

"Some sort of periodical is an essential life-line in a village such as ours."

West Farleigh's own

# LIFE-LINE

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"In the Christmas season, the cold makes a speedy lifeline essential." Anon.

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Illustration of All Saints' after Harold Harbour.



**Life-Line wishes all its readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. A big thank you to all our contributors and to**



**distributors who have worked tirelessly to get this to you.**

## Another huge success for the village Bonfire Night.

The third successive firework display was the biggest and most successful yet as a great crowd of around 1000 gathered at Elmscroft Park, once again in benign conditions. Everyone enjoyed the occasion, which had the additional feature of its Halloween theme. **Bloco Fogo** again provided a rousing opening act before the blazing fire and the scintillating pyrotechnics took over. The organisation was slicker than ever, and triumphed over the damp underfoot conditions, which needed special measures to cope with them. The heartiest congratulations are mer-

ited by all those who organised and participated in the event—especially the Events Committee, and if one were to single anyone out, it would be Terry Ayears, who master-minded it all.

In financial terms, the event this year raised in excess of a magnificent £2500, a large proportion of which is likely to be distributed to the village charities who had a hand in it. Not all will be passed on immediately, for under consideration is a plan to reserve a portion as a primer for future events. The nature of those future events is also being debated, for a general feeling is that a fireworks display is a risky event—mainly in that if cancelled through inclement weather, the unrecoverable outlay would have already been sufficient to eliminate the best part of three years surplus! In spite of a wonderful site (courtesy of Stephen Norman and the Sports Club) it might not be worth the nail-biting risk, in comparison with a summer event. (Readers may like to let committee members know if they have ideas on this.) The financial results this year were materially boosted by three substantial gifts from members of the public, donated partly in response to their realising the risk involved. The organisers are intensely grateful to them for easing the way to success in this manner.



Our photos of a firework (right) and a Halloween zombie (perhaps, left) are courtesy of Chris Stockwell.

**Opportunity to hear the new Bishop of Rochester locally.** The Right Reverend James Langstaff will preach and preside over the Benefice Communion Service which will be held on the last Sunday of the year at Hunton. Benefice services (when the five parishes worship together) are always well attended and clearly this 10.30 am service on December 30th will be no exception. The Bishop's presence is particularly welcome during the Interregnum.

## This month's pastoral letter comes from Eileen Doyle

We often hear life described as a journey. I guess that is true, since we take many different paths from infancy to adulthood. As we journey through December leading up to the Christmas celebrations we may find ourselves on many different paths. With the recession hitting so many people, our Christmas celebrations may not be what we would have hoped, for making those pennies stretch can sometimes seem an impossibility. For others the Christmas journey will be one of yet another cold night sleeping in a cardboard box, alone and hungry. Those more fortunate will perhaps tread the streets in search of the perfect gift for a loved one, no matter what the cost.

This year friends of mine have opted for a most unusual celebration. They do not intend to journey anywhere. Their day is mapped out with a Marks and Spencer's take-away, plenty of bubbly and hours of watching films in their pyjamas. I wonder what your plans are for this Christmas?

All of this reminds me of a journey that took place just over 2000 years ago. Joseph and Mary journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem (some 70 miles as the crow flies). There was no jet plane or bus ride to speed them on their way. It was a long hard road for the heavily pregnant Mary as she rode on the back of a donkey. Coming from a poor humble background I guess they would have identified with those struggling in the recession. As they were turned away from the inn with nowhere to place their heads, they may have related to those who will spend Christmas on the streets. But how can they possibly relate to those who journey a more privileged path? Well, I think they would relate to giving that most valuable precious gift, maybe not to a loved one, but certainly to the world. Christ the Saviour.

This Christmas time, wherever our journeys take us, whatever our plans maybe, spare a thought for the reason for our celebrations, the birth of the Christ child. A gift from God to all the world. He came not wrapped in glittery paper but wrapped in a swaddling cloth. He was found not under a Christmas tree but in a manger, but He is the perfect gift for all of us whatever our journey maybe.

The ministry team sends their warmest wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

**Eileen, David J., Cilla, Chris, Hugh, David B., Judith, Kay and Sue.**

## The Ministry Team

*(During the Interregnum the parishes' religious life is being led by the Ministry Team which, for everyone's information, David describes below. It is worth taking this opportunity to express our thanks - largely in advance—to them. We have great reason to be grateful for these volunteers. Formerly called "non-stipendiary", "self-supporting" likewise means they do not get paid for their work. (-Eds)*

The Ministry Team is a team of people with **Authorised Ministries** who support the paid incumbent in his or her work. We are all volunteers, some of us 'ordained' and others 'lay', and we operate through our different ministries or 'callings'. All our Ministry Team members are either in secular employment or retired.

