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The Parish Magazine of Mottram St. Andrew



Produced jointly by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council

Jingle all the way

Well it is that time of year again and this year the first mince pie of the season has not even graced my lips. Running a little behind schedule this year and this week I will be decking the halls with bows & holly. The grand plan will be buying my tree and decorating it with a nice glass of Mulled wine in hand, Elvis' "Christmas Album" playing on the old Dansette record player and the log fire a crackling. Christmas has to be one of my favourite times of year and I do get rather giddy. Looking forward to a restful family Christmas this year at Goose Green in my Grotto log cabin.

Christmas is a time to unwind, relax & spend time with my most precious family & friends after what has been a hectic year, a time to reflect and appreciate just how lucky we are and to spare a thought for those less fortunate in the world around us. I always look forward to watching a few golden oldie films and cracking open the tin of Cabury's Roses!

I hope that you all have a great time over the festive period and from my family & I would like to wish you all good health & happiness for 2017.

May I take this opportunity to remind you to keep an eye out for elderly neighbours at this time of year when the weather is cold and icy and make sure our community look out for one another in the traditional Christmas spirit.

"Good will to all men & women" etc..

You can also keep up to date with up & coming event via our village website so please take a look & check out what is going on .
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Claire x

Tis the season to be jolly

Front cover image "Crisp Morning" Slow Bank view of Mottram St Andrew

Parish Council

By Ron Taylor -Clark

The November meeting is virtually always a busy one and this year was no exception with the objective at the beginning to bring the Council up to strength and resolve the outstanding Chairman position. Steve Hatton who will be known to many of you having lived in the Village for 22 years, is currently Chairman of the Village Hall and one of the main organisers of the Horticultural show has been co-opted as a Councillor. Steve will be less well known for his guitar playing and singing talents but there is time yet as he is the motivator and joint organiser of the music in Mottram venture which is proving so successful and the other half of a guitar playing duo.

Bill Pilkington has picked up the baton once again as Chairman and will run with it to the AGM in May next year, saving the Council from a difficult situation. Financial matters were a high priority with the budgets being considered for 2017/18 and the Council precept being fixed at a 4% increase. The overheads were reviewed, salary and rents amended as the Councillors considered appropriate and the Cheshire East pre-budget consultation considered and replied to. Planning matters were disposed of efficiently and the huge development proposed in Woodford was debated with regard to any impact on the Village, observations are to be made addressing the effect on the already dangerous Mill Lane junction and the whole of Wilmslow Rd.

The issue of the unsatisfactory broadband service in the Village was

discussed at length once again and Council are resolved to continue working towards an improvement for all residents and not just those who have been fortunate enough to be served by VISPA. The action group is to be reformed and lead by Councillor Rob Hughes assisted by yours truly. Councillor Wennell reported on his progress to obtain action to improve the Mill Lane Junction with Highways and we are currently awaiting plans for the upgrade of the safety both for vehicles and pedestrians. Councillor Morgan is to fill the vacancy on the Village Hall Committee representing the Council's views. I will be attending the airport Clerks meeting early in the new year and all other meetings are to be shared out between Councillors when it is considered necessary for Mottram To be represented.

Finally Council turned its attention to the arrangements for Christmas and we will be all together at a meal at the Bulls Head to celebrate this year. May I finally take the opportunity to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Forget about Brexit, Trump, Putin and Le Pen and let your hair down while our personal economy can still stand it.



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The wedding of Russell Thomas and Sara Cartwright which took place in chapel on Friday 30th September will be memorable for many reasons we are sure but none more so than for the traffic lights which stood outside the gates of the chapel and impeded access for that special day! A quite vigorous water leak on the corner was the culprit but it could have chosen a more convenient time but inside the chapel all was well as family and friends joined together to celebrate the occasion and we continue to send our Best Wishes to the newlyweds!

On the 20th October there was another gathering of family and friends for a Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret Hamilton. 'Maggie' always had a strong affinity with Mottram St Andrew where she lived for some years in Moss Lane joining the WI as well as being a regular member of our congregation in chapel. Despite moving many times and eventually returning to the area to live in Prestbury she continued to value Mottram so it was appropriate to say our final farewells to her here and as her friends we continue to send our condolences to her family.

