Merry Christmas

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Hello and Welcome

To our Christmas edition of the all new Great Coates parish magazine.

Well here we are again at that precious time of year were we ponder how quickly the last twelve months have passed by and what the next twelve will bring?

Since our inaugural publication left the press and dropped through the letterboxes of six hundred plus residential properties we have seen several successful events taking place throughout the village beginning with our Remembrance Sunday service at Great Coates primary school with the Great Coates war memorial putting in a very welcome, if only temporary, appearance (see P. t.b.c.), followed by the now traditional occasion of carol singing around the village Christmas tree, highlighted by the appearance of the man in the red suit at the village hall, to the apparent delight of nearly one hundred residents young and not so young (P. t.b.c.)

In this month's publication, with the grateful support of Reverend Peter Mullins, we have aimed our spotlight appropriately on the beautiful church of St. Nicolas and it's origins within the parish. We have also included in this publication on P. t.b.c. some hopefully, useful, December and Winter information which could both save money and support our environment. The additional ,brand new feature you may notice is our recipe recommendation for which, this month we are indebted to Councillor Cutting and ,if popular,this feature may become a resident in future publications (give us your feedback at greatcoates pm@gmail.com)

All being well our next publication will be in late February or early in March, by which time all that will remain of this year's mince pies is a couple of extra pounds around the waistline and the tree will have taken up its usual eleven month residence in a darkened corner of the loft.

If you are able to take a stroll around the village, possibly working off that turkey dinner or Christmas pudding, I can thoroughly recommend it, worthwhile just to delight at the tremendous effort and enthusiasm shown by many of our residents in decorating their properties for the festive season and thereby lighting up our village at this special time of year. However if you are unable or unwilling (too many mince pies maybe) we have included some photographs from around the village this month on the inside back cover.

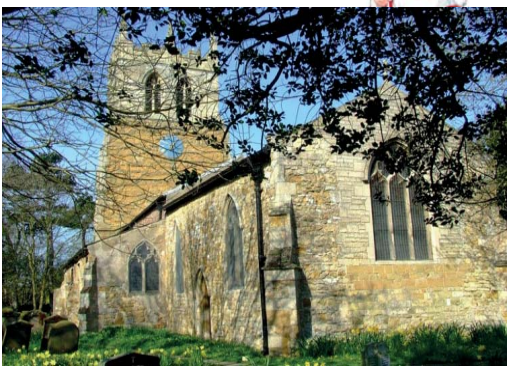
Finally, Great Coates village council would like to wish everyone and their families a wonderful

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Kind regards
Councillor Karl Green

Spotlight On...

St Nicolas Church



While there has been a church on the site since the 10th century the original construction of the present church of St. Nicolas began around 1200 with the pillars and was extended during the 14th century with the chancel, nave and aisles all built around this time with original pieces of medieval glass still featuring in the north window today. The tower and the belfry stage similarly date back as far as the 14th – 15th century being of a weathered ironstone ashlar construction with limestone dressings. Inside, the octagonal font still used today was designed and made for the church around a similar time and features the shield of St. Nicolas, with a blue background and three gold balls which represent the payment of three gold coins made by St. Nicolas.

In 1865 major restoration was undertaken by the respected architect James Fowler known as Fowler of Louth who had overseen many church restorations in Lincolnshire. It was supported by the patron of the time (Sir Robert Sutton) whose initials appear today, high on the outside of the east wall as a result.

St. Nicolas' is renowned for, amongst other things, the excellent Barnardiston brasses which were set into the floor of the church between 1460 and 1510. One of these beautiful examples can be found on the floor of the chancel and is dedicated to Lady Isabella Barnardiston ,wife of Sir Roger Barnardiston, and illustrates the noble lady herself dressed in a traditional flowing gown. The second brass, located close to the altar commissioned to commemorate the death of Lady Isabella's grandson, Sir Thomas Barnardiston, is considerably larger, portrays a family scene with Sir Thomas, his wife Lady Elizabeth, with their eight sons flanked behind their father, seven daughters behind their mother and a scene depicting the resurrection of Christ in the background. Both of these excellent examples are initially' invisible' to the naked eye until the carpet, designed to preserve their current condition, is removed to reveal all. Modern replicas of these fine examples are now available for viewing and rubbing.

