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2012

Welcome to the first 2012 edition of The Stourton Caundler. It is likely to be a very busy year with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games to occupy our attention at national level, with associated events at local level. Therefore we are showing a number of key dates for your diaries:

Sat 4 Feb	Planting of village Jubilee Tree pack (420 saplings)
Sat 11 Feb	Valentines Night at The Trooper (see page 14)
Fri 10 Feb - Mon 20 Feb	Half-term, Bishop's Caundle School
Sat 17 & Sun 18 Mar	Manor Farm and Grange Cottage gardens open (NGS)
Fri 30 Mar - Tue 17 Apr	Easter holiday Bishop's Caundle School
Fri 6 Apr - Mon 9 Apr	Easter week-end
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 1 - Mon 11 Jun	Half-term Bishop's Caundle School
Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun	The Trooper Beer Festival
Sat 2 Jun - Tue 5 Jun	Diamond Jubilee week-end
<i>(Mon 4 and Tue 5 are both Bank Holidays, replacing the usual last Monday in May)</i>	
Sun 3 Jun	Village BIG LUNCH
Sun 3 Jun	Manor Farm garden open under the National Gardens Scheme
Sat 9 Jun	Manor Farm garden evening opening in aid of military charities and St Peter's Church.
Fri 20 Jul - Tue 4 Sep	Summer holidays Bishop's Caundle School
Fri 27 Jul - Sun 12 Aug	Olympic Games
Wed 29 Aug - Sun 9 Sep	Para-Olympic Games

Jubilee trees - HELP WANTED : Sat 4 Feb

The village was successful in its bid for a pack of trees from The Woodland Trust and 420 small saplings (ash, birch, cherry, oak and hornbeam) will be delivered to the village in the week beginning 30 January, as well as stakes and guards. They are to be planted in a number of sites in the village where landowners have generously made land available.

The planting of them is to be a community project to mark the start of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and will take place on the morning of Saturday 4 February. (Saturday 11 February is a reserve day in case of bad weather on the 4th)

Therefore **YOUR** help is needed please, be you young, old, male or female. There will be something for everyone to do.

Please assemble at the Village Hall car park at 10.00am, bringing a spade, gloves and hammer, where possible. We will then divide into teams to get the work (which will not be onerous!) done as quickly as possible. It is suggested that you wear 'wellies' and an anorak.

Note. There will be a small pool of tools for those who do not have their own

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE !

New arrivals

We welcome to the village:

Bryan, Becky, Zac and Max Rendell at Brickhill, Stalbridge Road

Tony and Lorraine Niederlag, with daughter Hazel at Hays Cottage

Andy and Tina Parkes, with Rebecca and Michael at 3 Stalbridge Road

Naturally thinking

Brian and I seemed to have made an unconscious post-Christmas tradition of heading for Ibberton Hill with a flask of coffee and some mince pies. They always taste particularly good whilst admiring the view from the warmth of the car and at this time of the year, when trees are stripped bare so that you can see the beauty of their structure, the view seems almost more breathtaking than it does in summer. It's a peaceful place. The land drops gently down to a long, wide valley dotted about with doll's house-sized villages, stray cottages and farms, and sheep-grazed fields that are laced together with hedges. Buzzards circle overhead and below us magpies chatter, otherwise all is silent.

So far, it's been a mild winter and here and there early gorse blazes golden on the hillsides. According to country lore, when the gorse is out of flower, kissing's out of fashion, and when it's in flower, England will never go to war, so we're all right for another year. It's going to be a very early spring this year by the looks of things. The first daffodils are out in the village and if things continue as they are now, the church will be decorated with summer flowers at Easter. Hazel catkins are already so long that they're swinging in the breeze. They always remind me of Bert, an elderly man I once knew in Devon. I first came across him walking backwards and forwards across a field with a forked hazel twig held out in front of him. I watched him for a few minutes before curiosity got the better of me and I called out to ask what he was doing.

