

Team Times

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SO WHAT ABOUT SOME NEW-YEAR resolutions then? I can sense the cynicism from here, after all, I bet you can't remember what last year's resolutions were, let alone how long you kept them for, if at all. Well here's a thought to cheer you up, if the road to hell is paved with good intentions, perhaps we shouldn't have any anyway.

I AM SURE THAT MANY OF YOU SAW that revelatory programme, shown in November, with pictures and ciné film of the First World War rendered into colour. I think it had a profound effect on many people and I am hoping that the arrival of the Blyth Valley Times in colour will have a similar effect in making everyone realise that what goes on in the churches of the Blyth Valley is real and, above all, relevant. Having said that, I hope that the colour thing was not just a Christmas-inspired, flash in the pan, that would be a shame!

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO BENNY Fenton, Clive Frost and Roger Wilkinson, St. Margaret's is again lit up for Christmas. So this has to be a cue for a photo. (PIC)



It emphasise the point, each year, that St. Margaret's is very much open for business.

WE WERE AGAIN BLESSED WITH decent weather for the Linstead Market. It was very well attended, with a steady stream of people visiting us. We were helped in no small measure by all the other events on in the town at the same time. Let's be honest, we depend on bargain-hunters! The market made a profit of over £800, which is much needed. Thank you to everyone who helped, it is very much a village co-operative effort, even if we do hold it in Halesworth!

CHEDISTON & LINSTEAD W.I. HOLDS its first meeting of the New Year at 2.30 p.m. on January 8th, at Linstead Village Hall. The speaker will be Eistyn Edwards and the title of his talk is (are you sitting comfortably?) 'My tutu went AWOL'. It sounds as if the New Year will be off to an interesting start. In December, they held their Christmas lunch, but the early press date means that you will hear about their exploits next month.

I REPORTED EARLIER ON THE Honours Degree achieved by Cecilia Metherell. She has now officially been awarded her degree, at a



ceremony in Peterborough. (Pic)

Again, heartiest congratulations. Very well done indeed.

THE 10th LINSTEAD INTERNATIONAL Beetle Drive was another outstanding success with about 40 participants.



(Pic)

As you will see, it was all taken very seriously and, with the judicious use of Trump and Joker cards, became very tactical. Anyway, the 'Bridgers' team (the Fentons and us) won, hurrah. The evening was huge fun, adroitly compèred by Jeremy Leicester and made a useful profit for

the village hall coffers. Thanks also to Vicky Wilkinson for masterminding the event and organising the fish and chips. Importantly, it is pre-eminently a family event and the youngsters are really in their element, so thanks to all who came along and made it such



fun. (Pic)

NOW AN UNWELCOME FACT ABOUT A New Year is the everyone seems to have their hands out. The Linstead Letter is no exception. But, for the very modest outlay of £12, you will receive, hand delivered, a copy of the Linstead Letter every month. As a bonus, you will receive wrapped around it, a copy of Team Times, which comes absolutely free! Roger Wilkinson is looking forward to receiving your sub.

WHILST ON THE TOPIC OF SUBS, subscriptions are now due for the Linstead (& Chediston) 100 Club. This is a simple and enjoyable way of supporting our irreplaceable local churches. Each number costs £12 per year and you can have as many numbers as you want. You may even win a modest prize. If you would pass your subscription to Cecilia Metherell for Linstead, Pat Mattinson for Chediston, or any member of the P.C.C. If you haven't subscribed before, now, in January is the time to do it.

SERVICES IN JANUARY COMPRISE: Matins on the 13th, Holy Communion (when we will be joined by Chediston) on the 20th and Matins on the 27th. All services are at 9.30 a.m.

IN CONCLUSION, MAY I WISH ALL THE readers of the Linstead Letter, a very happy New Year.

ROTAS FOR JANUARY

DATE: FLOWERS & CLEANING

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| 6 th | No Service |
| 13 th | Mrs A. Frost & Mrs V. Bish |
| 20 th | Mrs P. Keable & Mr D. Keable |
| 27 th | Mr & Mrs R. Ward |

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Diary Dates

January 8th Chediston & Linstead
 W.I. Linstead Village
 Hall, 2.30 p.m.