St. Nicolas, as with the majority of modern day churches, is closely linked to its community and due in part to the setting and traditional appearance is frequently requested for weddings on Saturdays (approx. 20 each year), christenings on Sunday afternoons and is of course frequented by a regular congregation of around thirty people on Sunday morning for the traditional Sunday service.

Almost fifty years ago to the day on the 4th January 1967 our beautiful church of St. Nicolas was granted the status of a United Kingdom, Grade 1 listed building, being off exceptional interest.

Amen

N.B. All information featured in this article has been researched from the public domain and we would welcome any feedback at greatcoatespm@gmail.com under the heading Spotlight - thank you.

Recycling at Christmas in Great Coates

WASTE HOTLINE 01472 326288

Your **FORTNIGHTLY DATES FOR RECYCLING** collections will now be on **FRIDAYS** as follows:-

Month	Collection Date	Collection Date
DECEMBER	9th	23rd
JANUARY	6th	20th
FEBRUARY	3rd	17th

Any alterations to your collection days **over Christmas and New Year** will be detailed in the Council's festive card and reminders will appear on the website.

After the above dates, you should expect your recycling collection to continue on a fortnightly basis, unless you are notified otherwise.

Recycling at home

Domestic Waste Bin Green

✓ All non-recyclable waste (general rubbish) goes into your green wheeled bin

Garden Waste Bin Brown

✓ Grass and hedge cuttings
✓ Plant and cut flowers
✓ Weeds and fallen fruit
✓ Twigs and small branches

We offer a paid for garden waste collection service. Please contact the Waste Hotline line on **01472 326288** for information on how to join the scheme.

Community Recycling Centres

There are two community recycling centres (CRCs) within North East Lincolnshire – formerly known as the tip, dump or civic amenity site. These CRCs have facilities to accept a whole range of recyclable materials as well as bulky household items. They are open every day (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) from 8am to 6pm.

Grimsby
Community Recycling Centre
Estuary Way
Pyewipe Industrial Estate
Grimsby
DN31 2UD

Immingham
Community Recycling Centre
Queens Road
Immingham
DN40 1QR

For further information about the materials accepted at the CRC sites visit our website: https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/community-recycling-centres-council-tips/

Recycling at home

Triple boxes

		✓	✗
Cans & Plastic Bottles		✓ Rinsed, squashed, food and drinks cans ✓ Empty household aerosols (shaving foam/gel, room fresheners, hairspray, deodorants etc.) ✓ Metal biscuit and sweet tins ✓ All household plastic bottles e.g. milk, all drinks, sauce, washing up liquid, bleach, shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap, all bathroom and kitchen cleaning products etc. Please wash, squash and put the lid back on	✗ Paint cans ✗ Aerosols for paints, oils, or solvents from the garage, or shed ✗ Plastic bottles from the garage or shed e.g. creosote ✗ Other plastics e.g. no tetra-pak cartons, yoghurt pots, margarine/butter tubs, plastic food trays, plastic bags or bin liners ✗ Tin foil
Glass		✓ Rinsed glass bottles and jars in any colour	✗ Sheets of glass ✗ Broken glass ✗ Mirrors ✗ Pyrex
Paper		✓ Magazines ✓ Junk mail (menus, leaflets etc.) ✓ Envelopes ✓ Shredded paper ✓ Old receipts ✓ Letters ✓ Scrap paper and note paper ✓ Newspapers ✓ Telephone directories ✓ Yellow pages ✓ Clean card or cardboard that will tear up to lay flat inside the container	✗ Books ✗ Spiral wire on notepads (take it off and the note paper can go in) ✗ Large cardboard pieces that won't fit in the container ✗ Tetra-pak cartons

You are advised to clearly and neatly mark your recycling boxes with your address e.g. 123 Street Name.

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N.B. You can recycle your real tree at the community recycling centres. Alternatively if your tree has a root-ball and has been watered regularly, why not re-plant it. Marks & Spencer will be running their Christmas card recycling scheme until January 31st 2017, for anyone to drop off their unwanted Christmas cards, supporting the preservation of our natural habitats.

