss the role further.

Thank you

Cynthia Taylor

Chairman. The Friends of the College of St. Barnabas.

Contact details:

Secretary. Christina Robinson : robinsecstb@gmail. Tel:07733484662.

Chairman. Cynthia Taylor : cyntie.taylor@gmail.com Tel:07788137408

Expressions of interest:

Please send any expressions of interest or suggestions of individuals who might be motivated to take on the role of Chairman (or that of a Committee Member?)

WILLIAM BUCKWELL ALMSHOUSES
58 Godstone Road Lingfield Surrey RH7 6BT
NOTICE OF VACANCY
Flat 1a

A residence has become available for a person or persons of limited means who resides either within any of the Parishes of Lingfield, Dormansland, Felbridge, Crowhurst or Horne or in the London Borough of Lewisham (with preference being given to those persons resident in the former Metropolitan Borough of Deptford).

The flat available is all on the Ground Floor and comprises a living room, kitchen double bedroom and bathroom with WC. An area of garden at the rear of the building is assigned to the resident of this Unit who will be expected to keep and maintain the area in a neat and tidy condition.

Residents in the Units at the Almshouses are required to contribute towards the expenses of maintaining their Unit. The monthly maintenance contribution for Flat 1a is £526.34 (£121.46 weekly), which covers water and drainage rates and a contribution towards maintenance. Council tax, gas and electricity charges are additional and are the responsibility of the residents.

The minimum age for a resident at the time of taking up occupation is 60 years. The accommodation available is probably best suited for a married couple but an application by a single person will be considered. In the case of a married couple one has to be 60 years of age or over with the other spouse being aged not less than 55 years.

William Buckwell Almshouses does not have a Warden (resident or otherwise) to oversee matters. Residents are expected to be able to look after themselves and will be required to complete a Health Questionnaire and provide contact details of their GP. The Clerk or Trustees will contact your GP for a full medical report should you be recommended for appointment to a flat. This is to confirm that the resident is able to look after him/ herself and is not suffering from any disability which might require special attention.

Applications are invited from interested persons who meet both the residential and age qualifications as set out above.

An application form can be obtained from :
Mrs Laura Jackson, 46 Saxbys Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6DN
Tel: 07887 503250

Email: mrsclairajackson@gmail.com

Would-be applicants are asked to ensure that their application forms are lodged with the Clerk before Monday, 6th December 2021.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ST. JOHN'S 2021



Believe

Advent and Christmas Services and Activities at St. John's

28th November - Advent Sunday

8.00 am – Said Communion

10.00 am - **Advent Service. Guest speaker, the Revd. Dr. Stephen Young.**

Saturday 4th December -

10.00 am -12.00 am - Distribution of Christingle materials outside St John's.

Sunday 5th December -

8.00 am - Said communion

10.00 am - **Christingle Service** for all ages.

4.00 pm - **Informal worship**

Friday 10th December -

6.15 pm - Lighting of the outside **Christmas tree** with Carols and refreshments.



Sunday 12th December -

8.00 am - Said Communion

10.00 am - Communion & Sunday Smilers.

19th December -

10.00 am - Communion & Sunday Smilers

6.30 pm - **Carol Service by Candlelight**

21st December -

6.00 pm - **'Light up the night Campaign'**
Charity concert for 'Marie Curie'.

24th December - Christmas Eve

3.00 pm & 4.30 pm - **Crib Services.**

Please come dressed as a Christian Christmas
character eg Mary or Joseph

11.30 pm - **Midnight Communion**

25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am - Christmas Family Communion

26th December - Boxing day

8.00am - Said communion



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It is pleasing to see things returning to some sort of normality.

We have been able to hold four talks and our AGM since the easing of Lockdown in May.

Our next scheduled events are: -

10th January

A String of Pearls; A History of Trade Routes Bob Evans

14th March

The V1 & V2 campaign and its effect on Kent and Surrey Bob Ogley

Membership fees are £10 single or £12 joint (for members at the same address).

There is a charge of £2.50 for visitors to our meetings.

We have been approached by a team working on a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Expulsion of the Ugandan Asians by Idi Amin in 1972.

Some of them were temporarily housed in what was Hobbs Barracks at Newchapel.

They are talking about holding a small exhibition here next year about which I will provide more details when they have been finalised. Until then they would like to hear from any members of our community who have memories from that time.

If you can contribute or know of someone who could contribute, then please contact me at billfstevenson@yahoo.co.uk.

Members of the Group are encouraged to undertake research of their area, house, or any local history subject they choose. There is a wealth of information about many aspects of local history at the Hayward History Centre at Lingfield Library. If you need assistance with a particular topic then contact us via our website and then one of our team will arrange to meet you at the library.

Please note that on our website, www.rh7.org, there are 83 factsheets on local history available for you to read for free.

More information can be found on our website or please contact the Chairman at billfstevenson@yahoo.co.uk.

Dormansland Residents Group

www.dormanslandmemorialhall.co.uk

Facebook: Dormansland War Memorial Hall

The new Trustees of the Dormansland War Memorial Hall, along with numerous village supporters, continue to work to restore the hall to a state where, once more, it can be a thriving centre for the community.



Following considerable investigation by the Trustees, the hall is now fully covered by insurance.

The Roll of Honour has been returned to its rightful place.

There have been weekly Saturday working parties on the grounds, and those who pass it have noticed the difference in its appearance. It is now looking loved.

Inside, too, there has been cleaning and assessment of damage, a check on the electrics, the roof, and minor repairs are being planned. It is most reassuring to know that the structure is very sound, and its restoration and modernisation is achievable.

