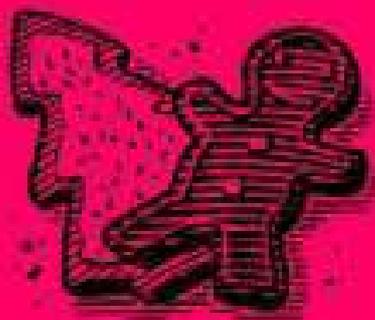


# THE MARLPIT

THE COMMUNITY PAPER FOR THE VILLAGES OF COLTSMALL,  
HORSTEAD AND GREAT HAUTBOIS

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*December 2004*

*January 2005*



### December 2004

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 pm	Tunstead School Christmas Fayre, School Hall
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2 - 4 pm	Coltishall & Horstead Pre-School, Christmas Fair, Coltishall Village Hall
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Coltishall Bowls Club, Bingo, Village Hall, Coltishall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Wroxham Flower Club, Broadland High School, Tunstead Road, Hoveton
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 10.00	Youth Club, Christmas Party
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00	Coltishall & Horstead Youth Club, Social Club, Rectory Road, Coltishall
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Coltishall & Horstead W.I., Christmas Party, Patteson Lodge

Coltishall Social Club - See article for event details

### January 2005

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Council, Finance Sub-Committee, Hayloft, Tithe Barn, Horstead
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00	Coltishall & Horstead Youth Club, Social Club, Rectory Road, Coltishall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Royal British Legion, Red Lion, Coltishall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Council, Hayloft, Tithe Barn, Horstead
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00	Coltishall & Horstead Youth Club, Social Club, Rectory Road, Coltishall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Marlpit Editors' Meeting
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 - 9.00	Coltishall & Horstead Youth Club, Social Club, Rectory Road, Coltishall

### Future Events

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005    Broadband arrives in Coltishall – See [www.bt.com/broadband](http://www.bt.com/broadband) for more information

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### Front Cover Picture Christmas



## From The Editors

You would have thought that last month's editorial would have provoked somebody into defending themselves against the allegations of lethargy and apathy. Alas No!! No response whatsoever.

Let's try something else then. Is there anything that you would particularly like to read about in your 2005 Marlbits? Recipe of the Month? Historical research of an older property in the village? Day in the life of various people in the village? Joke of the month? Competition ideas? Write to us with your ideas. We want to ensure that the magazine remains informative, amusing, entertaining and provocative.



While you're thinking about all of this please find time to enjoy yourselves over the coming Christmas holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Wanted

For The Marlpit

**Bulk Deliverers (a car will be needed) and Route Deliverers**

Interested? Then please ring the Distribution Coordinator!

**Without all the people working behind the scenes  
The Marlpit could not be published!!**

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The Editors would like to wish all the people, both past and present, who have been involved in the production of the Marlpit, a Thank You for all the work you have done for your community. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next year.

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## Coltishall Rectory Road Playing Fields

I feel sure that the subscribers to the November issue of the Marlpit much enjoyed reading the match accounts of the Coltishall Junior Jags' football successes. This detailed descriptive report was thoroughly enjoyable. All credit to those who give their time and skills helping these youngsters to use their spare time in such positive activity.



We, on the Parish Council, along with other parishioners, have, for sometime, been concerned about the amount of litter found to be flung about on both fields. Descriptions such as 'disgraceful' and 'disgusting' have been voiced. Both of these 5 acre fields became a conditional gift to our village in 1948. The young and elderly possess prime use and we need to keep these fields clean and tidy. Almost weekly, a bin liner can be filled with plastic, cardboard, discarded bottles and crisp bags. Discarded clothing, etc, offends the eye.

To those who organise football, please encourage everybody to take their litter home when they leave.

There continues to be a like problem around the Village Hall. The recycling containers seem to be a magnet for fly tippers with parents complaining about the dangers from scattered broken glass. Members of the Cricket Club still need to clean up the spoil left after building their store shed. Also to repair and re-install the surface disturbance following the renewal of the practice nets.

In conclusion, may I thank those who voluntarily seek to ensure that the environment, which we villages so much value, is kept in good order.

*G E Chapman (Mr)*

## Work at Lower Common

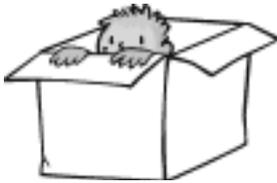
It will not have gone unnoticed that there is a great deal of work being undertaken on the Lower Common. As parishioners will have been aware, a split appeared in the area between the boat house and the beach area, which has been gradually worsening over the past year or so. The Trust has been in lengthy discussions with the Broads Authority about the problem, and they agreed to investigate the cause of the split, and repair it. It seems that the cause was surface water which could not drain because of the quay heading. The Broads Authority therefore decided to install a pipe along the length of the area parallel to the quay heading, which will drain the water into the beach area at one end and the dyke at the other. It is hoped that this will alleviate the problem, and although the common looks a mess at present, it should recover well over winter and be back to its former glory by spring!



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## Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who left filled shoe boxes in my porch. Also thank you to all the knitters, the hats etc. were lovely. I didn't actually count them but there must have been at least 250 hats plus the gloves, scarves and other items. I have been busy checking boxes at the T.A. centre and almost all of them have gone into boxes already, and we still have hundreds more boxes to check!



The boxes will be collected early in December and will go by lorry (a huge transporter one) on their journey to Romania. We hope to send more than 6,000 boxes this year. There they will be received by Operation Christmas Child officials and put in secure buildings prior to distribution. Although boxes have been sent for the last 10 years, Romania is so large that no child who receives a box this year will have received one before.

I met a couple who travelled to Romania last year (at their own expense) to help distribute the boxes. At one school they visited, the children were given a box each and they didn't know what to do with them, they just couldn't believe they were gifts for them. Imagine their delight when they opened them and realised the contents really were theirs.

Many thanks again for your support with this worthwhile project.

*J.B.*

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## Bogus Caller and Rogue Trader Awareness Campaign

The Marlpit has received a leaflet which can be shown to visitors that are not know or recognised. Smaller versions of the leaflet are available from the Horstead Parish Clerk on 738804. Below are some instructions. On one side of an A4 sheet, in large print is:

**We do not recognise you. Please call at . . . . .**

On the other side is: **Instructions for Use of the Nominated Neighbour Scheme**

After 'Please call at . . . . . ' add the address of someone who you trust and who is happy to act as your nominated neighbour. They should be some one who is available most of the time and is willing to accept callers on your behalf. They do not have to live immediately next door to you. They must be willing and able to accompany callers when they wish to visit your home.

If someone calls at your door that you do not recognise:

- Do not open the door and put on the door chain if you have one.
- Go to a window overlooking the door and hold up the card so the caller can see it.
- Do not talk to the caller.
- Do not let the caller into your house unless they return with your nominated neighbour.

A genuine caller that needs access to your house will not mind calling on your nominated neighbour.