In the News and

Great Coates Christmas Tree Event

As has now become traditional, Saturday 10th December 6.30pm saw around forty residents, councillors and musicians gather in front of the village Christmas tree, in the light rain, for the official illumination and carol singing. Once the official 'switch on' had been performed by the local parish councillor we were treated to a lovely rendition of ' We Three Kings…' lead by Miss Jemi Maliyil and accompanied by Mr. Tom Olivant on guitar. Shortly after, rain influenced play and everyone walked the short distance to the village hall in search of sanctuary and a well earned cup of tea. On arrival we were greeted by the beautiful sound of handbells playing familiar Christmas music and performed by the local bell ringing society. Whilst we awaited the arrival of a 'special guest' the village hall began to fill quickly and additional tables and chairs were set up to accommodate those wise men, women and children who had decided not to brave the inclement weather around the village tree twenty minutes earlier. As the bellringers continued to provide a pleasant musical backdrop the ninety or so residents now gathered enjoyed their mince pies (kindly supplied by the local W.I. and Morrisons) tea, coffee and soft drinks all served up by our local village councillors. Excited children made excellent use of the entertainment provided with either face painting or balloon shaping on offer whilst waiting for the main event. Sure enough a short time later the signal came and the man himself arrived wearing his trademark red suit and sporting a spotlessly clean and well groomed white beard, he proceeded to gather all of the children together in the middle of the hall and requested a young helper to hand out the presents. Now in the presence of Father Christmas, we were treated further to even more carols through the lovely guitar playing of local youngster Becky Mathews and the beautiful voice of Jemi Maliyil once again. Although some very young ' first time viewers' were slightly reluctant to approach Santa as he sat in his big, comfortable chair in the corner, eventually every child present came forward and received their chocolate selection box from Father Christmas.

As the liquid refreshment continued to flow mince pies were complimented and the village hall filled with the noise of excited children and the sound of community spirit !

Great Coates Village Council would like to thank all of the following people for their help in supporting this successful event:- Great Coates residents, Great Coates W.I., Freshney ward councillors, Jemi Maliyil, Tom Olivant, Becky Matthews, local bellringers, Laura & Simon, Ray Lawrance, Morrisons and of course Father Christmas

Grateful Donations

Thanks to the generosity of Great Coates WI and Morrisons supermarket, when all of the children had received their gift from Father Christmas and second helpings of pastries had been offered there was still a surplus of both selection boxes and mince pies. However, St. Andrews Hospice and the local Church View residential home were equally delighted, passing on their gratitude and appreciation to Great Coates village council for their generous donations to patients and residents.

Crime Report for Great Coates Village
19/11/2016 – 17/12/2016

A total of four crimes have been reported:
1 x Burglary
1 x Theft
1 x Criminal Damage
1 x Other

As always if you have any problems or questions please contact any of the Freshney Policing Team.
Police Constable 2199 Jenny Kerrawn
jennifer.kerrawn@humberside.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7535 Mike Eckley
michael.eckley@humberside.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7714 Steph Widgery
stephanie.widgery@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively you can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

If you would like to advertise your local charity or community event for free then just let us know what, where and when at greatcoatespm@gmail.com and we will endeavour to feature your event in our next publication.

Your Views

Good morning
We'd like to thank you and the rest of village council for the Christmas event that took place on Saturday 10th December. It was the best one we've attended and for the first time felt welcome and felt their was a warm community spirit. Our little boy had a wonderful time.
Thank you
Mrs. B., Station Rd.

Further community comments:

Thank you to everyone who made it possible, the kids thought it was amazing x

Great event we really enjoyed it

Hello this is just a quick belated email to say I attended the remembrance ceremony and service at the temporary memorial at the nursery school, Great Coates in November, and I have to say I was very impressed with the temporary structure provided. Also the turnout was very good and the service was well presented and to the point. The service felt personal and of course very local.

I was involved some years ago in arranging and organising the first parade for many years in the village which was I believe a success and my previous employment was involved with planning and organising the remembrance parades in Grimsby and Cleethorpes.

I would like to personally thank the members of the Great Coates Parish Council, Northeast Lincolnshire Council and all the others involved in returning the memorial to the village albeit on a temporary basis to allow us to pay our respects and carry out our remembrance.

I hope that next year will see the memorial back in the village on a permanent basis and that the village can hold a full parade.

On a personal note I would like to offer my services for the future in any way I can in assisting with remembrance parades.

Regards

Danny Prest, Great Coates resident

Editor – Thank you for your appreciative comments Danny and your kind offer of assistance. With regards to the memorial itself, currently I would recommend you watch this space for further updates coming soon !

Your Views is your opportunity to have your say about anything connected with Great Coates. We need your views and opinion for our next publication, so please vent forth to greatcoatespm@gmail.com with the heading Your Views and we will endeavour to publish as many letters as possible. Thankyou.