We have three ordained members called **Self Supporting Ministers (SSM)**, Rev'd Cilla Mckenzie, Rev'd Eileen Doyle and Rev'd David Jones. The three of us minister in these parishes and can take services, celebrate Holy Communion, preach, baptise, marry and take funeral services as well as undertake pastoral work. We undertake our roles according to the time we can give.

Then we have three **Readers**. Readers are a lay order and can undertake a wide range of tasks- from leading worship, preaching, some taking funerals, to teaching and pastoral work. Our Readers are Chris Bostock, David Barnes and Hugh Grainger.

The next lay order is **Pastoral Assistant** and again we have two, Judith Barnes and Sue Elliott. As the name implies, their main focus is on pastoral work but other 'gifts' are recognised and exercised by this order.

Finally, an **Evangelist**, Kay Mason. This order is fairly new and members work in 'outreach' work, promoting the Gospel both within a parish or benefice and also to the wider community.

So now you have some idea of who is writing the pastoral letter in the monthly magazine. There are many other people in our benefice, not members of the Ministry Team, who are equally responding to God's calling and do valuable jobs.

**Rev'd David Jones SSM**

## HUNTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

**8TH DECEMBER 2012 (N.B. 4-7 P.M.) IN HUNTON CHURCHYARD & CHURCH**

Tea, coffee and cake served in the church where there will be singing by Hunton School, Christmas Music from buskers. All the traditional fare of a Christmas market BBQ Art. The Huntones bring the market to a close with Christmas songs.

In the recent **Police Commissioner** elections, Ann Barnes was the winner with 47% of the vote of the 16% who turned out—so 7.5% of the electorate voted for her. The same turnout figure applied in West Farleigh—which suggests we are typical. 41 people voted down Church Lane. Ann was formerly Chair of the Police Authority here, which could imply a de-

## Nature Notes: Die(-Back) Another Day....

As I write this I can look out of my window and see the bare branches of the trees over the road. They are of several common species but a number of them are ash trees. Their botanical name is the rather grand *Fraxinus excelsior*, which befits an ambitious and important species of native tree. Right now we are worried about the new disease thought to be spreading among our trees like wild-fire, and threatening to do to our landscape what Dutch elm disease did to some areas four decades ago. Ash Die-back is the name of the disease, which, like the plague which felled our elms, derives from a fungus. The fungus attacking ash is known scientifically as *Chalara fraxinea*. Confusingly it is given another name, *Hymenoscyphus albidus*, in its fruiting form.

Since it was announced that the disease was present in the countryside I have looked at a lot of ashes in our neighbourhood and found too many which are carrying shrivelled blackish dead leaves on some of their branches. This is considered to be the first sign of infestation and, though there are a number of possible causes of this condition, I do fear that the new disease is responsible in at least some cases. The other symptoms — diamond-shaped lesions on the bark and tiny pin-head sized "mushrooms" on twigs—do not make their presence felt until later in the infection, and, during the winter months ahead, it will be practically impossible to do more detection work. Thus it will be a waiting game, probably until next summer, before we find out more about the scale of the outbreak.

There has been plenty of publicity about the disease, but much of it seems to me to have been misleading. The "statistics" used have suggested 30% of our woods are ash, that 80% of Danish woodland is being destroyed and so on. Some sources have now checked their facts and the consensus seems to be that 13% of our trees are ash (even this seems too much) and it may be that 30% of *deciduous* woods contain ash as a major component. Quarry Wood is such a wood: after oak and sweet chestnut, ash is its next largest component. It is said that the number of ash trees in Britain is 80 million. (I would have thought this an underestimate, for there are *thousands* in our parish alone, but this number would include saplings which perhaps are not defined as "trees".) Clearly, if all these, or even a large proportion of them, are killed, then our landscape will be severely damaged—damaged in a way which cannot be recovered in our lifetime (I speak personally here!). Moreover, ash is essential to the flourishing of innumerable other organisms. One we can mention is the bullfinch. At the end of winter and early in spring this colourful finch turns to ash keys as its most reliable food source. The seeds are hard but the bullfinch is equipped with a powerful bill enabling it to crack them. In years without sufficient ash keys it turns to fruit buds for nutrition — and then it will become a pest as the local fruit growers will remember. Furthermore, ash woodland has a rich carpet of spring flowers beneath it. This is because it comes into leaf late and even in summer, the density of shade it casts is low, so the herbs enjoy the extra light and indeed wholly different species are able to grow. We do not have pure ash woods locally, but where they exist, such as in the limestone dales of Derbyshire, the threat of wholesale change to the ecology of a region is very real. It would be tragic if these particularly wonderful places were to be destroyed.