The children of Dormansland Primary School produced some beautiful artwork to adorn the hall for Remembrance Sunday, when a wreath was laid, and residents were given the opportunity to have a look inside the building, then invited for refreshments at the Baptist Church.

If you see volunteers at work there on a Saturday morning, please come and say hello and take the opportunity to see the changes taking place inside and out.

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St John's Light Party

We celebrated "Jesus is the Light of the world" in a lively and fun way on October 31st. There were 23 children, 15 parents and 16 Messy Church helpers.

There were more than fourteen planned activities ready and waiting. The church both inside and out was a stunning light-filled experience thanks to the capabilities and hard work of Vanessa, Andrew and Michael. The evening began with a welcome from Nigel then straight into the fast moving interactive Christian song, "My Lighthouse". The youngsters were much better than the adults at following the speedy actions. If you don't know it look it up on You tube and see if you can keep up!

After that everyone was keen to see what was on offer. Many wanted to make their own lighthouse using a full tube of Pringles as the base. These were adorned with a battery operated tea light on the top. Under the careful direction and help of Mick these looked superb and the children were clearly delighted with them.

The bouncy castle in the Centenary Room came a close second in popularity followed by the games room with table tennis and table football. Trying to eat fresh doughnuts hanging from a string was amusing to watch and looked difficult too. The delicious food of hot dogs and pizza was a definite hit. I know of one 9 year old who returned for third helpings!

The art and craft, tattoo and face paint

tables were busy all
From the emails received below you can see it was a great success.

Matthew said "It was good because I made a lighthouse with a real light and I could take it home. I really liked my hotdog and I enjoyed all the activities and dancing with my Mum! (I was told Matthew took his lighthouse to bed with him!)

Caitlin said "The light party was really good fun. I loved the bouncy castle and all the activities, especially making a lighthouse and the tattoos. Everyone was very friendly and I would definitely like to go next year. Thank you."

Theo said "My favourite things were all the lights, the glow sticks and singing a song at the beginning. Eating a doughnut off a string was great fun".

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work involved.
Messy Ma



Some of the wonderful helpers



Bob the Movie Man's One's To Watch

A Look ahead to the end of the year.

Well, I've come back from a break away with Covid-19. And I have to say, it's not been pleasant at all, even with my double jabs. The result is that what with my holiday and then my 10 days of self-isolation, the cinema has been off-limits to me for the best part of a month.

The only current releases I can comment on first hand are Denis Villeneuve's epic take on Frank Herbert's "**Dune**" (12A) and the Venom sequel "**Venom: Let There Be Carnage**" (15). "**Dune**" I found to be a joyous cinematic experience.

It might be a bit slow for some, but it won't look like anything special if you wait for it to come on the small screen. If you've not seen it yet, can I strongly encourage you to catch it on the biggest screen you can?! "**Venom 2**", on the other hand, I would gladly have missed: a tonally inconsistent superhero flick uneasily mixing callous violence with knockabout comedy. I hated it!

Current movies I am itching to see are Edgar Wright's psychological horror "**Last Night in Soho**" (18) (which I've heard great things about) and also "**Spencer**" (12A), the Princess Diana work of fiction from the director of "**Jackie**" (which I've heard

very mixed reactions to). I also want to try to catch "**The French Dispatch**": Wes Anderson's latest which looks as artful and quirky as you would expect a Wes Anderson film to look! The new Marvel flick "**Eternals**" looks dire, but I will probably need to go and confirm my fears!

Looking further out at some of the highlight releases coming out before the end of the year, we have:

- "**Ghostbusters: Afterlife**": the sequel nobody wanted or asked for, starring Paul Rudd;
- "**Belfast**": Kenneth Branagh's critically acclaimed movie on "The Troubles" of the last 60's;
- "**King Richard**": the story behind the rise of tennis stars the Williams sisters, with Will Smith as their trainer-father;
- "**House of Gucci**": Ridley Scott's been busy, with the recent excellent "**Last Duel**" and now this new biopic on three decades of "love, betrayal, decadence, revenge, and ultimately murder" behind the Gucci fashion empire;
- "**The Beatles: Get Back**": Peter Jackson's documentary promises a loving trawl through a lot of previously unseen material;

- **“Being the Ricardos”**: a biopic by Aaron Sorkin on the dramatic behind-the-scenes life of Lucille Ball (Nicole Kidman) and Desi Arnaz (Javier Bardem). Sounds intriguing;
- **“West Side Story”**: Steven Spielberg’s take on the classic musical;
- **“Sing 2”**: a belated follow up to a kid-favourite animation;
- **“The Kings Man”**: a suspiciously delayed prequel story to the Kingsman secret service films with Ralph Fiennes. (This was trailed before the FIRST lockdown!). And;
- **“Spider-Man: No Way Home”**: A multi-verse-teasing sequel featuring Tom Holland as Peter Parker, Benedict Cumberbatch as Doctor Strange and the interesting return of Alfred Molina as Doctor Octopus!

A wide-range of interesting stuff there to hopefully tickle your interest in getting out to the cinema during the dark and damp days of December. Watch out for my reviews of these and other new releases on my blog.

Happy viewing Dormansland!
The author – Bob Mann – is a writer and broadcaster providing regular movie reviews online in written and video form. Search online for @one-mannsmovies.

Editors Note

Well December is here and I can't quite believe how quickly the year seems to have passed, I hope that everyone is able to enjoy Christmas with friends and family and I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

I would love to include more articles and letters from our readers so if you have something that you think others would like to read then please do drop me an email.

If you have any items or events to include in the January issue the next copy date is the **12th of December.**

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Light party in full swing

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