"Dousing," he said. He never used two words when one would do.

"For water?"

A nod.

"You can't really do it, can you?"

For answer, he walked slowly towards a hedge where the twig did some violent twists and turns.

"You're doing it on purpose," I called and he looked at me in disgust whilst the twig continued to agitate in his hands.

"Does that mean there's water really there?"

"Course."

And of course it did because he was standing over a small ditch. All the same, I was deeply impressed.

"Can I have a go?"

Silently, he passed me the twig and showed me how to hold it, flat on my palms with the ends of the forks between my thumbs and fingers.

I paced backwards and forwards away from the ditch. Nothing happened.

"Come this way," he called and suddenly the twig became alive in my hands, wriggling violently.

"Ay," he said calmly. "You've got it."

I've tried it out many times since then, over places where water is obvious and not so obvious – like under-floor water pipes for instance – and it works every time. I know I'm not in the least unique but I do wonder if everyone feels as strange as me when a bit of stick suddenly becomes a living thing trying to escape from your hands. Have a go – it's worth trying.

From the early mornings of mid-November until now, with only a brief pause, a thrush sang nearby, serenading the world for several hours. They can be heard most months but it's when other birds are silent that their song is so welcome. They sing from the top of a tree and can be heard for up to half-a-mile. Not a microphone in sight. Pop singers take note.

By Christmas, the weather was still mild and several other birds joined in so that Stourton Caundle had a mini dawn chorus.

We picked up an old bird book at a second-hand bookstall recently. It's called 'Birds One Should Know, Beneficial and Mischievous'. At the time of its publication in 1925, thrushes appeared to be more numerous than blackbirds. From about the 1970s on, positions reversed as thrushes began to suffer from the loss of hedges, wet ditches and woodlands, whilst blackbirds flourished in gardens and seemed not to be quite so fazed about loss of other habitat.

The weather seems to be having an early effect on birds. Chaffinches have pinked up, we have a pair of robins constantly feeding together beneath the feeders and blackbirds are once more fighting fiercely for their territories. No sign of Mr Bocelli yet though.

Margaret Waddingham

Bike rides

Having only recently relocated here from the Chilterns, I was beginning to miss my weekly bike ride with friends and am therefore getting together a cycling group from within the village and surroundings for those folk wanting to keep fit, whilst exploring the local countryside in a most enjoyable way,

Four of us have been involved in a couple of cycle trips already and the plan is to ride on Mondays each week. We aim to keep to quiet roads and lanes where possible, travelling at a moderate pace (suitable for conversation two abreast) and covering around 20-30 miles in winter and perhaps a little further in spring and summer when the days are longer. With a 10.00 am start, either from here in the village or at nearby points, most of the day's ride would be in the morning, followed by a pub lunch en route and a shorter ride back to the start afterwards.

I encourage anyone interested in participating to please get in touch with me (details below). Those wishing to join us would be expected to cycle at a reasonable pace on the flat, say 10-12 mph average, although we would always wait for the slower ones on hills or before making any turn-offs. Additionally, riders are strongly advised to wear a cycle helmet, high-visibility clothing, and to carry a spare inner tube/puncture kit, etc. There would always be a ride "leader" to plan the route and a "back marker" to ensure no-one becomes lost. With thanks,

Tom Eden Sunray Cottage, 364447 , Email: tom.eden141@btinternet.com

Parish Council

At the meeting on 9 January 2012, discussions centred around the budget and precept for 2012/13. Due to North Dorset District Council's intention to send plans electronically, £500 has had to be set aside to buy a projector and screen which can be used with a computer. This will make plans very easy to view in the village hall but also means that paper copies will not be available. Grass cutting tenders for the cemetery and play area have been accepted; arrangements for the churchyard will be decided at the next meeting. The precept will remain unchanged.

Arrangements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were discussed and it was agreed to buy commemorative medals for village children up to 16 years of age.

