

Linstead

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OUR THOUGHTS AT THIS TIME ARE very much with Margaret and the family of Edward Rennard, who as you know, died suddenly at the end of last month. Edward joined the Team as Rector from Hykeham in Lincolnshire and he had been our longest serving Team Rector, having been with us for over 15 years. He will be greatly missed.

IT IS CERTAINLY NOT TOO LATE TO wish everyone a Happy New Year. For better or for worse, 2020 is 1/12th passed already. We are, as Tom Lehrer put it, sliding down the razor-blade of life.

MEMORIES OF OUR SERVICE OF Carols by candlelight may be fading into the mists of time, but this is my first opportunity to thank everyone who took part. Our readers this year were: Irene Thomas, Robin Ward, Tracey Abell, Julia Gilbey, Vicky Wilkinson, Benny Fenton and Win Sutton, who also conducted the service. Thanks are also due as ever, to all who decorated the church, which looked magnificent, to the purveyors of delicious nibbles, to the mincers of pies, the mullers of wine and of course to all who came along and supported us: The church was packed.

AS EVERYONE WILL BE ONLY TOO well aware, Linstead's churchyard still has a marked absence of gates. The insurers have asked for another quote for replacing the gates and we are currently awaiting this. As a temporary measure we have cobbled together the old sign board so that at least everyone knows that we are still very much open (wide open!) for business. Just a small plea: When using the church path for parking, please do not park too far in. The wet weather has made all the ground very soft and the entrance is getting quite 'claggy'.

CHEDISTON & LINSTEAD W.I. HELD their Christmas Luncheon at the Dennington Queen and had, I am assured, a very jolly time. It is too early to report on the January meeting, but they meet in February at 2.30 p.m. on the 11th. at Linstead Village Hall. The speaker will be Paul Smiddy and his talk is entitled 'A passion for speed: The daring life of Mildred, the Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce.' Don't let anyone tell you that our W.I. are not just a little bit racy!

Team Times

NOW, AS I KEEP TELLING YOU, Linstead is hotbed of intellectual achievement and therefore this is a very important event in our calendar.

16th Mrs P. Keable & Mr D. Keable

23rd Mr & Mrs Robin Ward.

THE GRAND LINSTEAD QUIZ NIGHT
is
On Saturday, March 7th 2020 at 7.00 p.m.
At Linstead Village Hall.
Entry Fee £10 for a team of up to four.
£25 to the Winning Team
In aid of Village Hall funds
Light refreshments provided but bring your own liquid brain stimulant.
To enter a team, please contact:
Pauline (01986 785347)
Or Vicky (785167)

Don't worry if you can't come as a team. We are more than happy to arrange teams on the night so, feel free to come on your own or as a couple.

NOW, THERE CAN BE PRECIOUS FEW of us for whom mothers are, or were the most important feature of our lives. Although, for many of us it was a long time ago, their memory and, for better or for worse, their influence, never fades. That being so, it is right and proper that we should celebrate them. So do please join us.

THE MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
to be held on
SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd 2020
At
9.30 a.m.
This service will be for CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!
Informality guaranteed!

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY COMPRISE Matins on the 9th, a Village Service with Chediston on the 16th and Holy Communion on the 23rd. All services are at 9.30 p.m.

ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE: FLOWERS & CLEANING

2nd No Service

9th Mrs A. Frost & Mrs V. Bish

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Diary Dates

February 11th. Chediston & Linstead
W.I. Linstead
Village Hall 2.30 p.m.