# MAGMA

## Mature and Grumpy Men Association



Thank you Mr Murphy for your response to our question regarding the Sale of Norwich Airport. Always nice to be up dated by one's Norfolk County Councillor. You see, Mr Murphy, the problem is not all people have access to the Internet and you can not always believe what you read in the papers, can you? For example in the paper it said the Airport was sold for £20 million, then £8 million but, you tell us it was only £4.1 million, so it looks like the press got it wrong well; well, fancy that! or did they? who knows? who can we believe these days? It is a worry.

Our Top 10 Hate List (for the month of December, not in order of priority).

1. Spitting in public and during televised sport events.
2. Foul language in Public and on TV.
3. Those who drive under the speed limit. (who knows how many accidents they indirectly cause?) *What!?*
4. Xenon Headlights ( blue-ish and blinding) and drivers who use fog lights (front and rear) when conditions do not require them.
5. Use of 'OK', 'Do you know what I mean?', 'right', 'basically' as punctuation marks in conversations. Interviewers who, after somebody has suffered a personal misfortune, ask 'How do you feel about that?'
6. Manufacturers' logos on clothing especially, FCUK (French Connection UK, for those who do not know).
7. Mobile telephone users who shout to ensure you hear their usually puerile conversations. And why are so many still to be seen using them while driving? We have speed cameras, how about phone cameras, and those to spot a policeman on foot, in Norwich let alone villages!
8. Young and not so young ladies who wear their 'thongs' around their bare and usually flabby, bulging midriffs.
9. Supermarkets and food halls who move stock around just when you have got to know where they are hiding it, from the last time they moved it. Check out staff who continue their conversation with colleagues while serving you (Roys staff are experts) and use sayings such as 'Have a nice day' and 'Enjoy'.
10. The ever-growing bureaucracy so loved by all Government and Councils (County and City). Have you noticed how they always blame somebody else (Council blames government, Government blames council, alternatively the last party in power but never ever themselves) and give a 1001 reasons why something cannot be done rather than tackling what can be done?

**Chairman**

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## Running Club



As you may be aware, a Running Club has been formed in Coltishall and has now become a registered club with the Amateur Athletic Association. We are now officially the Coltishall Jaguars, so beware of these wild cats running through your village on Sunday mornings. Two of the club members recently completed a 7 mile run through Holt, both with good times. Other members are awaiting and training for a three mile race to be held in Buxton on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, so good luck to them. However, please do not let the mention of races put you off The club is intended for members to enjoy running together, both competitively and for fun. If you own a pair of trainers and fancy a run through our surrounding countryside or a bit of energetic exercise under floodlight, please feel free to join us. We welcome anyone whether they are experienced at running or just beginning. We meet on Sunday mornings at 8.30 am and Thursday Evenings at 7.00 pm at the Football Field, Rectory Road.

For further details, please contact Alan, 737262, or Graham, 736343, or Susan, 736966

## Dolphins at the Zoo

One by one,  
One by one  
Dolphins diving  
In the sun.

Two by two,  
Two by two  
Dolphins playing  
With a Kangaroo.

Three by three,  
Three by three  
Dolphins swerving  
In the sea.

Four by four,  
Four by four  
Dolphins arriving  
At the door.

Five by five,  
Five by five  
Dolphins going  
To save a life.

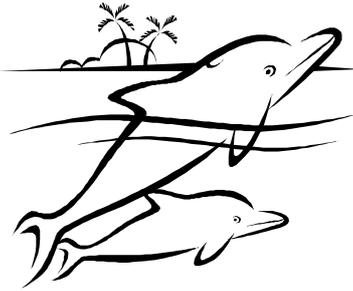
Six by six  
Six by six,  
Dolphins doing  
Fancy tricks.

Seven by seven,  
Seven by seven  
A dolphins angel  
Up in heaven.

Eight by eight,  
Eight by eight  
Dolphins eating  
Juicy bait.

Nine by nine,  
Nine by nine  
Dolphins chanting  
A ridiculous rhyme.

Ten by ten,  
Ten by ten  
Dolphins going  
Home again!!!!



By *Grace Durbin* Age 8

## Healing Gift Box

This week I was astounded by the generosity and foresight of a customer wishing to enable his wife to regularly receive treatments from us over the coming year without her having to justify the expense each time. (The 'Because you're worth it' dilemma!). I started thinking how many other people would like to do just this for someone they know but do not know how to go about it?

So, I decided to write and tell you about our new Gift Box. It contains a voucher which can be used to pay for any treatment offered at the Coltishall Complementary Health Practice: massage (sports, therapeutic, aromatherapy or Indian head), reflexology, hypnotherapy, reiki, homeopathy or acupuncture. In addition to this voucher, the attractively packaged boxes will contain a number of complementary health gifts such as a healing crystal, an aromatherapy essential oil, an Australian Bush Flower Essence combination and, as an optional extra, an astrological chart reading based on a person's birth date. The choice of crystals, oils and flower essences will be based on the individual's needs (calming, confidence-building, energizing, detoxifying etc.). All boxes will come with comprehensive instructions as to how to use all the items and any contraindications.

The boxes will cost from £7.50 plus the value of the voucher you place inside them but are free when you buy a voucher entitling a person to two or more treatments. If you have someone in mind. then please call Harriet on 01603 738553 to order one or to find out more about them.

Finally I would like to wish all our clients a Happy Christmas and New Year and to encourage anyone who has an ongoing health issue. but has yet to try our alternative approach. to take advantage of our free, no-obligation. fifteen minute consultation.

**Harriet Getley** LCH MARH  
Coltishall Complementary Health Practice

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## A Note For Your Diary.

Nigel 'Boy' Syer on Accordion and Hayley Mayses on guitar violin and harmony vocal accompaniment will be in Coltishall Village Hall Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available in the New Year.

## Growing Up With Ben

Ben has been swimming since he was about 4 years old, having been taken in the swimming pool by ourselves from when he was very young. From being able to swim, he progressed to having swimming lessons at Bannatynes, a Health Club that we belong to in Norwich. By the time he was 6 he had graduated through the lessons that were offered there, and if he was to improve his swimming abilities then we had to find somewhere else for him to attend. The new pool at North Walsham provided the answer as, when it opened, it became a home for Vikings Swimming Club and we arranged for him to go along. At first he was naturally reluctant to go as he knew nobody there, but this reluctance has recently changed and the catalyst for this change was the Viking Swimming Gala.



At first, he declared that he would not be taking part in the Gala. However, a favourable comment from his swimming coach as to his swimming ability was sufficient to at least persuade him to take part in the first session of the Gala on Saturday 13 November. We have never attended a swimming Gala and it's fair to say that it's like a school sports day (in the days when competition wasn't a dirty word), but in the water and without the bad weather.

Ben was in the 25m breaststroke for boys 8 years and under. He swam very well and came 3<sup>rd</sup>, beaten only by two boys who were both a year older. He assures us that he will receive a bronze trophy for this effort. His second event, the 25m backstroke, was less successful as he came in 5<sup>th</sup>, mainly because he stopped three times to see if he was getting near the finishing edge of the pool. This Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, Ben will be in the 25m freestyle (front crawl) and the 100m medley (1 breast, 1 back, 2 front crawl). Will he improve on a 3<sup>rd</sup> place?