Fence repairs are under way in the play area and a tree will be planted with a plaque to commemorate Mr. Ted Foxwell.

Broadband provision continues to be investigated.

Planning results: Photovoltaic panels on the garage roof at The Old Vicarage and extensions and a porch at Greenway have both been granted. The replacement dwelling, garage and access at The Butts has been refused.

Sue Harris, Parish Clerk

Reflexology

Reflexology is a natural, hands-on therapy that was first practised in Egypt and China many thousands of years ago. It is a therapy based on the principle that there are areas in the hands and feet that relate to specific organs and parts of the body. The therapy uses a unique method of thumb and finger pressure on these areas to help the body achieve a balanced state of working.

Reflexology has many benefits, for mind and body:

- Promotes deep relaxation.

- Boosts memory and concentration.

- Alleviates stress and anxiety.

- Improves interrupted sleep patterns.

- Increases your energy levels.

- Alleviates tension headaches and migraines.

- Can dramatically reduce back pain and sciatica.

- Can help to improve and reduce the symptoms of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS).

- Helps with PMT (Pre-Menstrual Tension) and the symptoms of menopause.

- Boosts function of the lymphatic system helping to clear the body of toxic build-up.

To book a Reflexology treatment, simply phone Bryony on 01963 364 651.

Weather report

Rainfall	2011	2010	18-year average
November	28 mm / 1.10 in	85 mm / 3.35 in	101.0 mm / 3.98 in
December	77 mm / 3.03 in	20 mm / 0.79 in	99.2 mm / 3.91 in
Jan-Dec	523 mm / 20.6 in	542 mm / 21.3 in	888.0 mm / 35.0 in

Temperature (°C)	Maximum		Minimum		Average
	High	Low	High	Low	
Nov 2011	16.3 (3 rd)	10.6 (7 th)	12.5 (11 th)	-0.7 (28 th)	10.5
Nov 2010	17.2 (4 th)	-0.8 (28 th)	12.4 (5 th)	-5.9 (29 th)	6.3
Dec 2011	13.5 (31 st)	6.3 (14 th /16 th)	10.8 (31 st)	-1.9 (10 th)	7.2
Dec 2010	9.7 (28,29 th)	-1.9 (19 th)	8.2 (29 th)	-12.3 (26 th)	0.3

2011 Annual average 11.69
 2010 Annual average 9.62
 2009 Annual average 10.29

Anthony Molesworth / Richard Miles

The Queen's Coronation - 1953

Over the weekend of 2-4 June we will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. For her coronation in June 1953 a Village Committee was formed at a public meeting held in the village hut to arrange the celebrations. Rosemary and Helen Julius were appointed as the joint secretaries. On the day itself bunting and flags made from crepe paper were on display throughout the village, looking rather bedraggled due to heavy overnight rain. The day started with a children's fancy dress competition held outside The Trooper Inn. After the judging the children took their place in the procession through the village, starting from the Jubilee Oak, with Mr Ambrose Stainer playing his trumpet and Mrs Betty Toone her piano accordion. The parade was marshalled by Cecil Orchard, Bob Ashford and Harry Holdway and the standard bearers were Fred Priddle and Eddie Bond.

The events in Westminster Abbey were broadcast live on television, eagerly watched in a crowded lounge bar at The Trooper, on one of only three television sets installed in the village at that time. The children were presented with Coronation mugs at an afternoon tea party. To complete the day's celebrations an evening dance was held in the Village Hut.

The remaining funds were used to purchase six commemorative trees, which were planted by Frank Palmer and Mick Ashford. Three of these, a Laburnum opposite the Church, a May tree at the Pound and a Flowering Cherry on the verge opposite Trooper Cottage have survived.