However, there is perhaps no need for undue pessimism. Some trees may well (as has been rumoured) have resistance to the disease and, as ash seed is highly fertile and plentifully produced, new stock could be established, by the standards of tree growth, relatively quickly. The comparison here is with the English elm, which propagated itself by suckers. Being genetically similar to, and attached to the parent tree, these had no chance of growing up resistant to disease and so succumbed within a few years. Stubbornly a few still try, but seem to get feebler as time goes on. There were also two important types of elm in Britain, and sadly the Wych Elm was affected too—though I know of a few near-at-hand which seem healthy enough. Several species of ash exist in Britain, and all can die through the disease, but only the native species is at all important to our landscape. For the sake of our land, and for our children, let us hope that ash can fight off, or learn to live with, this pestilence.

Having ended there, I still cannot refrain from commenting on the way the disease has certainly, though perhaps not exclusively entered the country, which is to say through (allegedly) "millions" of imported saplings. Surely a policy of caution should prevail as the norm, when it is known that diseases which are not present here are found abroad, and imports not be permitted? In the case of ash it could hardly be necessary to import, for self-sown saplings are everywhere. The height of folly seems to have been exercised by one of our major conservation charities. The Woodland Trust has admitted gathering native ash seed, to preserve its British provenance, but the nurseries whom they employed then sent it abroad to be grown on in Dutch nurseries, before being brought back, duly infected, to be planted out!

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### Important Trees of West Farleigh—this month has to be an Ash!

This one is about the largest round here and can be found off Ewell Lane, though it doesn't show itself off to the best advantage. Hedgerow trees tend to branch early and become unbalanced in appearance, so most of the finest ashes are in woods, where the lack of all-round light draws them up by a long straight trunk into the canopy of the forest.



*The Parish Council last met on November 19th at the Good Intent. For unavoidable reasons the Minutes are not available as we go to press, so these are points from the meeting based on our unofficial observations as members of the public and "press". Inevitably they involve paraphrase into our own words. -Eds*

## **NEW BLOOD FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

- Attendance of Parish Councillors was complete except for apologies from Councillor Merritt, absent through illness. Borough Councillor Wilson was present.
- The Police were not in attendance (they have not appeared throughout 2012) but the Clerk reported on their behalf, of no crimes in the village.
- Through a process of interview in private, two new members were co-opted onto the Parish Council. They are the well-known residents **Mrs. Julie King and Mrs. Helen Swan**. The Chairman (and a present) welcomed them onto the Council.
- There appeared to have been little change in the position regarding road safety at the Thatched House. Nor was there anything significant to report on the parking problem on the pavement of Charlton Lane during football matches. Further discussion with the Sports Club was planned.
- Speed Limit in Charlton Lane—the signage was not yet complete, but no doubt would be soon. No other speed limit approvals were possible for the foreseeable future, through lack of finance, reported Borough Councillor Wilson. He also advised "Lorry Watch" was underway. A lorry had been stopped but allowed to proceed. He also said that East Farleigh parish had speedwatch equipment which might be borrowable.
- The Men of the Trees organisation had reported that West Farleigh was among the top ten locations in Kent for its arboreal splendour. A £20 prize has been awarded and there is also the gift of a new oak commemorating the Jubilee, which is to be planted on Don Goodwin's land, replacing a recently lost tree. Councillor Merritt had reported finding worrying signs of ash die-back.
- Councillor Stockwell had been working energetically on a "Trail" of safe activity apparatus for children as an extension to the playground on the Green. This met with general approval and would be pursued with suitable suppliers. Funding (£4500) through a ring-fenced grant is available. *(There was however no discussion of any ongoing impact on the maintenance or insurance budgets—Eds)*
- **FINANCE** The Clerk reported that the probable "last" grant under Concurrent Functions had been received, meaning that finance thereafter (i.e. for 2013) was in a parlous and unpredictable position. There could well be unwelcome repercussions for the parish precept. On the other hand there was the possibility that the precept might be "capped" (from above). The council continued to watch the progress of the joint activities of other parish councils in fighting the loss of the concurrent function system. A local referendum on these financial issues was stated to be a possibility.
- **PLANNING MATTERS** Councillors expressed frustration with the weak and inefficient approach of the enforcement section of the Borough Planning Department. In respect of a planning matter concerning a camp site in our parish near Barming bridge, the council had met, and was supportive of the views of local residents opposed to the granting of (retrospective) permission. Councillor Wilson would convey these views, particularly that of the people of St Helen's Lane, who had formed an active group, at the planning meeting of December 13th.