We spent Guy Fawkes Night at the Firework Display at Worstead and very good it was too. They had lit an enormous bonfire and we were entertained with an excellent 45 minute firework display. After the display there was the option of being further entertained in their Village Hall by a live band whilst enjoying a pint or enjoying a pork burger or hot dog from 'Tasty Tavern' Butchers, or hot soup and jacket potatoes. At £2.50 per adult with children free, the firework display was very good value and we all enjoyed an excellent bonfire night.

I have introduced circuit training into the Colt Jags U8's training and it includes skipping, which boys seem to find particularly difficult. Recently a skipping demonstration took place at School following which skipping ropes were on sale and we purchased some for Ben. Now his bike remains in the garage as he insists on skipping to and from School each day. If all the team did this we would have the fittest team in the league.

**MD**

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Customers wanting Royal Mail to stop delivering unaddressed mail through the letterbox should write to: Royal Mail Door to Door, Room 130, Wheatstone House, Faraday Road, Swindon SN3 5JW

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### Thank You

Thank you for joining in with our coffee morning on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September for Macmillan Cancer Relief Worlds' Biggest Coffee Morning and for the gifts and cakes which people brought with them.

We made £192.38 and had a lovely morning. Hope you will come again next year.

## News From the Post Office

Christmas, the busiest time of the year for the Post Office, is approaching very quickly now. Key posting dates are:

- 6<sup>th</sup> December: Airmail Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Middle East, South and Central America.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: Airmail USA, Canada, Japan and Eastern Europe.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December: Airmail Western Europe
- 15<sup>th</sup> December: UK, Standard Parcel service
- 18<sup>th</sup> December: UK Second Class
- 21<sup>st</sup> December: UK First Class



We have all the Christmas stamps in stock now, and if you spend £3 or more on first class stamps, you get a Scratchcard with the opportunity to win prizes such as an ocean cruise or a fly drive holiday to Florida. Don't forget the Post Office is now open from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday, 9 - 1 on Saturday. No lunch breaks or early closing!

If you are sending parcels abroad by airmail, it's worth keeping the weight below 2kg and sending any personal letters separately. This allows us to send it 'Small Packet Rate' which is much cheaper than Airmail Letter or International Parcel. It is best to package items in lightweight boxes (such as the Postpak range we have available) filled with bubble wrap, polystyrene chips or similar. Tape up the packages with parcel tape - this is better than string which can easily get snagged,

The Post Office Christmas Gift Catalogue is proving popular. It offers a range of gifts, such as flowers, hampers, wine and chocolates, which can be delivered to any address in the UK at no extra charge. These are ordered and paid for at the Post Office. We also have Argos gift vouchers available for sale and a new innovation: Napster download vouchers. This is the modern equivalent of a record voucher which allows the recipient to download CD tracks from the internet - an ideal gift for teenagers and music enthusiasts.

Finally, I am looking for a news deliverer for the Rectory Road, Coltishall area, Monday - Saturday. Must be over 13, but no upper limit! We are also still looking for someone for the early morning news roundsperson position. Call me on 737277 or drop in for more information.

**Steve Haines**, Subpostmaster  
Email: [steve@unilake.co.uk](mailto:steve@unilake.co.uk)

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## Memo From Shades

My sincere thanks for the most wonderful presents you all contributed to for my 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Also, the most beautiful bouquet and cards.

You made it such a memorable day.

When our birthdays come round too quickly we try to forget them. This is one birthday I will never forget.

Many, many thanks to you all.

**Teresa**

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## Night Flying

The night flying programme for 2004/2005 has now been confirmed.

6<sup>th</sup> - 9 December 2004

17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Most of the activity will take place away from the base and any landings after 11.00 pm will be straight in approaches to minimise the noise in the local area.



# Crostown Boarding Kennels and Cattery

## Dear Marlpit Readers

My name is Jane Rounce and I have recently become the new owner of Crostown Boarding Kennels and Cattery in Hall Lane Crostown. I have spent the past 3 years working at South Walsham Kennels before finally deciding to take the plunge and run my own business. I was fortunate that the opportunity arose to purchase this well established kennels and took over in August this year.

The Kennels have secure and comfortable accommodation in which our canine and feline guests are all lovingly and professionally cared for by me and my team. You can therefore go away on your holiday, or on business trip, safe in the knowledge that your pet will be well looked after. Please call me on 01603 737240 for any information you require, or you can visit to inspect the accommodation for yourself.



Now, I need to ask you for some help.

On taking over I inherited three homeless dogs which are in desperate need of new, loving owners. Firstly there is Zeta, an 8 year old German Shepherd bitch, and secondly, Holly, another German Shepherd bitch aged 10 years. These animals need re-homing separately as they do not get on with each other, although they do get on with other dogs. And lastly there is dear old Shane, a 14 year old Golden Retriever, who needs a quiet, loving home to see out his last years; he also is fine with other dogs. Please note that none of them likes cats!

If you feel you can offer any of these animals a brighter future, please call me; none of them deserve to be living out their days in a boarding kennel. Many thanks.

*Jane*

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## Coltishall Parish Council

Parishioners may be interested to know that, following the public meeting about the closure of RAF Coltishall, there was a meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November to discuss the issues affecting our village and the wider area. Both local MPs were there, together with representatives from various organisations including Broadlands DC, Norfolk County Council, EEDA, the RAF, local councils and the MOD. Gillian Riley attended the meeting to represent the interests of the village, and has requested that she be invited to all future meetings. No decisions have yet been made on the future of the base, but any news will be reported to the village via the Marlpit.

Pigeons are causing considerable problems on the allotments, and we are advised that shooting them is the only effective solution. A gamekeeper would be employed, and great care taken with the timing of the operation. The views of parishioners would be most welcome on this subject.

There have been complaints that many people are cycling along footpaths. Obviously, small children cannot be expected to use the roads, but problems occur with adults, who often travel at quite high speeds. This poses a danger, particularly to those pedestrians who have some difficulty walking, and it would be appreciated if cyclists could keep to the roads in the interests of safety.

Following considerable disturbance to residents at night by youngsters, it has regrettably been necessary to remove the seat on Rectory Road in an effort to resolve the problem. The council appreciates that this is inconvenient for those parishioners who found it useful, and hopes that it can eventually be replaced.

*Gillian Riley* Chairman

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Stuck for Christmas present ideas? Let Eco-Warrior help you! Have a 'feel-good' Christmas by choosing gifts with an environmental theme. For example, Oxfam and Traidcraft sell fairly-traded, beautiful, unusual and very reasonably priced gifts from all over the world. Bird feeders and nest boxes give endless pleasure - how about bee and bat boxes too (even toad sanctuaries - the RSPB sells these!)? Or why not be really amazing and sponsor an environmental scheme in Africa?

There's lots you can do to give the Earth a Happy Christmas too!!