Photographer Joe Walden took photographs of the procession and of the children participating in the fancy dress competition. Some of these have survived the ensuing 59 years. During the Diamond Jubilee celebrations I am hoping to mount a small exhibition of photographs, taken at previous royal celebrations in Stourton Caundle, starting with the 1911 coronation of King George V and including a guess-the-name competition for photographs of children who took part in the 1953 procession and are still living locally. Anyone who has a photograph taken at the celebration of previous royal events in Stourton Caundle please contact me on 01963 365852.

Thanks, *Phil Knott*

The Caundler Team - would you like to join us?

Margaret McKay has been a key member of THE STOURTON CAUNDLER Team since the very first issue of the magazine, currently being responsible for production, including printing and assembling the cover and internal pages. She has now decided to stand down. A full tribute to Margaret's very significant contribution will appear in a future edition, but briefly now, 'thank you Margaret for all your hard work over the years'.

We have decided to get the printing and assembling done by a commercial printer and have found one who will do this for a reasonable price. But we need people to take on other aspects of Margaret's work. Do you have skills (journalistic or technical), enthusiasm and the time to contribute to The Stourton Caundler?

If so, please contact either Tim Villiers or Eric Dummett (telephone numbers of the front cover) to discuss what is needed.

Tim Villiers

Bishop's Caundle comes to Stourton Caundle!

The beautiful 'stained glass' window in our village church was designed and made by the pupils of Bishop's Caundle primary school so it was a special privilege last Christmas to be able to host their annual carol service.

A packed church watched the younger children perform a simple nativity scene, with the school choir singing some lovely Christmas music and the congregation joining in with some well known carols. The older children read some interesting Christmas readings with a modern and humorous twist. All the pupils read beautifully and seemed to enjoy the experience!

Well done to the new head and her staff and we hope to see them here again for similar services in the future.

Gill Sanders

All Saints School, Bishop's Caundle

Happy New Year to all in our community! We had a fabulous Christmas at All Saints and my first as Headteacher. I was so impressed with the way the whole school community worked so hard to make the many celebrations very memorable for the children. A highlight was when one of Santa's elves arrived at school by Royal Naval helicopter to collect our letters to Santa! We were thrilled when Santa replied saying that he had received them all safely at the North Pole and hopefully the children were all delighted with their gifts received at Christmas. Alongside the parties and feasting the children made us all very proud at their Christmas performances and at the Carol Service held at St Peter's, Stourton Caundle this year where we all had the chance to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

To start the New Year in school we have introduced our smart new personalised Reading Records. These complement our reading reward scheme which we introduced last term. This was very successful and resulted in many children receiving a book prize at the end of term.

We are very excited by our plans to develop a Learning Centre at the heart of our school which will provide an inspiring learning environment for the children. Thank you to our Parent Association who are committed to helping us achieve this, this year.

As we continue on our journey to become a Rights Respecting School we have been learning about children around the world who have made New Year's resolutions that will benefit others, such as Jerzon from Honduras who has created and tends a vegetable patch for his family so that they can have enough to eat.

Please take a look at our website for up to date news of all that is happening at All Saints as we look forward to a fabulous term full of fun learning.

Anne Crumpler - Headteacher

Poppy Appeal 2011

The Poppy Appeal collection in the village last November raised a total of £415.38, which is wonderful. A huge thank you to all collectors and most importantly to those who contributed so generously.

Jane Colville

Carols of 2011

The Trooper is actually the Tardis. Or maybe it just has elastic walls. How else could 80 carollers (give or take one or two either way) have squeezed in after singing themselves hoarse outside. It was a most successful evening – even the rain held off until we'd got half way through the last carol.

So thank you once again to Zena and Kevin for your hospitality and mince pies and to Ray Foot for the mulled wine. And thank you to all who turned up in record numbers to sing with such gusto. And thank you of course to everyone who contributed to our collection for Julia's House – we made just over £120, which was wonderful.

See you all again next year.

Margaret, Margaret and Annie

Advent windows 2011

The weather was much kinder to this village enterprise in December last year, so that it was easier to walk around to see a variety of lighted windows decorated with themes of the season.