N.B. - Great Coates village council would like to point out that all views and opinions expressed within the magazine are those of the individual and are not necessarily the view of Great Coates village council.

BYGONE MEMORIES
with Fred & Val Winn

On 2nd May 1971 we arrived in The Avenue, Great Coates ready to move all our worldly goods into our new home, only to find that the gas board had dug an impassable trench across our drive. Fortunately we remembered in the boot of our car were several bottles of homemade wine, which we duly shared out between them, as they kindly laid down steel sheets enabling immediate access to our new residence.

The Avenue itself has actually changed very little, since that time, however back in 1971 the first plot on the right hand side coming from Great Coates Road was still unoccupied, good news for the residents, as this meant every Autumn quantities of wild mushrooms were freely available.

At the other end of the Avenue, the junction with Station Road, there was a small field now occupied by a house and two bungalows, a far cry from the time when the only thing occupying that plot were grazing horses.

The Reading Room, so called because in times gone by the villagers, some of which could not even read, would go along to read or have someone read to them from the local and national newspapers or library books. Unfortunately, today we no longer have a reading room as the property was converted into a domestic dwelling recently and an additional, adjacent property now exists which occupies the once tranquil grazing patch.

Running alongside the road, hidden by the hedge, is part of the medieval moat which strangely turns sharp left behind the cottages and then disappears only to re-appear further down in Aylesby Road.

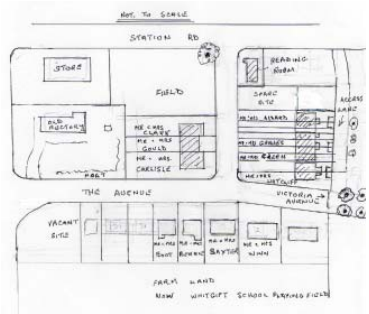
Some of our neighbours were great characters and every spring Gordon Gould and Harold Clark would produce hundreds of bedding plants in their garden greenhouses. Once ready for planting they spent many back breaking hours creating colourful arrangements in their front gardens, with people coming from far and wide to admire these fantastic displays. Across the road lived Mr & Mrs Graves, where Mr. Graves grew something quite different, his own pipe tobacco, that he would dry and send away for processing.

Further along the road was Mr. Allard, who looked just like one imagines Father Christmas to look, which of course became his annual role within the village. Across the road from our bungalow, lived Fred and Daisy Hatcliffe, Fred being in his late seventies when we moved, believe it or not, became our paper ' boy ' living well into his late nineties until sadly he passed away. Earlier in life he had volunteered for the " Chums " battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment and was wounded at the battle of the Somme, with the shrapnel he received in his back, staying with him for the rest of his life.

Victoria Avenue, comprises just two rows of trees, planted to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Cattle frequently grazed down the Avenue and in the adjoining field and one morning we awoke to find three cows had somehow managed to get through the fence into our back garden, so I hurriedly dressed and herded them back to their pasture, through the farm gate. When Meadowbank was developed sometime later, the planners insisted this area should remain untouched, however in recent times it has been integrated into residents gardens.

At the bottom of our garden, which backs on to Whitgift playing field we had an apple tree and one evening as several large youths were scrumping our harvest, we telephoned our local Bobby, P.C. Roly Stocks, who duly arrived on his bicycle.

Taking down their names and addresses he reprimanded them and threatened to go round and speak to their parents, if only things were so simple these days!



Plan of the Avenue as it was back in 1971.

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Great Coates Village Hall

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Job Description
Caretaker Great Coates Village Hall

- To ensure the efficient and effective caretaking, cleaning, maintenance and security of the Village Hall
- The routine and non-routine opening and closing of premises.
- To ensure that all outside areas, paths and drives etc. are free from litter.
- To ensure all rooms are clean and ready for functions
- To remove all refuse to designated area for collection
- To secure the premises at the end of the function
- Any other duties commensurate with the post
- To work flexible hours to suit the operation of the premises to include daytime, evenings, weekends, and bank holidays excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day when the Village Hall will be closed to hirers.

Interested persons should apply by email to mumbygraeme2002@yahoo.co.uk giving details of work experience to date and their contact details. For an informal chat about the position the clerk can be contacted on the above mobile number between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

War Memorial - Remembrance Sunday

With much joy and hard work behind the scenes, on Sunday 13th November, 2016 the Great Coates War Memorial returned to our village for a brief but much appreciated period, in time for a service in remembrance of those souls who left our shores for the great war with valour but were destined not to return.