In accordance with practice, the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on January 21st 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Good Intent. All parishioners are welcome.

**Control of Dogs** Life-Line was asked (at the above meeting) to include here a note on the need for responsible behaviour by dog owners. This especially arose through a recent case of permanent debilitating injury to a sheep caused by a loose dog. Dog owners are reminded that livestock owners are entitled to take action against dogs troubling livestock, which can include shooting the dog in certain circumstances.

**The moral of this is obvious—keep your dog under control at all times.**

There are a number of useful websites which give information on the law as it concerns dogs, of which an obvious ("dog-friendly") one is that of the Kennel Club. Dogs are generally required to be kept on leads in designated areas. While we are not aware of the limits of designated areas in the parish, it is a simple matter of politeness to respect the views of landowners or tenants and observe their rules on their land. -Eds

**WI (Village) Hall** While there is no specific progress to report on the matter of the Farleighs WI's bid to re-site their hall to Charlton Lane, we can say that behind-the-scenes activity is continuing, to ascertain the practicalities of the scheme. The WI will report the position when discussions have sufficiently moved on.

## Church Services This Year

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<u>West Farleigh</u>	<u>All Saints, Church Lane</u>	
December 2nd	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 9th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
December 16th	4.00 p.m.	Carol Service
December 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 24th	9.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
December 25th	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
<b>East Farleigh</b>		
December 2nd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
December 9th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
December 16th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Carol Service
December 23rd	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 24th	4.30 p.m.	Christingle
	8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Hunton</b>		
December 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
December 9th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 16th	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
December 23rd	6.30 p.m.	Carol Service
December 24th	9.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
December 25th	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
<b>December 30th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Benefice Service</b>
<b>with Bishop James</b>		
<b>Coxheath</b>		
December 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 9th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
December 16th	4.30 p.m.	Carol Service
December 23rd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 24th	5.00 p.m.	Children's Service
December 24th	11.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
December 25th	10.45 a.m.	Family Service
<b>Linton</b>		
December 2nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 9th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service
December 16th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	4.00 p.m.	Carol Service
December 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
December 24th	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
December 25th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service +H/C

<u>West Farleigh</u>	<u>All Saints, Church Lane</u>	
January 6th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 13th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
January 20th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
January 27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Elsewhere in the Benefice:</b>		
<b>East Farleigh</b>		
January 6th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
January 13th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Family Service+Baptism
January 20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 27th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Hunton</b>		
January 6th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
January 13th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 20th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
January 27th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Coxheath</b>		
January 6th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 13th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
January 20th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 27th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
<b>Linton</b>		
January 6th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 13th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service
January 20th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
January 27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Clergy Contact Numbers:</b>		
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Contact David Jones for Baptisms, Thanksgivings, Weddings and Funerals		
Self Supporting Ministers:		
<b>Rev. David Jones</b>		01622 741474
<b>Rev. Eileen Doyle</b>		01622 204241
<b>N.B. David's day off is Friday</b>		
<b>Note also the Christingle Service at the White House on December 16th at 7 pm</b>		
There is to be a <b>Regional Day of Christian Vision for Men</b> at Canterbury on February 2nd 2013. The web-site <a href="http://www.cumbert.org.uk">www.cumbert.org.uk</a> has the details.		

**Get Christmas off to the perfect start at our**

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## JUNIOR SPORT

We have had a quiet month with half term and some waterlogged pitches, however, some matches did go ahead. Our U9's had a good game against Beckley, the U11's lost against Burwash, the U13's lost another high scoring game to Smarden, and lastly the U14's had two wins against Biddenden Hoops.

If you would like to join us, phone Paul Beck on 07717 433828 or email paul\_beck123@btinternet.com.



## Farleighs History Society

The final meeting of the Farleighs' History Society this year will be on Thursday 6th December when Geoff Dole and Mick Lynn will be giving their talk on 'A Dickens of a Christmas', featuring stories and songs reflecting Dickens' ties with Kent. This will be at 7.30 pm at the Bull, Lower Road, East Farleigh. Seasonal refreshments will be provided and all are welcome - £2.50 on the door. We will also be able to give you details of our programme for 2013. Enquiries to Jenny Finch 01622 726312.