Saturday 12th November found us at the Village Hall for a Coffee Morning which was a replacement for our planned Christmas Fair which sadly had to be cancelled due to various diverse problems. Smaller than planned the event was still a very friendly and enjoyable get together in the comfort of the smaller room in the Village Hall and the morning raised around £300 for

church funds for which we are very thankful. Our thanks go out to all those who helped with the morning in any way. Your encouragement, help and attendance were very much appreciated.

Sunday 13th November saw the church almost full for our annual Remembrance Service as we met to remember those from our own community who served and lost their lives in both World Wars. As last year we were led into the two minute silence at 11am by the unmistakable sound of the bugle call ably played by Karen Robinson. Thanks too to Councillor Bill Pilkington who read out the list of names recorded on our memorial and to Councillor Angela Philpot who laid the remembrance wreath. The service was led by Rev Ben Clowes who also officiated at the two special events written of above. The Mottram St Andrew Brownies and Guides also paraded with their flags and we thank them for this and for the cakes they brought with them as they assisted in the serving of refreshments when the service was over.

Our service on Sunday 20th November included a dedication of this year's contribution to the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal and our thanks to everyone who gifted boxes, items for same and financial support to make this appeal successful. The shoeboxes themselves (all 225 of them which is a fantastic response from our village working together), were already on their way as we held our service, all of which are destined to bring some happiness to

their recipients at Christmas. Our thanks and appreciation is also due to Sheila Cavanagh and her assistants who give so much time and support to this appeal on behalf of us all as well as seeing the collected boxes safely on their way.

This year we begin our Christmas celebrations with our **Christingle Service on Sunday 27th November at 9.30am** with our next 'special' being an evening with the **Macclesfield Salvation Army Band on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm**. This is always an uplifting event and a chance to show hospitality to our friends from Macclesfield as we share the evening with them. We have also continued to collect tinned and packaged food items for their distribution initiative in the Macclesfield area and hope to be able to send some more seasonal produce back with members of the band. If you can contribute to this in any way we would be more than pleased to receive any gift you are able to give to add to that already collected.

Our **Festival of Lessons and Carols** takes place on **Sunday 18th December** at our usual service time of **9.30am** and on **Monday evening 19th December** we meet at **6pm** at the church for our evening of **Community Carol Singing** around the centre of the Village. Refreshments are planned for our return from our perambulations with warm drinks and mince pies to round off the evening as a reward for all our seasonal 'choral' efforts! Our **Christmas Eve Service** follows on **Thursday 24th December at 6.30pm** followed by a **Christmas Day Service at 10am** both services led by Rev Ben Clowes. If you

can join with us on any or all of these occasions please do, you will be very welcome.

Looking ahead to the beginning of 2017 our first service of the year will be our annual **Covenant Service on Sunday 1st January at 9.30am**. Following later in the month our **122nd Chapel Anniversary Service** takes place on **Sunday 15th January** again at our usual time of **9.30am** and this year will be led by Rev David Hill.

Finally, as always at this time of year, from all at the chapel we wish you our very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to come.

Ian Wright (Secretary)
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Mottam St. Andrew Primary Academy

H ead Teacher's Report

By Chris Bowen



The children and staff of Mottam St Andrew Primary Academy are loving our Autumn Term. We are as busy as ever with lots going on ensuring that the children enjoy their learning and take every opportunity offered to them. We have welcomed many prospective parents in the last few weeks to have a tour of the school and to get a feel for life at Mottam.

Some of you will know already that I have announced that I will be retiring in July after nearly twenty years at the school. I will be very sad to leave as Mottam as such a special place but I am approaching retirement age and I want to spend more time following my many interests. The post is being advertised now so that my successor can be appointed early in the New Year and there can be a good handover period. In the meantime its business as usual!

Mrs Lesley Rowbotham is also retiring shortly. She has been here even long that me and will be greatly missed. We all understand however that she needs to spend more time caring for her family in the coming years. We hope that she will continue

her association with the school for many years to come.

On to other news though:-

Just before half term we had a lovely day for our Sponsored Walk in aid of Dennegeur Primary School in the Western Cape, South Africa raising £1000 which all goes to the school. It was nice to be able to let our children experience Autumn in the lovely countryside around Mottam and up on The Edge. The staff and children at Dennegeur really appreciate our efforts. One of our Governors, Mr Ken Lacey visited a couple of weeks ago while he was on holiday in South Africa and he felt very moved by the welcome and appreciation he received.