The memorial was placed on a temporary plinth to the road side of the Great Coates Village Nursery School within its fenced grounds for the benefit of all villagers wishing to pay their respects to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday 13th November, 2016.

Those names on the war memorial and those who laid down the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom were honoured in a service held outside the school on a bright and sunny day led by Canon Peter Mullins. His service was very moving, well researched and delivered in a most compassionate way that brought those in attendance together in prayers and thoughts of those who will never be forgotten or left behind.

Approximately thirty people were in attendance, including the Chair and members of the Great Coates Village Council plus Ward Councillors Ray Sutton and Cliff Barber. A message of good will to all villagers and gratitude to those names on the memorial was received from Mayor Christina McGilligan-Fell who sadly could not attend due to previously arranged civic duties. Wreathes were laid on behalf of St. Nicolas Church, Great Coates Village Council, Freshney Ward Councillors, Freshney Forward and Great Coates WI.

The Great Coates Village Council would like to extend their thanks to Ward Councillors Ray Sutton and Cliff Barber who worked tirelessly liaising with Great Coates Village Council and NELC to have the war memorial placed in its rightful position at the heart of our village. Thanks to Helen Hussy the Head Master of Great Coates Village Nursery School for being involved in the discussion, planning and agreement in having the war memorial permanently placed on the school wall on a date coming soon, where it will remain for all to visit at their leisure and remember our forefathers.

The service was seen by all in attendance as a sombre but successful event that brought all memories and emotions together in harmony and honour.

Great Coates Village Hall

HIRE RATES

Standard Rate

Monday to Friday - 08.00 - 16.00hrs.
£10 per hr. (Payable in advance)
Monday to Friday - 16.00 - 23.00hrs.
£15 per hr. (Payable in advance)

Party Rate

Monday to Sunday - 08.00 - 23.00hrs.
£20 per hour (payable in advance)

Wedding Receptions

£250

Wedding Reception time frame includes the hire of the hall from 18.00 hrs. on the evening prior to the date of the reception to allow the hirer to set up the hall, the whole of the day on which the reception is to be held and includes the morning after the reception up to 12.00 hrs midday to allow time for removal of any property brought into the venue and for the hall to be left in the same clean & tidy condition it was supplied.

Great Coates Village Hall Timetable

GREAT COATES VILLAGE HALL

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
08:00:00							
08:30:00							
09:00:00							
09:30:00							Weight Watchers 9.15 am to 11.15 am
10:00:00						Grimsby & Cleethorpes Stichers 10 am to 4. pm 3rd Saturday of each Month	
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16:30:00	Weight Watchers 4.pm to 6. pm			J.A.D.E Dance Fever 4.pm to 6.30 pm			
17:00:00		Total Fitness 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm					
17:30:00							
18:00:00			Insanity Fitness 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm		Not Too Strictly Ball Room Dancing 6.30pm to 8.30 pm		
18:30:00	Natures Whisper Dog Training 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm			WJ on the 2nd Thursday 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Singing group 1st and 3rd thursdays 7-8pm. GCVC Meeting 7. pm to 8. pm on the 4th Thursday of each month			
19:00:00							
19:30:00			Quiz Night Last Wednesday each month 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm				
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22:30:00							
23:00:00							

Bookings and hall enquiries are handled by the Clerk to the Council Mrs Jan Waite at clerk.greatcoatesvc@gmail.com or call 07950 479286

Terms & Conditions

A refundable deposit is required at the time of advance booking payment, being £15 (standard), or £50 (wedding reception) in the event of waste or property removal and/or any damage caused. Unfortunately we are currently unable to include any setting up time prior to the event (excluding wedding receptions) due to tight booking schedules. However, if your hire period exceeds two hrs. we do allow a fifteen minute period (standard rate) or a thirty minute period (party rate) immediately after your event for the removal of any property brought into the venue and for the hall to be left in the same clean & tidy condition as supplied.

Great Coates Community Group will be re-commencing their singing classes as of January 19th and their regular quiz nights from January 25th at the village hall. All welcome.

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Lisa's Winter Warmers

Bramley Apple and Cider Pudding

"As a kid I remember the bread pudding my Gran used to make would be a regular tea time snack. It's one of those puddings or cakes that all households that cook should make once a week. It makes a great tea time snack or try serving it as a pudding with some homemade ice cream like marmalade or even brown bread ice cream."