## EAST FARLEIGH CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

The last market of the year will be in the Bull car park, Dec.2nd, from 9 am to Noon. All the usual attractive stalls will be there with lots of Christmas specialties. We hope to have hot drinks and even some Christmas Carols to lift your spirits! SM

## EVERGREENS

You could have heard a pin drop, while Jim Patch told us of his wartime adventures. He spoke without notes for an hour and had everyone enthralled and amazed. Do look on the West Farleigh Events website for photos. farleighevents.com. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 in the WI Hall Forge Lane. We will be having a Christmas Beetle Drive. All retired people are welcome, do come and join in our fun. If you need a lift ring Helen 814445 or Terry 814561. Our Christmas lunch will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, again in the WI hall. It will be good to have something to look forward to, in the dark days of the New Year.

Helen Swan

## Farleighs WI

This month's meeting gave us an insight into the source and production of Gruyere cheese. Barbara Beevis promoted this famous cheese by telling us how it is produced, the different categories of flavour and then followed this information with some very tasty samples of the cheese itself. She also cooked a cheese fondue using Gruyere which we sampled.

December brings lots of things for members to look forward to and the main event is the Pantomime. We will enjoy our Christmas party on the 5th December with the first performance for members. Then on the evening of Friday 7th we will have a performance for the public followed by a matinee on Saturday 8th December. The Pantomime is 'Snow White' and as always will be a lot of fun both for the 'thespians' and the audience.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the WI Hall, Forge Lane, East Farleigh and visitors are warmly welcomed. We are very lively WI and the number of members is constantly increasing. We have regular art classes, craft classes, line dancing, lunch club, darts team and a choir, plus social events for members and friends.

The members of Farleighs WI wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. For more information on our WI please ring Ann on 07850 565676.

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## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Seekers will be acting out the Nativity Story on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30, in Coxheath Church.

The children and leaders have worked hard. Do come along and support them, and get yourself into the right spirit for Christmas.

Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards. (If you require a lift, please phone Helen on



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## Sports Report:

**Football:** I don't want to think of cup success too soon, but our 1st X1 have had their best run of cup results for many years and with Christmas fast approaching they are still in all 4 cup competitions. We started last month away to Blackham in the Tunbridge Wells Cup. After drawing 3—3 after extra time we won on penalties. Next came a Cup fixture at home to Hadlow and a comfortable 5—0 victory. Finally back to League action and a 4—0 win over Biddenden.

Well as our 1st X1 are playing, our 2nd X1 have struggled to maintain such good results but hopefully it will just be a matter of time. We started by losing to Walnut Tree 3—1 and then to Sutton Saints 1—0. Finally success came with a thumping 5—0 victory over Headcorn.

**Tel's Trees:** Back by popular demand! Christmas Trees at very competitive prices are again being sold this year in aid of West Farleigh Sports Club. Anyone interested please contact me from 10th December. Delivered to your door— with hopefully a mince pie waiting! Telephone no. 815267

## CLUB NEWS:

Our lucky Ton-Up Club Winners for November

£25 No. 50 Ian Prideaux

£15 No. 54 James Beck

£10 No. 49 Bill Emptage

Finally may I wish my reader a very happy sporty and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Yours in sport Tel (01622 815267)

**Kay Mason writes .....Candy Canes for Christmas** is an outreach event on the 8th December in Coxheath at the parade of shops, expressing the love of Christ in the act of giving. IT NEEDS YOUR HELP! I have 288 candy canes that are needing labels attached to them, so I am asking for volunteers to help attach the labels on the 4th December at 10 am till 2 pm and in the evening between 7 pm and 9 pm, at 23, Benstead Close, Hunton, .tel. 820488. There will be food and fellowship.

## News from the Lawrences

Just to let you know that last week I successfully completed my Cycle India Challenge. What an amazing experience and I managed to raise £4130.00 for Breast Cancer Care, Jo's cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Trust! Altogether we raised a staggering £895000! Please can you pass on my thanks to all those who supported me in my fundraising and also in their prayers.

### Janice Lawrence

Here's a picture of Janice in India, with her fellow-campaigner Claire Tidy.

Congratulations to them both! We know many friends in West Farleigh contributed—Eds



Our topical cartoon comes as usual from **Guinevere Poncia**  
See also page 2 for the results of the election.

## And at our Locals...

**The Good Intent** is celebrating its 2nd anniversary under Pauline and Steve with a Christmas Party starring **Robert Brown** on Friday December 21st. Christmas costume optional, conviviality compulsory!

**The White House** has a full programme starting with a Christingle Carol Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Then, 8 pm Christmas Eve Live music and song with Sam De La Hay. On Boxing Day **The Kits Coty Morris** will dance and perform their Mummings Play midday onwards.

New Year's Eve will feature live entertainment with songs from the 60/70s