The workshop in the church on Advent Sunday was great fun as young and 'older' met to pool ideas, gather materials and enjoy tea, coffee or squash and biscuits together. The excited anticipation of Christmas for the children was infectious, enthusing their elders.

From Stalbridge Road right through to the Triangle, with branches off to Drove Road and Drove Close, in Brimble and Cat Lane, as dusk fell the village was transformed as lights were switched on behind a whole selection of different scenes and representations of Advent .

With the advent (sorry!) of new families to the village new talents were revealed and some longer term residents displayed their creativity for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who took part. See you in December?!

Anita Shardlow

Turkey and tinsel

The Turkey and Tinsel trip last December went to Warners Lakeside at Hayling Island.

After a stop for lunch at Winchester and to take in the Christmas market in the shadow of the cathedral, we arrived at Hayling Island, our base for the next three nights.

People were left to their own devices during the day and were able to swim, shop, walk, play bowls or table tennis or travel on the miniature steam railway along the sea front. Everyone assembled in the evenings for a fine selection of food, drink, entertainment and dancing.

The weekend was over far too quickly and a stop for coffee at Haskins Garden Centre on the way home rounded off the trip quite nicely.

Colin McKay

Sky at night

Watch out on the evening of Saturday 25th after sunset around 6.30 pm when if you look towards the west when it is clear, you'll see a thin crescent moon 'on her back', i.e. tilted over at an odd angle. Nearby, you won't be able to miss the very brilliant 'star' some 2.5 degrees to the left of the moon. This, the brightest 'star' in the sky at times, is the planet Venus. During the next three hours you can watch the two objects setting in the west.



We tend to think of these both as being female, as can be seen from the French names of 'La Lune' and 'La planète Vénus'. One reason is that both names are associated with Roman goddesses, specifically Diana or Luna, and Venus. The Greeks used the names Selene and Artemis (amongst others) for the moon, and Aphrodite for Venus. So both objects are associated with female beauty, charm and fertility. Indeed, from an astronomical point of view, the presence of the moon for the last 4.6 billion years has provided a tremendous stabilising influence on planet earth, helping to prevent the orbit of the earth becoming overly chaotic and thereby maintaining relatively uniform climatic conditions here. Under such favourable conditions we find life has had the time and environment to evolve all manner of exotic forms. In this sense, our moon has played an important part in the whole process.

In contrast, the planet Mars is definitely masculine in nature having been named after the Roman God of War and its distinctly reddish tint brings about the association with blood and a fiery, warlike temperament. You have an opportunity to watch Mars rising with the gibbous moon in the east around 10.00 pm on Thursday 9th. Mars will be the bright reddish-coloured 'star' located about 10 degrees to the left of the moon.

Richard Miles

Homewatch

Dorset Driver courses are designed to refresh and update your driving skills. By popular demand, more Dorset Driver courses have been organised by Dorset County Council.

The two-hour theory sessions, which cost just £5 per person, are designed to help drivers of all ages deal with a wide range of driving conditions and address the most common causes of crashes in Dorset – poor hazard perception, failing to judge another vehicle's speed correctly and loss of control. Topics include refreshing your Highway Code knowledge, modern driving techniques and how to drive safely in adverse conditions

The dates and locations of upcoming Dorset Driver courses are given on the website shown below, To sign up, simply complete the online booking form at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver> or contact the Road Safety team on (01305) 224558

Garden Club

There was a good turnout for the final Garden Club meeting of 2011 on Wednesday 14 December, to listen to the advice and opinions of a panel of local experts. Following the circulation of mulled wine, canapés and mince pies, Nikki Hale invited members to fire questions at Howard ffitch, Janie Harris, Gay Liversidge and Brian Waddingham. Topics covered included how to attract partridges into pear trees, what should be planted in north facing borders, when we should cut back hellebore leaves and the intricacies of rose pruning. Much was learnt, both from the panel and the audience. At the end of the meeting Nikki Hale extended thanks to all on the panel, to those many volunteers (too numerous to mention) who had produced the food for the evening, and to Roger Gransden and Neil Gillard for their amazing (hic!) mulled wine.