Serves 8
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 30-40 minutes

400ml medium cider
250g caster sugar plus extra for dusting
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp mixed spice
60g sultanas
60g raisins
Grated zest of half an orange
400g brown or white bread
4 eggs, beaten
2 medium sized Bramley apples, peeled, cored and sliced
50g butter

Bring the cider, sugar, spices, sultanas, raisins and orange zest to the boil. Break the bread into small pieces and mix into the syrup in a bowl. Cover with cling film and leave overnight. Meanwhile melt the butter in a large frying pan and fry the apples on a medium heat for 3-4 minutes, stirring as they are cooking, until they are lightly coloured then leave to cool.

Pre-heat the oven to 175°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Fold the eggs into the bread mixture then fold in the apples. and put it into a loaf tin or a deep round cake tin, lined with greaseproof paper. Bake for about 30-40 minutes until the mixture is firm. Dust the top with caster sugar whilst it s still hot.

Winter Fuel Payments

Top 10 tips to keep snug, warm and well this winter

Keeping well means being able to do more and keep your independence. Being cold isn't just uncomfortable; it can be very bad for your health. Sitting or sleeping in a cold room is not good for you; it increases the risk of heart attacks, stroke, breathing problems and bad chests.

Here are some top tips on keeping warm and cosy this winter.

1. Don't let the cold catch you out - check the weather forecast each day in winter. This will let you know if the weather is due to turn cold and you can make sure that you are ready to keep warm and well.
2. Hot meals will keep you snug and warm by giving you the energy your body needs. Make sure you have food in the house like tinned, dried and frozen foods as they will keep fresh and mean you can make a hot meal even if you can't get out of the house in bad weather.
3. Have plenty of hot drinks like tea, coffee or hot water as this will help to keep you warm. Just boil the amount of water you need each time and this will save you money too!
4. Make sure you have enough of your prescription medicines. If the weather turns bad you may not be able to collect or have your medicines delivered, check the forecasts and make sure you have enough in stock.

FACT
*To keep warm and well the room where you sit should be **21C** and your bedroom should be **18C**.*

5. The flu is much more serious than a cold; it often leads to a hospital stay and can be fatal. Keep yourself safe and make sure you have your flu jab. People over 65 or people with existing medical conditions, get this for free so make sure you get yours.
6. Make sure you can check the temperature in your living room and bedroom. If possible have a simple thermometer or set your heating controls to the right temperature. Ask someone for help if you cannot work your heating controls properly.
7. Wear a few layers of thin clothing rather than 1 thick layer; this will trap the heat better to keep you warm. Socks and hats are great too as hands and feet can soon get cold. Wearing socks and a hat in bed is also a good idea.
8. Cover yourself with a blanket or shawl if you are sitting for long periods, this will help keep you warm and put your feet up if you can; the air is colder near the floor.
9. Tuck curtains behind radiators, this will keep the heat in the room.
10. Keep moving if you can, this will help keep you warm. Try not to sit for more than 1 hour – get up and walk around, make a hot drink and spread housework throughout the day. If walking is a problem try moving your arms and legs whilst sitting or wiggling your fingers and toes.

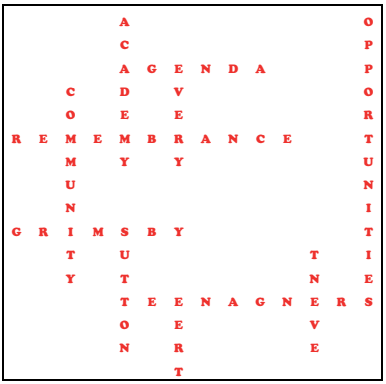
October Competition Updates

Answers to the Wordsearch Competition from the October publication of Great Coates Parish Magazine - The ultimate answer was, of course - GREAT COATES.
Unfortunately despite our best efforts we have not been able to trace our winner, so the £25 D.I.Y. voucher will roll over into the December publication and be the main prize for our 'Fun Christmas Quiz' competition.

Answers to our Guy Fawkes quiz back in October were:
Q.1 – a
Q.2 – c
Q.3 – b
Q.4 – b
Q.5 – a
Q.6 – b
Well done to Rebecca Clough of Newbury Ave who wins the £15 H.M.V. gift voucher

And finally in our Under 10's competition - Cyril was hiding of course on P.10
Well done to eagle eyed, six year old Lacey Flinders also of lucky Newbury Ave. who wins a £5 gift voucher to spend at The Entertainer.