Primary Academy



You may have seen in the local press that one of our classes has been working on “The Weirdstone of Brisingamen” and have had a visit to both The Edge at Alderley and The Blackden Trust – Alan Garner’s home. All classes are fully immersed in their learning through work around a novel and in this way learning can truly come alive for them.



We marked Remembrance Day with a silence around the flag pole as we have done for many years. The children understand that local people lost their lives in both World Wars and they like supporting the Poppy Appeal. We also supported the village Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal and our donations

were added to those collected by Sheila Cavanagh and her helpers.

We are, of course, coming upto Christmas, always a special time in school. The children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are already practising for their Nativity and we know that parents will love it! The older children will sing carols again in the Methodist Church on Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December at 2pm – all are welcome.

All are also welcome to our Villagers’ and Grandparents’ afternoon on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm at school and at our Christmas Fair on 3rd December at 2pm at the Village Hall.

Do follow us on Twitter - @Mottram_Academy to keep upto date with our news.

*Merry Christmas from all at
Mottram St Andrew Academy*



Foundation Nursery School

By Kate Gilman

It has been a lovely first half term at nursery, welcoming back familiar faces and meeting new ones. Since then it has been none stop! Back at the beginning of October we put down our pens for the Communication Trust's "No Pens Wednesday". The day was filled with a variety of speaking and listening activities including puppet stories, some one of favourite nursery rhymes, as well as a bit of "mouthercise" (a special workout for your mouth!), plus lots more. Research undertaken by the Communication Trust suggests that poor language skills is linked to poor behaviour in even very young children, with figures suggesting that 2 in 3 language delayed 3 year olds have behavioural problems. As such, events such as "No Pens Wednesday" is a great and fun way to raise awareness of speech, language and communication skills, plus providing the opportunities to look at different ways of teaching and learning.

We have also been learning about the Hindu festival Dwali, exploring light, learning about the historic story behind the festival and creating our own rangoli patterns.

A big thank you goes out to all of your children, parents, friends and families who brought in their unwanted clothes for our regular Starlight appeal. This amazing charity grants the wishes of seriously and terminally ill children, so your donations are helping a very worthy cause – thank you!

Our first ever open day was a great success! We had a good turnout of new faces and wonderful that some we so

impressed that they joined up on the day! We plan to hold more open days in the near future so keep an eye out for dates. The open day also welcomed some new arrivals of the furry kind to nursery – our new long haired guinea pigs – "Bugsy" and "Alan". The Guinea Pigs are 6 months old, very friendly and loved to be stroked and brushed. The children will be able to get involved in all aspects of caring for them including cleaning out their cage and ensuring they always have plenty of food and water. The benefits to children show caring for animals has been evaluated in many studies, with those actively involved developing higher levels of self-esteem, greater empathy and nurturing ability, plus better social skills.



As a team at Foundation Nursery School we are dedicated to our continued professional development. As part of this and our wish to seek constant improvement to the learning environment we offer the children, a colleague and myself have been lucky enough to become part of a cluster project running within the Silk Alliance. Focusing on outdoor learning, schools

from across the Alliance including Mottram Primary Academy, and several nursery settings, are working together to develop their knowledge and understanding of outdoor learning to redevelop the opportunities their current provisions offer.



At Foundation Nursery School we actively promote the beautiful countryside that surrounds us in Mottram St Andrew. However, as a nursery/preschool where all the equipment is 'set up' and 'packed away' each day, our own outside environment can be difficult to setup and maintain as we would like. As such, we are having to become increasingly creative to generate new ideas to continue to improve our current provision. We currently run our Woody Walker expeditions twice a week and we are looking to add a "Mini Explorers" to offer our toddlers the opportunity to gain these experiences. However, our main focus for this project is the playground. Currently, along with the 'fixed' equipment such as the climbing frame, we have a large shed with an array of resources and equipment for the children to choose from. Resulting from the work of this project and with some inspiring thoughts from members of Early Excellence, we are now creating 'collections' of open ended equipment; sets of items/resources that can be

used in countless ways, which aren't age specific and which encourage imagination and creativity. For example, one of the collections we hope to create is a "water collection" – gutters, jugs, buckets, pipes, tubes, sieves, etc, that don't have to be 'specifically' set up and the children can explore and investigate independently to develop their independent and individual learning.