*Eco-Warrior*

**Extracts from minutes of a Meeting of Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Council  
Held in the Tithe Barn on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

**War Memorial:** The refurbishment of the War Memorial had been completed in time for the Annual Remembrance Service. Messrs Robinsons, Stone Masons, had recommended that in future, to preserve the stone work, it should be lightly cleaned every year. It was agreed it should be carried out in September, with Councillors Mrs Duckworth and Mr A Watts volunteering for 2005. It was also agreed that the Chairman should lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Council.

Donations amounting to £120 had been received towards the cost of refurbishment, with a further promise from the Poors Land Trust. A letter of appreciation, had been received from Coltishall and District Royal British Legion. They were unable to contribute due to their charitable rules.

**Horstead Churchyard Maintenance:** Over the past 3 years, the Council has contributed funds for the upkeep of the church yard. Following receipt of a letter from the PCC it was agreed to meet their representative to discuss the future level of the parish's donation.

**Gravel Extraction, Norwich Road:** The Council had received verbal notification that Tarmac had lodged an appeal against the County Council's refusal of planning permission to extract minerals from the proposed Norwich Road site. The Council had no further details, but information would be published as and when available.

**Youth Club:** Following the presentation of a suitable shed to the Coltishall and Horstead Youth Club it was noted some Parishioners had expressed surprise the purchase was with Council funds. When the Youth Club was established in 2003, following a request by the organisation, £1,000 was set aside to help finance the venture. A similar amount was contributed by Coltishall Parish Council, as such a facility would help youngsters from both communities. It was from this fund the shed was purchased and by presenting it, rather than giving cash, vat was recoverable. The Council was also pleased to hear that the Club was going from strength to strength, and the facilities available were being enjoyed by young people from both villages.

**Mill:** Notification had been received that Broadland District Council had awarded the 'Mill Project' its 2004 Green Award, in joint first place with Alderford Common. It was hoped the prize would be a substantial contribution for another seat on the mill platform.

**Playing Field:** The hedge cutting and annual maintenance had been completed by Norfolk County Services. Visibility was greatly improved at the main gate etc., with the cutting back of the vegetation, which was a concern to the Council with the increase of traffic using Mill Road. Norfolk County Services grounds maintenance contract for 2005 would be £521.45 + vat.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Due to the poor attendance by the public at recent parish meetings, it was agreed to hold the meeting for 2005 on the evening of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm at the Tithe Barn. Additional publicity would be given nearer the date.

**Next Council Meeting:** There will not be a council meeting in December, emergencies excepted. The next meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, with a budgetary sub-committee at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2005, both at the Tithe Barn.

**Finally - the Parish Council would like to wish all their parishioners a bright and happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.**

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**Wroxham Flower Club**

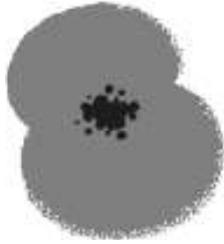
**Broadland High School, Tunstead Road, Hoveton  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45 pm for 7.30 pm**

We are very pleased to invite you to our Christmas meeting where we are very fortunate to have National Demonstrator Keith Smithies who will be demonstrating 'A Magical Season'. Festive refreshments will be served and there will also be a cake stall, Tombola and raffle.

The sales table will have lots of Christmas flower arranging items at reasonable prices. Visitors are welcome for a charge of £7.50. New members who wish to join are always welcome, you do not have to be a flower arranger. Please telephone 783677 or 720466 for tickets.



## The Royal British Legion



Our notes this month begin with a reference to last month's Marlpit editorial regarding support of local organisations, as we are sorely in need of more members. If these are not forthcoming, our Branch will be looming perilously near to its end. We do not think that our two villages would want to see the end of 81 years of tradition and service for the sake of a little spare time support. You do not have to be a serving or ex-Service person, just 18 or over and the wish to help (ladies or gents). Please contact the Chairman, Bob Jennings, (738335) or the Secretary, Benjie Jordan, (738325) or just come along to our next meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Red Lion at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome awaits you. Book the date.

**Remember** - we are not just caring for aged veterans and/or their families but also for those who have taken part and are still taking part in conflicts every year since the end of World War II.

At our AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> November the Chairman, Bob Jennings, led the Act of Remembrance. It was reported that the Branch was represented at the funeral of E. Fry at Brampton, and at the interment of the ashes of Percy Harmer at Coltishall Parish Church. Both had been long standing members of the Branch before moving.

The chairman reported that at the recent AGM of Group 5 he had been elected Group Secretary and re-elected as Group representative on the County Committee. He also spoke of the events he had attended on behalf of the County Committee and he was thanked for his work.

The secretary read the minutes of the last AGM and the treasurer, Roger Birchall, presented the financial report which, thanks to our Quiz results, was a healthy one. Both were accorded thanks for their services. Our warmest thanks to the family and friends of our former Standard Bearer, Arthur Powley, for the sum of £180 donated in lieu of flowers at his funeral. This was placed in our Welfare Fund.

The welfare report from our Welfare Secretary, Mrs M Montgomery (737568), showed that she was keeping an eye on sick and housebound members delivering gifts of fruit where suitable. She also kept in touch with our adopted residents in the Halsey House in Cromer with birthday and Christmas cards and gifts. She was accorded thanks for her work.

Our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mrs K Lawrance, reported that the final total for last year's appeal was £2,515, an increase on the previous year. She was having problems with this year's effort as she was short of collectors. It was agreed that next year we must appeal for collectors well before November. Mrs. Lawrance was thanked for her efforts.

Officers elected were: President, Mr J Campbell; Chairman, Mr B Jennings; Vice-chairman, Mr C Smith; Hon. Secretary, Mr B Jordan; Hon. Treasurer, Mr R Birchall; Chaplain, the Rev C Walters; Welfare Secretary, Mrs M Montgomery; Standard Bearer, Mr R Birchall; Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mrs K Lawrance.

We do not have a meeting in December so our next meeting will be on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Red Lion at 7.30 pm

Quiz Lovers: Book this date - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April when our annual Quiz will be held.

### Remembrance

The Two Minutes Silence at 11 o'clock on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November was observed by a good number of parishioners at the War Memorial. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded, the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph were recited by the Chairman, Bob Jennings. Prayers were led by Benjie Jordan and the Branch Standard carried by Roger Birchall.

### Remembrance Day

It was very pleasing to welcome about 50 people at the short service at the Horstead War Memorial in the morning, including Mr Roger Brighton, Chairman Horstead Parish Council, and Major Jones (aged 89) representing the Honourable Artillery company. Ms Nora Hall conducted the service and Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr Michael Blackburn (Salvation Army). The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph were recited by our Branch Chairman, Mr Bob Jennings. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Horstead Parish Council and our Branch. Also in the morning a wreath was laid on our behalf at the Buxton War Memorial prior to the Remembrance Service in the Church.