Good luck everyone in the December competitions.



Christmas Quiz!

1) Which children's builder claimed the number one spot at Christmas time in 2000?

2) Which monarch prepares a speech which is broadcast on Christmas Day?

3) Which male actor was left home alone at Christmas?

4) In Charles Dickins' Christmas Carol which grumpy character says 'Bah Humbug'?

5) Which popular carbonated soft drink uses red lorries in its Christmas advertising?

6) Which leader banned Christmas pudding and mince pies during the 17th Century?

7) Which British male group had Christmas number ones in 1963, 1965 and 1967?

8) Which movie is set at Christmas time and stars Cameron Diaz, Jack Black, Jude Law and Kate Winslet ?

9) True or False: The term 'Boxing Day' derives from the collection of money in boxes at church?

10) Which British male actor played Scrooge in the Muppets Christmas Carol in 1992?

11) According to the song, what did my true love bring to me on the 3rd day of Christmas?

12) What Christmas vegetable is an anagram of SARNPIP?

13) What huge Christmas gift did France give to the United States of America in 1886?

14) What Xmas product did Sir Henry Cole produce in 1843?

15) How many gifts are mentioned in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' in total?

16) From which song do the following lyrics derive, 'It doesn't show signs of stopping, I've bought some corn for popping'?

17) What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space in 1965?

18) What C defines a group of people who go from door to door singing Xmas songs?

19) What movie does the song 'White Christmas' come from?

20) Which well known Christmas song was released by Greg Lake

Send your answers to gcpmcomp@gmail.com by Tuesday 1st January with name, address & contact details or alternatively post your answer(s) with your contact details in a sealed envelope marked GCPMCOMP through the letterbox at the village hall, Station Rd. Great Coates. Example - Q.1 c Q.2 a etc.

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One entry per Great Coates resident. In the event that more than one person has the correct answer an independent prize draw will take place (see above). All competition answers and the names of our lucky prize winners will be published in the February edition of Great Coates Parish Magazine.

Children Under 10s Competition

Where's Santa? Find him and you could win a £5 'Entertainer' Toy Shop voucher.

Cyril the cheeky Great Coates squirrel has gone into hibernation! He's asked Santa to have a game of hide and seek - he's hiding somewhere in this magazine! Look very carefully and I'm sure you will find him! If you do find Santa let us know what page he was hiding on at gcpmcomp@gmail.com along with your name, age and contact details by Tuesday 31st January or alternatively post your answer(s) with your name, age and contact details in a sealed envelope marked GCPMCOMP through the letterbox at the village hall, Station Rd. Great Coates.

Great Coates FC

One sad news is that we've had to go down to one junior side from two.

We've been struggling to source funding and we lost the better players from the team we had to fold to a new rival side.

The one remaining team we have called Great Coates Catalans has good numbers but we are seeking sponsorship for next season so they can continue, so maybe there is a local villager who can help.

Men's football is going OK.

Our 2nds and 3rds are still in the Memorial Cup and have winnable games in the next round.

I must add though that our seconds have recruited some new players after losing a lot (moved on or quit football all together) most of the new lads are aged 16-21.

The average age of squad the last few games has been 24. I don't think there will be any local teams with a lower average age. These lads have been winning games also.

Tiddlywinks

Tiddlywinks is an indoor game played on a flat felt mat with sets of small discs called "winks", a pot, which is the target, and a collection of squidgers, which are also discs. Players use a "squidger" (nowadays made of plastic) to shoot a wink into flight by flicking the squidger across the top of a wink and then over its edge, thereby propelling it into the air. The offensive objective of the game is to score points by sending your own winks into the pot. The defensive objective of the game is to prevent your opponents from potting their winks by "squopping" them: shooting your own winks to land on top of your opponents' winks. As part of strategic gameplay, players often attempt to squop their opponents' winks and develop, maintain and break up large piles of winks.

Tiddlywinks is sometimes considered a simpleminded, frivolous children's game, rather than a strategic, adult game.[1] [2][3] However, the modern competitive adult game of tiddlywinks made a strong comeback at the University of Cambridge in 1955. The modern game uses far more complex rules and a consistent set of high-grade equipment.

If you would like more details on forming a Great Coates Tiddlywinks team then please contact our senior sports reporter Jim Masterton at jimmasterton@hotmail.co.uk.

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