The next stage of the project is a cluster meeting at the Northern Centre of Early Excellence at the beginning of December. The centre showcases provision and innovative practice to inspire and spark creative juices to generate ideas to put into practice within your own setting. We hope this outdoor project will enable us to develop our outside space practically and purposefully to promote the fantastic outdoor opportunities we have for the children here.

This forthcoming half term is always a favourite, yet busy! With Christmas on the horizon we are getting well and truly into the Christmas spirit! At the beginning of December we are welcoming our Mummies and Daddies for a special Christmas craft stay and play morning, as well as showing them our favourite activities and some of our nursery work. On Friday 16th we will all be wearing our Christmas festive knits with Save the Children's "Wear a Woolly and Save Lives" appeal. Then to finish the year off we will have our annual Christmas Nativity performance and a special Christmas Party to round off the year. All very exciting stuff!! And plenty to pack in before the end of term!!





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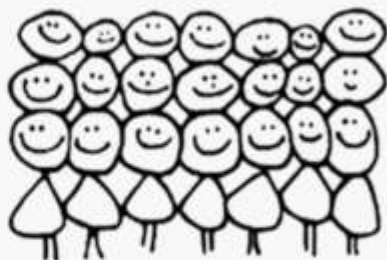
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Guides

By Katy Hatton

1st MSA Guides

The girls worked in patrols to complete a Christmas challenge. They had to make three types of food using a theme of reindeer, snowmen and trees.

Two girls have been on a Baden Powell weekend and experienced Segway riding, craft activities and games.

One patrol have completed the sweet badge and another patrol have only one more task to complete the cupcake badge.

It is our Christmas party soon.....lots of food, games and our favourite activity the present stealing game!

We meet on Fridays 6-7.30 in the village hall.

Katy Hatton (Owl)

Contact Tel: 0162559087



Brownies

By Katy Hatton

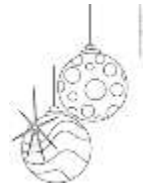
1st MSA Brownies

We have had fun completing our Peter Rabbit badges. Tea parties, cooking, finding out about nature, craft and games.

Our Christmas party theme this year is Christmas jumpers. We have been busy making table decorations in preparation for this fun night.

We are collecting new toys for the wood street mission to give to children for Christmas.

We meet in the village hall on Tuesdays, 5-6.30.



Katy Hatton Brown owl

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Village Hall

By Steve Hatton



The Hall continues to be well used with a range of activities available for the village . We welcome the arrival of some new activities including the Back Beat A cappella Choir, a Ladies choir meeting at 8.00 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Our Bonfire night was a big success thanks to a group of volunteers led by Mick Shaw , who built the bonfire in the weeks leading up to the 5th November . We were blessed with a perfect evening which encouraged a lot of families to come along and enjoy the event.

We have an unpleasant problem caused by a small number of thoughtless people who allow their dogs to foul the playing field. The field is used by children's groups and others and it is simply selfish not to clean up if you allow your dog onto the field. We would ask those responsible to think of others.....or take their dogs elsewhere.

On a more positive note, we had a full house for the second Music at Mottram event in November. More details are included in the Music at Mottram article , but we were delighted to get such great feedback from the people who came along to hear Billy Mitchell . We plan at least 4 more of these concerts in 2017.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you at the hall in 2017.

Billy Mitchell concert November 2016

The Lindisfarne Legend that is Billy Mitchell performed with his son Tom at our second MusicatMottram event in the Village Hall .

We had 150 people fill the Hall to see Billy perform songs new and old from a career spanning more than 40 years . His humour and ability to quickly size up the crowd that had come along to see him , meant for an excellent rapport despite the occasional difficulty in understanding his lovely Geordie accent Billy's musical roots are in the Coalfields of the North East and his strong connection with Newcastle . Songs and stories about his experiences of growing up in a working class world were interspersed with Lindisfarne classics including " Meet me on the Corner " , " Clear White Light " and " Lady Eleanor "

Tom Mitchell is a very accomplished musician in his own right , and added songs by Laudon Wainwright and Bruce Springsteen including "Dancing in the dark" .

The father and son combination was perfect , and the night finished with the rather tongue in cheek Lindisfarne hit " Fog on the Tyne " .

We had people from far and wide (Milton Keynes, Keighley, Ambleside to name but a few) who joined some of us locals in what was an excellent evening, as well as many compliments about the excellent facility that is our Village Hall.