How lovely it was to see the Coltishall Parish Church filled for the united service in the afternoon. In addition to Royal British Legion members, there were representatives of the Royal Ancient Order of the Buffaloes, Guides, Cubs and the Primary School (How grand it was to see the young people taking part). The Commanding Officer of 54(F) Squadron, Wing Commander Connell, attended accompanied by the Squadron's Colour Party. As the Squadron is being disbanded next year, this was their final visit. Our Branch Standard was carried by Mr Eddie Watt.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Chris Walter whose address pointed out that we must also remember those Servicemen and Service women who had given their lives in conflicts which had taken place in every year since the end of World War II, right- up to the present one in Iraq. He added that this meant that the caring work of the Legion was ever on-going and was costing £1,000,000 every week. He was assisted by Envoy G Robinson-Brett of the Salvation Army.

The singing of the hymns was accompanied by Ms Ginny Plunkett at the organ, and the Mile Cross Salvation Army Band, Bandmaster Stephen Williams, who also gave a musical selection. An anthem was sung by the Frettenham Singers. The lesson was read by Mr Charlie Smith (vice-chairman Coltishall RBL). Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bandsman Ian Grimshaw. The Legion Exhortation was recited by Mr Bob Jennings (Chairman Coltishall RBL), and the Roll of Honour was read by Mrs Pat Carter.

Following the service, a parade, headed by the Band and the RAF Colours, proceeded to the Coltishall War Memorial where wreaths were laid on behalf of the RAF; Coltishall Branch Royal British Legion, the RAOB, the Salvation Army, the Cubs and the Primary School.

Thanks are due to all who helped make such a lovely service, especially our Branch Secretary, Mr. Benjie Jordan, who made the arrangements, Mrs K Moore and Mrs A Allen, who made the beautiful flower arrangements in the church, and the Police for controlling the traffic. Also the BBC, for filming and broadcasting the event.

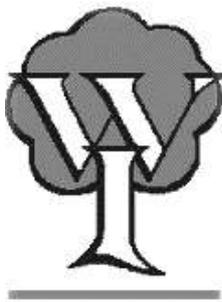
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### **Thank You**

Jenny, Partner of the late Terry Smith of Great Hautbois, would like to say 'Thank You' to Friends and Neighbours for all kindness, help and support. A special thank you to Claire Jermy, Freddie and John Buck for everything they have done and also to Shelly for lending me her shoulder.

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### **Coltishall and Horstead W.I.**



The evening opened with the singing of Happy Birthday. Members were reminded of some important events coming up soon. Volunteers and gifts are needed for the Christmas Cracker Sale at St Andrews Hall on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Horse and Groom, Tunstead. Numbers were finalised for the outing to see Jesus Christ Superstar in Norwich on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

The 'Clean-up Day' had been well supported and very successful, but it does seem a pity that there is a need for this. The outing to the 'Pier Show' was also a most enjoyable evening. Excellent fish and chips, followed by a very entertaining show.

Many thanks to all those who have arranged such enjoyable and varied outings this year.

Margaret Blyth is collecting stamps, mobile phones, and redundant ink cartridges, the proceeds of which will go to the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

The ladies were treated to a wonderful evening of singing from Susie accompanied on the keyboard by Annette. Susie had a wonderful range and interpretation of the songs. It felt like the West-End Theatre was in the Church Rooms.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party, which will be held in the Patteson Lodge on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Husbands, partners and friends are welcome to this excellent social event.

On behalf of the ladies of the W.I. may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

**Judi**

## News From The Bell Tower



Whilst we were ringing for the usual Sunday morning service we heard a knock on the door and discovered we had two visitors, a lady and gentleman who were staying at the Mead Hotel, and the lady was a bell ringer. Needless to say we invited her to ring with us and discovered that they were actually on their honeymoon! So we felt quite honoured that they took time out to come and join us, and they stayed for the service. Why not take it a step further? I thought, and invited them to join our practise the following evening, but guess what? They were off to Venice to continue the rest of their honeymoon. Practise with us or go to Venice, not really any contest is it?!

This seems to be the time for visitors to the tower as we also had a young lady called Maria from Düsseldorf in Germany. Apparently she had not experienced seeing the bells actually being rung by hand, as they only had Campaniles where she comes from, which are rung electronically. Maria was obviously impressed as she wrote all about her visit to St John's Church in her local newspaper when she returned home to Germany.

There will be a Songs of Praise hosted by the Northern Branch at Holt on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Open ringing from 3.00 pm with a service at 4.30 pm. Non-members will be very welcome to join us, and during the ringing session they may like to enjoy a spot of Christmas shopping, or explore this charming country town.

*Audrey Weston* (Secretary)

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## Coltishall Social Club

Dear Residents of Coltishall and Horstead this is a letter to you all just to let you know what is happening in your Club this December.

As you are all well aware, this Club is to be run on behalf of you all and the new committee would very much like you all to come in and support the Club. We are family friendly and enjoy having children in the bar. The benefits to you all can be great to everyone that lives in and around Coltishall and Horstead. The affiliated sports to the Club will benefit greatly if you wish to join us, or indeed any of the affiliated sporting groups, i.e. bowls, football, cricket and War Hammer. All of which would be very pleased to see new members in their groups. The other benefits you will have in joining the Club is cheaper drinks. We are trying very hard to bring this Club back to the well used and happy place it once was and without your help this will not be possible, and the Club may be forced to close down and, if this happens, the affiliated sports and Clubs will find it hard to carry on.

In this coming month we have one or two things that may interest you and we hope you will come and in join with us on the nights. Firstly there is a great band to be seen here on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, Take Chat. Many that have seen them, including myself, have enjoyed their wide range of music as they play non-stop and their songs get you dancing from the time they start to the time they finish.

Also, on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having Father Christmas in for the children and if you would like your child to receive a personal present from him then please come into the Club where we will take their names and pass it on to him. This is for Children up to the age of 10 years. If you wish to come then he will be with us from 7.30 - 8.00 pm. Also, on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> from 8.30 pm, we will be holding the Club's Christmas Raffle. The tickets can be bought at the Club; they are 50p for the normal raffle or you can buy a £1 square which can win you a hundred pounds cash on the night, which I am sure we would all like to have for Christmas week. This is all open to members. On that note, if you would like to become a member, then the fee is £5 for the year. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at the Social Club and hope to see you all here on these nights.

Christmas Eve we have Mick John's Road Show and Karaoke, starting at 8.00 pm.

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The Attic Hair Studio has opened an Art and Craft Room within the Studio. This cosy little room has been brought alive with hand-made crafts, cards, gift-sets, children's wooden toys and many Christmas goodies.

Syford Art and Craft room is open Fridays 9.00 - 4.30 and Saturdays 9.00 - 4.00. Feel free to come and browse. Any enquiries call the Studio on 736777



Little Miss Muffett sat on her tuffett eating her curds and ... oh no she didn't...oh yes she did! Well, not in this pantomime anyway. There is no tuffett and no curds but there may be some whey and there is definitely a spider. But not a frightening spider. This one used to be a princess but has been transformed by a wicked witch and needs the help of our hero and heroine, along with the usual blend of villain, slapstick duo, village idiot, cheeky children, learner fairy, hairy gorilla, engaging chorus and, of course, a larger than life dame to restore her to her former glory. Can this all be done in the space of one performance? Why don't you come along and be amazed, delighted and entertained? The Jubilee Players present Little Miss Muffett from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm each evening and with matinee performances at 2.30 pm on Friday and Saturday also. Tickets cost £4.50 for an adult, £4 for senior citizens and £3 for children (no concessions on Friday or Saturday evenings, sorry!). Tickets will go on sale at the Tithe Barn on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 1.00 - 2.00 pm (maximum of 6 tickets per person on that day) and after that will be available from Margot Miller at Bure View, Mill Lane, Horstead, 737176.

Having dealt with February let's get back to December which is getting frighteningly near as I write this. I have my earplugs ready for every commercial break so I can't hear the chorus of 'Can I have one of those?' and that's only from my husband! I am seriously thinking of rigging the television so that only BBC programmes can come on in the three month run up to Christmas.

Please contact Margot with reference to the Christmas Feast which is to take place at the Black Boys in Aylsham on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. She has the menu to drool over so book early to avoid disappointment.

If anyone would like to volunteer to host a social evening please contact me. March onwards would be very welcome. Thank you.

Well, I had better finish up so that I can learn my lines/do the ironing/clean the house/wrap Christmas presents/go round in small circles and try to stop the puppy eating the hairbrush.

Wishing all members and associates and, of course, audience and friends a very Merry Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year. Here's to 2005!!

*Wizz Fairhurst* 261415

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### **Wensum Probus Club**



The Wensum Probus Club, founded in 1990, has a few vacancies for members, we meet on the Third Monday of each month at the Wensum Valley Hotel and Golf Club, Beech Avenue, Taverham. The club is for retired men with professional, business and executive backgrounds and others who have had some measure of responsibility in any field of industry or commerce.

The club is autonomous, simple in structure, non-political, non-sectarian and non-fundraising. We have a lunch at the monthly meeting followed by a speaker,

Other activities you can join in are - Bowls (indoors and out) Walks, Golf, and Gliding. Outings to places of interest, for members and partners, are organised. We have functions for our Ladies at Christmas and Midsummer.

If you would like more information about the Wensum Probus Club please contact the secretary on 867617.

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### **Thursford Christmas Spectacular**

There are only 3 tickets left for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular Show on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 pm performance. A coach will be leaving the village just after 5.00 pm. The cost of the show and the coach is £24. Children under the age of 8 will not be admitted to the Show. To book for this truly magical experience - please telephone Sue Blackburn on 01603 737495.

# Coltishall Jags Football Club

## U8's Match Report

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Conditions were good and our first game was against Aylsham. Despite the extensive warm-up before the game, Colt Jags still seemed slow from the kick-off. We did, however, improve, and a ball crossed from Joe was slid under their keeper by Gus for 1 - 0. A long ball through from Konner found Joe unmarked and he scored for 2 - 0. Then a good cross from Gus ended with Joe just shooting past the post. Aylsham pulled a goal back before a great shot from Konner made it 3 - 1 at half time.

Good control from Joe was followed by a pass to Gus who scored for 4 - 1. Joe was increasingly menacing their defence with his excellent close control and it was no surprise when following good play from Joe, Gus scored for his hat-trick and 5 - 1. Some pressure from Aylsham found Charlie in his usual good form in goal, but even he was unable to prevent a further goal from Aylsham for a 5 - 2 win to Coltishall.



Our second game was against Stalham B and saw Ben Douglass and Ollie Burke coming on for Gus and Konner and Simon replacing Charlie in goal. Daniel was featuring well in this game with several strong runs. Joe, again, was too good for the Stalham defence and ran through them to score for 1 - 0 and then added a second. Positive and determined running from Ollie down the wings was not, however, rewarded with a goal and at half-time it remained 2 - 0. Ben was covering lots of ground and passing well. It was no surprise when yet another run from Joe provided his hat-trick and 3 - 0 to Coltishall. Daniel just failed to score with a long range shot which almost crept under the keeper's body. Final Score 3 - 0 to Coltishall.

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## U9's Match Report

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2004

Our first GAME was against Taverham away at Acle. It was Max's debut match for the team playing in midfield. The score at half time was 0 - 0 with some good defending from Lewis Perretta and some great saves from Daniel Giblett in goal.

After some changes at half time Ben Wyatt scored after just a few minutes taking us 1 - 0 up. The Colt Jags kept possession well, Harvey and Jack Platten defending superbly. In one quick attack Harvey gained possession, passed to Ben who quickly passed it out wide and with a brilliant cross by Lewis, the ball was tapped in by George Pennington.

Taverham went on to score one goal but some great team defending kept the score at 2 - 1 to the Colt Jags.

Our second game of the day was against Acle.

In the opening minutes of the game a great long kick from Jack Platten in goal, enabled Ben Wyatt to easily score a route one goal. The Acle keeper and defence were kept busy by some excellent teamwork from Colt Jags and any threat they posed was dealt with effectively by Martin Broom in defence. Then with a good pass from Daniel Giblett, George Pennington scored our second goal of the match. After just a few minutes Daniel himself went on to score.

Just before half time, a superb short corner from quick thinking Ben Wyatt gave Daniel the chance to score again by hammering the ball into the back of the net, taking our half time score to 4 - 0.

Luke Tompson came on in the second half and did some great tackles throughout. Again, Colt Jags had plenty of possession of the ball, Josh Buckley battling away in midfield breaking up any opposition attacks. Then Daniel Skilfully took the ball down the pitch but just pipped the post, luckily Lewis was there to put the ball in the net.

Just before the final whistle, Josh scored taking the final score to 6 - 0 to the Coltishall Jags. A clean sheet for Jack Platten and another superb game for the whole team.

After losing their first game of the season the Under 9's have now gone 9 games unbeaten!!!

## Coltishall Versus Cawston



We were playing Ben Edmunds in goal, James Jefferies and Michael Thompson in defence, Jack was playing in mid defence, Connor Ordish right mid, Robert Dean striker and me left mid. Tom Perretta was a sub. Cawston lost the toss so we took kick off. Cawston were putting pressure on us but finally we had our break. James passed it to Connor who took it round one who shot, but he only hit the side netting.

I had the ball and I was going to shoot but a defender brought me down and we won a free kick, Robert took it but Cawston headed it away. Jack got the ball and had a shot from way out and was unlucky not to score when it hit the cross bar and the post.

Cawston had a goal kick but it hit my knee and I shot out of the area and it went in - 1 - 0 to us. They seemed to be trying to cross the ball in from the wing in order to score but Michael and James were working hard in defence to deny them the opportunity. Jack had a another shot but the Cawston keeper did an excellent save. The halftime whistle then blew.

Straight from the whistle we attacked. James passed the ball to Connor who took it round one of Cawston's defenders and then shot, which went in. 2 - 0 to us.