Next up is the local folk band Pilgrims Way, who are themselves very accomplished musicians in a range of musical ventures but who come together to perform as a lively and varied folk

Community News continued...

combination . Tickets are already selling for this February concert , along with the mighty Oysters3 who are with us in March. The much loved John Tams and Barry Coope are confirmed for our April 2017 concert .

Steve Hatton and Chris Ragsdale

MSA walkers



The next walk will be on 9 th December. Please meet at the village hall at 10 a.m. to travel to Woodford fir a walk lasting about three hours.

The following walk will be a short local walk on Boxing Day, meeting at 10 a.m. at the village hall.

January dates

Tuesday, 13th Jan.

Wednesday, 28th Jan.



Toddler group

We continue to enjoy meeting on Monday morning in the village hall lounge with an average attendance of 11 toddlers and babies each week.

We are collecting toys for the wood street mission in Manchester.these are given to families on low incomes.

Contact: Katy Hatton

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Ladies group

In November we had a very successful cup cake decor night.

Our next meeting is on 7 th December. We are making a Christmas table decoration..... a gingerbread house.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the village hall lounge at 8 p.m.



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Pilates

This continues to be a very well supported activity with Heidi. We meet on Wednesdays 12.30 - 1.30 in the village hall lounge.



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Social Club

By Mick Shaw



We had a fantastic bonfire night, dry throughout which is always a bonus. It was great to see so many people there. Our thanks go to all who helped out: Keith, Chris and Mick for the fireworks display; Chris, Steve, Eric, Malc, Nigel, Noel, Jane and Mick for the bonfire building; Sid for the floodlight; Steve, Don and Eric on the gate; Katy and her helpers in the tuck shop and Louise, Tracey, Sue and Deb on the bar and clean up in the hall.

A week later and we had a brilliant night with Billy Mitchell. This was followed by an impromptue sing along in the clubroom. Music at Mottram nights are really proving to be very successful, well done Steve and Chris.



Forthcoming Events:

By the time The Mercury comes out we will be sold out of tickets to see Audrey M at our Christmas Clubnight extravaganza on Tuesday 13th December. This will be a hilarious evening of music and comedy topped off with fine cuisine.

No curry night in December so next one will be Tuesday 31st January 2017. Names and choices by 24th January to receive your discount.

Christmas opening:

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Christmas Day 12 noon – 1.30pm

Tuesday 27th December 8pm

Thursday 29th December 8pm

Friday 30th December 8pm

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Women's Institute

By Gwynneth Littleton

"And did those feet" William Blake's famous poem was set to music by Hubert Parry one hundred years ago in the depths of the First World War. It cannot be said that our rendering of Jerusalem always does it justice, but we try. And in our October meeting we celebrated our 68th birthday with a cake made by Pauline and decorated by Anne. Betty Carr cut the cake and gave a very moving tribute to the W. I. and the important part it had played in her life.

Sheila has pressed ahead with Operation Christmas Child in her own modest way and packed well over an hundred shoe boxes. Our next focus will be on the Salvation Army.

Ceri Horrocks from Salford Heritage entertained us, if that is the right word, with a talk entitled One Hundred and One Ways to Die in Victorian Times. A great deal of research had gone into her account and we learnt how food and drink were so adulterated and dangerous, that there were no regulations about poison until 1902, there were gang fights, gas explosions, and lethal staircases in houses. It was quite a litany and was amazing that anyone survived!

November saw our A.G.M. and the gallant return of the extremely successful double act of Rosemary Norbury and Anne Wilson as our Presidents. The tellers Judy Mccoskery and Gill Hine kindly came from Prestbury W.I. Anne's report for the year was very positive and so was the financial report from Liz Dunbar. Gwen then gave a delightful slide show using her superb

photos called Seasons of the Year and we tried hard to spot the local areas used...Lyme, Tatton, Redesmere, Bidolph, and lovely mention of the farming year showing ploughing, hedge laying . What wealth of beauty lovingly portrayed. Pleasingly we again got a mention in Cheshire News. There are more events to look forward to as the year comes to an end, one to The Imperial War museum, and flavour of Christmas in the village with a coffee morning followed by the advent of the Salvation Army on 8th Dececeber. Meanwhile there is a seasonal meal at Morley Garden Centre and our own celebration on Monday the 5th December. It has been a good year.





A huge THANK YOU to our community

I would personally like to thank all who supported us by filling a shoe box or giving gifts of toys, toiletries, teddies etc and the ladies who knitted hats & gloves. People generously gave cash to buy extras for each box and sweats where provided by the Mottram village club. Without you all we would not have achieved what we did and we are so very grateful to you all.

We have sent 225 boxes which will be distributed to children of all ages in many countries abroad who have nothing and are greatly in need of such items. It shows that we are a caring community and gives hope to those less fortunate. If you get a minute check out some of the wonderful videos of the children, opening up their surprise box of gifts, it really puts life into perspective and makes us remember just

how fortunate we all are. These children are truly in need of such gifts Happy Christmas to them all, they are very much in our thoughts.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/>

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and prepare the boxes. We are always looking for helper so if you fancy giving up some time next year to help please contact myself and start putting a few items aside for next years collections. We can all make a difference.



By Sheila Cavanagh

Bowling Club

By Phillis Kennerley



Our season has drawn to a close with the AGM on Nov 25th in the Clubroom. The new officials were in charge, Vera Hammond (Chairlady), Jillian Hillary (Secretary) and Brian Slater (Treasurer). These new officials replaced myself, Eric Wallwork and Alice Eley respectively last year. Thanks must be given to them for many years of loyal service. It is great that these three new officials are willing to take office and after this 1st AGM we can see that the club is in good hands for the future.

We have had mixed fortunes on the green! In the Macclesfield League the A team finished 3rd from the bottom in Div 1 and normally would stay up but due to proposed reorganisation of the leagues, they will go down. The B & C teams finished next to the bottom in their divisions so will drop to Div 3 & 4 respectively. In the Alderley Edge Mixed league, both A & B teams have been relegated but in the Macclesfield Vets league our team has come 2nd so will be promoted to Div 1. A big congratulations to them. I was keeping the best news until last!! We are entering another team in this league next year, which is more good news.



Community - News

We are always on the look out for new players, whether beginners or seasoned bowlers. We have an indoor Bowls in the Village Hall during the winter on a Tuesday evening 7pm - 9pm. All are welcome and can be a good starting point for anyone wanting to try bowling. You even get a cup of tea and a biscuit - can't be bad! Come and give it a go.

Wishing you All the Best & Good Health for 2017, on the green or off it.

Wednesday Club

By Joan Williams

Due to illness Joan has not been able to write her usual article this month therefore on behalf of the Wednesday club they would like to wish everyone a Wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. If you are interested in joining the Wednesday Club group in the New Year please do get in touch and join us for laughter and fun. Well wishes to Joan and I hope you are soon on the road to recovery.

Contact Pauline Glancy Tel: 01625 262940 / Mob:07731 483022 or Margaret Potts Tel: 01625 582154



Singing For Fun Kookaburras

By Ann Readman



Dates for 2017 are now agreed as follows and are the 2nd Monday of each month with some extra sessions planned when the nights are light. We will have an Open Evening on 13 March (7.30-9.30pm in Mottram Methodist Church). Please contact me or come along to listen if you are interested to know more. We only sing for fun, not for performance, but we are pretty good and have a really good time!

Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13 (Open Evening), April 10, May 8 and 22, June 12, (June 25 - Social event), July 10 and 24, August 14 and 28, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11



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BAG IT AND BIN IT

W'e're going to teach the world to sing... a cappella style!

By Hillary Pinnock

There are more singing programmes on television these days than you can shake a stick at - and it is little wonder - choral singing is so good for you on so many different levels. So now that everyone's back from summer holidays, relaxed and refreshed and the kids have been packed off to a new school term, there's a brand new women's singing group starting up providing you with a chance for your own adventure this autumn.....BackBeat A Cappella specialises in singing 4 part close harmony(without accompaniment) and is inviting women in the area to join in when they launch on Wednesday September 21st. There are four voice ranges to try, ranging from low to high so there'll be something in there for everyone, even those who say they can't sing! BackBeat's range of repertoire songs includes current modern arrangements as well as some classics and one or two unusual titles too! There'll be instruction on breathing, posture, musical interpretation and much more....not to forget the fun aspect of enjoying some "ME" time on a Wednesday evening,

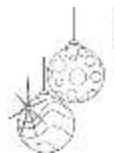
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