After Cawston was awarded a corner they scored a lucky overhead kick which Ben had no chance of saving. Five minutes to go and I was then substituted for Tom but I was not off the pitch long as Robert injured his knee so I was back on.

Cawston did a through ball but Ben did some brave keeping and gathered it up. Cawston put pressure on us but we made sure they didn't score. Finally, the final whistle blew.

Coltishall 2 - Cawston 1

It was a well earned victory and well done to all the players.

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## Coltishall & Horstead Pre-School

Christmas Fair

2.00 - 4.00 pm, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December

Coltishall Village Hall

← Santa's Grotto ← Tombola ← Lucky Dip ←

← Cake Stand ← Pin the nose on Rudolph ←

← And many more! ←

Please come and join in the festivities

All proceeds are donated to Coltishall and Horstead Pre-School

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## Tunstead School Christmas Fayre

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2004

2.00 pm in the School Hall

Attractions include:

An opportunity for the children to meet Father Christmas (from 3.15 pm onwards)

Christmas Craft Stall Win a Luxury Hamper and many other Prizes

Snowman Target Game ♦ Tombola ♦ Cake and Confectionery Stall ♦ Teddy Bear Extravaganza

Santa's Treasure Hunt ♦ Refreshments

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## Bingo

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

The Village Hall, Coltishall

7.30pm

Cash Prizes and accumulating jackpot

Coltishall Bowls Club



## Thank You

Season's Greetings and a huge Thank You to so many of you who contacted us with very humbling letters, gifts, flowers, a cake and a very generous farewell gift.

We are very stretched trying to decorate our home and pack up The Rectory but I guess we will catch up with Christmas preparations eventually.

As this year comes to an end and we all look forward to 2005 and what it holds in store for us, remember 'We may not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future in His hands'.

God Bless us all.

*Lorna*

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### Christmas Cheer!

Every year around this time, I have a familiar experience. I'm out shopping at one of the large supermarkets, and I'll go through the checkout line and pay for my goods, when the cashier hands me back the change, they'll say, 'Merry or even Happy Christmas'.

I realize that this comment is not always motivated by the cashier's genuine interest in whether or not I enjoy my Christmas period. I'm aware that they may be saying this because they've been told to. I can envisage the memo from Headquarters, directing staff when to change from 'Thank You, have a nice day' to 'Take Care, Happy Christmas', on the assumption that it will somehow help cement a lasting bond between the store and the customer, that won't evaporate when the prices rise again in January. I am longing for the cashier that looks me straight in the eye and wishes me 'Happy Christmas' and really means it.

There really is something genuine to this whole idea of Christmas cheer. As December 25<sup>th</sup> draws near, people warm up just a bit. If your out and around on Christmas Eve, you'll notice that people are friendlier than on any other day of the year. Folks warm up when they are mindful that all the extra food, drink and days off, is because of a baby's birth, and make an extra effort to practice the virtues of 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards men.'

But consider this - why do we notice this at Christmas? Why does this surge in warm-heartedness stand out? I think its because, despite our best intentions, goodwill towards men and women can easily become a seasonal event rather than a standing policy.

When Christ entered our world, he didn't come to brighten our Decembers, but to transform our lives. It can be hard work to practice goodwill towards one another, but as we enter this season of celebrating Christ's life, lets consider changing our ways for the whole year.

That dusty old Bible put away on the shelf, provides the blue print for loving our neighbour in a busy and complicated world. Christ made a point of seeking out the broken and disillusioned, people of his day, the lepers, prostitutes and tax collectors. Today we have, HIV and AIDS victims, very young prostitutes, the homeless, those caught up in drug and alcohol use, those mentally and physically abused.

This Christmas season, let us recognize that just as faith is a decision, goodwill towards each other is a series of decisions, that work themselves out not in temporary holiday cheer, but in the details of everyday life.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas tide.

God Bless You All.

*Envoy Gillian*, Coltishall Salvation Army.

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### **The Largest Christmas Show In England**

**Thursford Christmas Spectacular**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Coach leaving village just after 5.00 pm

Tickets for show and coach - £24

Telephone - Sue Blackburn - 737495

## A Christmas thought from Bureside Churches Together

### The Christmas Face

Here from Trevor Dennis' Book\* The Three Faces of Christ is the Christmas face:

What you must first understand about the face of Jesus  
is that it is so small.  
He has no hair yet.  
His milk teeth are not yet showing beneath his gums.  
His lungs are well developed,  
as Mary and Joseph and the animals have already discovered.  
But he has no language beyond his crying.  
He, the Word of God,  
cannot say 'Mamma'.  
He, the Son of God,  
cannot call him 'Abba'.  
let alone argue with rabbis and priests in the Temple  
the finer things of heaven.  
He is the Love of God,  
and yet he cannot smile  
(though sometimes, when he gets the wind his face crumples up as though he can).  
His eyes cannot focus.  
  
and yet, and yet,  
if you kneel beside his manger (you will be far too high above him if you stand),  
if you kneel so that your face is close to his,  
then you will find yourself looking level-eyed into the face of God.

How we do forget, when we consider the great and the good (or even the great and not so good) of our world is that they, just like us, were once tiny vulnerable babies. How we tend to forget that the fact that they made it out of the cradle, through childhood and into the corridors of fame at all is a miracle. A miracle of parental love and care (mostly) and, increasingly as we go back through history, a large slice of luck in the avoidance of accident, war, pestilence and plague.



You might think that God would arrange things differently for His Son, you might think that God's Son would not be troubled by such things, but - not at all! God's promise to us in the baby Jesus is 'Emmanuel', which means 'God-with-us'. And He meant exactly that! From cradle to (early) grave Jesus lived the same life as those around Him. He experienced the same risks, pains and limitations as all of us.

His babyhood and early childhood were perilous - remember the Massacre of the Innocents and the Flight to Egypt. We know little of his childhood and early adult years beyond that and, perhaps because of this, must assume that his life was much the same as everybody else's around him - in first century Palestine, risky!

God came and took on our form and our life at a turbulent time, He shared in all that we can experience by way of grief and pain and yet, as He left His disciples on the mountain top said to us 'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'. (NIV). So He continues to share in all that we experience - good and bad.

Trevor Dennis paints a picture for us of a perfectly ordinary newly born baby, the first of his 'Three Faces of Christ', yet this was a baby that allowed us to see God. Look carefully when you next stoop to look into a carry cot or pram - you might be looking straight into the eyes and face of God.

On behalf of the Bureside Churches Together I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

**Chris Walter**

*\*The Three Faces of Christ. Trevor Dennis. Published by Triangle SPCK. 1999*

## Parishes of Coltishall with Great Hautbois and Horstead



### Sunday Services

<b>December 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	
<b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion, All Saints, Horstead	Isaiah 11: 1-10
10.00am	Family Service, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints, Horstead	Isaiah 35: 1-10
10.00am	Sunday School, Church Room, Coltishall	James 5: 7-10
11.00am	Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Matthew 11: 2-11 Psalm 146: 5-10
<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
9.30am	Morning Prayer, All Saint's, Horstead	Isaiah 7: 10-16
10.00am	Sunday School, Church Room, Coltishall	Romans 1: 1-7
11.00am	Morning Prayer, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Matthew 1: 18-25
6.30pm	Joint Carol Service, Salvation Army Hall	Psalm 80: 1-7
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
3.15pm	Crib Service, Holy Trinity, Great Hautbois	Isaiah 52: 7-10
11.30pm	Midnight Communion, St. John the Baptist	Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14 Psalm 98
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
9.30am	Morning Prayer/Family Service, All Saint's	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14 Psalm 98
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>	
11.00am	Benefice Service, St. John the Baptist, Coltishall	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23 Psalm 148
<b>December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>New Years Eve</b>	
11.30pm	Watch Night Service, Great Hautbois	
<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Christmas 2</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion, All Saints, Horstead	Jeremiah 31: 7-14
10.00am	Family Service, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 10-18 Psalm 147: 12-20
<b>January 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	
<b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 1 / The Baptism of Christ</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints, Horstead	Isaiah 42: 1-9
10.00am	Sunday School, Church Room, Coltishall	Acts 10: 34-43
11.00am	Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Matthew 3: 13-17 Psalm 29
<b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	
10.00am	Sunday School, Church Room, Coltishall	Isaiah 49: 1-7
11.00am	Benefice Communion, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
	<b>Final service with the Rev'd. Chris Walter</b>	John 1: 29-42
6.30pm	Healing Service, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	Psalm 40: 1-11
<b>January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
10.00am	Sunday School, Church Room, Coltishall	Isaiah 9: 1-4
10.00am	Joint Christian Unity Service, All Saint's, Horstead	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23 Psalm 122
<b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b>	
10.00am	Benefice Christingle, St John the Baptist, Coltishall	1 Kings 17: 8-16 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 John 2: 1-11 Psalm 36: 5-10

\* Readers please note. The readings printed are the readings for the day and not for individual services. They are laid out this way to save space. Where there are multiple readings please consult your service leader.



The total collected house to house from our villages and the villages around for our Annual Appeal this year was £1567.36. This will be used to continue the social work of The Salvation Army in the British Isles. Thank you so much.

For those of you who supported our Christmas Fayre, we say thank you for the amount of £655 that was raised for the work of the Salvation Army here in Coltishall.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December our meeting leaders at 11.00 am will be Majors Peter and Iris Leech from Norwich. There will be no afternoon meeting that day as we will be leading a Carol Service at The Mill House Nursing Home.

The Cameo Club (open to all ages) in December will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm and Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm for the Christmas Lunch. It will commence again in January on the 10<sup>th</sup> and each following Monday commencing at 2.30 pm. Enquiries contact Anne Beaver - 737326.

Mini-Market with Light Refreshments (good quality clothing, bric-a-brac, etc) will be held on Tuesdays, 7<sup>th</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30 am till 11.30 am. (Tel: 01603 737326).

Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesdays, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December and 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30 am till 11.30 am. Why not come along and enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea!) and a chat.

Luncheon Club in December will be held on Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30pm. They will commence again on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January and the Wednesdays following. If you know anyone who would benefit from attending this Luncheon Club (transport can be arranged) or if you would like to attend yourself, please contact Envoy on 737152.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January there will be no morning service at our hall as we will be sharing in a United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held at Horstead Church at 10.00 am.

Ecumenical Songs of Praise in January will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm - this is open to anyone and you would be made very welcome. Come along and sing your favourite hymn.

**Ladies Fellowship** in December will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> when we will be holding our Christmas Party at 8.00 pm. Our January meeting will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> when Sharon Green will be coming along to talk to us about the work of Victim Support Norfolk, at 8.00 pm. Our meetings are very friendly and informal and are open to any lady - you do not have to belong to the Salvation Army to attend. (Tel: Sue Blackburn - 737495 for more information).

*Sue Blackburn*



**Bureside Churches Together**

We are having a **United Carol Service** to be held at The Salvation Army on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm.

There will be a planning meeting of the BCT on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at Holmdale, 10 St John's Close, Coltishall at 8.00 pm.

A **United Service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at Horstead Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.00 am.

*Sue Blackburn*



**Services**

**December**

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| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Meetings at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm                         |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.00 am meeting only led by Majors Peter and Iris Leech |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Meeting at 11.00 am                                      |
|                           | United Carol Service at 6.30 pm                          |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Day Meeting at 10.30 am                        |



## January

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting at 11.00 am only
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meetings at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meetings at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	United Service at Horstead Church 10.00 am
	Meeting at 3.00 pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at 11.00 am
	Ecumenical Songs of Praise at 6.30 pm



## Salvation Army Diary

### December

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Club at 2.30 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Minimarket with Light Refreshments 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Club Christmas Lunch at 1.00 pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Fellowship Christmas Party at 8.00 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Morning 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner at 12.30 pm

### January

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bureside Churches Together 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm St John's Close Coltishall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Club at 2.30 pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Club at 2.30 pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Minimarket with Light Refreshments 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Club at 2.30 pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Fellowship 8.00 pm 'Victim Support Norfolk'
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Cameo Club at 2.30 pm



### You are Invited to share in the Bureside Churches Together Advent and Christmas Services

December 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Helen's Hoveton
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	United Carol Service at Salvation Army
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 pm	Crib Service at Great Hautbois Church

### St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Hoveton

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass preceded by Carols
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Christmas Morning Mass

### Church of England

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Coltishall Church
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer/Family Service at Horstead Church
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Benefice Service at Coltishall Church
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.30 pm	Watchnight Service at Great Hautbois Church

### The Salvation Army

December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
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### Floodlighting for St John the Baptist, Coltishall

Week Commencing	In Memoriam	Sponsor
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gladys Hall (23 <sup>rd</sup> November 08)	Nora Hall
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Holdaway	Peter, Penny, Francois & Pierre
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Holdaway	Peter, Penny, Francois & Pierre
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Holdaway	Peter, Penny, Francois & Pierre
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Remember Lee at Christmas	Bill and Sue Toomer
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Muriel & Sophie	Mary Thomas
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Holdaway	Peter, Penny, Francois & Pierre
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stanley Meadows	David & Judy Francis
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arthur Powley (7 <sup>th</sup> January 09 - 4 <sup>th</sup> July 04)	Lynne Wall & Rose Webberley
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gladys Hall (12 <sup>th</sup> January 05)	Nora Hall

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate an occasion such as a wedding, a wedding anniversary, a birth, a special birthday, a baptism or anything else, please contact Jill Blackburn- Telephone 737442

N.B. - As I will be away for a month from the middle of February, if you would like to sponsor the floodlighting during February or March, please let me have your requests by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005

Thank you  
*Jill*

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<p><b>For Sale</b> Slazenger Racquet, Sports Bag, Balls As new unused - £80 ono ( 738583 Anytime</p>	<p>For Sale Raleigh Micro Max Bicycle with Stabilisers as New - £60 Tefal 3 tier electric Steamer used twice - £10 ( 737233</p>

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