On Wednesday 11 January more than 50 members and guests attended the annual Garden Club supper. Once again, Maureen Villiers and Jane Onslow had co-ordinated the beautiful flower arrangements on each table, while Howard ffitch produced a challenging picture quiz which invited us to identify 60 different plants from photographs. Perhaps unsurprisingly, our professional gardener, Janie Harris, ran away with the first prize. As always, the meal itself was a selection prepared by committee members and helpers, and this year included lasagne, moussaka, fish pie, a chicken tagine! (thank you Ro), baked potatoes and green salad; with an impressive range of puddings and cheeses to follow. There were far too many helpers to list everybody here, but a special vote of thanks goes to Harry Dike, who yet again ran the bar, and Olive Graham who organised and ran the raffle, raising almost £100 for the club funds. Another successful evening, enjoyed by all who were there.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be on **Wednesday 8 February**, when a representative from Castle Gardens will give a talk on 'Choosing the right tree and planting it'. All are welcome, and new and potential new members are particularly encouraged to come along to the village hall at 7.15 pm.

Broken Nails

Garden tip

Now is the time to tidy up your garden sheds, clean and oil your tools and to get your motor mowers and other machinery serviced and ready for the new season.

The allotments – an invitation

Following a very successful first year, our merry band of allotmenters are looking forward to another year of tasty, home grown vegetables. We've learned a lot and have enjoyed not just the results of our labours, but even the labours themselves – what can be more satisfying than seeing things you've planted grow to maturity, then harvesting and eating them? We've actually found that we've grown more than we can eat, which means that there is room in the group for a few more people, if anyone would care to give it a go.

As long as you can commit to a couple or three hours a month of gardening (you don't have to be an expert, there are people who can nudge you in the right direction), and are prepared to put in a few pounds (last year it was £20) to cover rent, seeds, rotovator hire, etc, then we'll be delighted to welcome you aboard. Get in touch with me on 362890 by 19 February if you want to know more.

John Waltham

Welcome Club

Forty one members attended a meeting of the Welcome Club held on 18 January.

A calendar of meetings listing the guest speakers booked for the 2012 monthly meetings, and dates for the summer outings, were issued to members at the Christmas lunch held at the White Hart Inn, Bishop's Caundle.

A list of possible locations for the summer outings was issued at table for members to select their preferred options.

Members will be notified of the three most popular choices at the February meeting. Members enjoyed a session of 'Call My Bluff' presented by Larry and Sue Skeats. Larry offered a prize of a new car for anyone correctly identifying the intended uses of the fifteen items displayed, from the three options offered by the panel members. The top score was nine!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 February, at 2.30pm, when the guest speaker will be Mike Bolton and the topic 'How We Used to Live'. New members welcome.

Speakers for remainder of 2012 are:

- Wed 21 Mar Bobby on the Beat in the 1960s – Colin Dean
- Wed 18 Apr Popular Music in the 1960s – David Andrews
- Wed 16 May Clerics Errors – Reverend Trimble
- Wed 20 Jun Inn Signs and Dorset Pub Stories – Rob Curtis
- Wed 18 Jul Stroll along the Dorset Coast – Mike Bolton
- Wed 19 Sep 30 Years of Wildlife Photography – Colin Varndell
- Wed 17 Oct AGM. Stourton Caundle Past and Present
- Wed 21 Nov It's a Grave Business Dead Interesting Dorset – Rob Curtis

Phil Knott



Recipe

Jerusalem Artichokes: a winter vegetable , which is very easy to grow. A little fiddly to peel: some people prefer to part cook them and then peel them. They take about 15 minutes to boil. Allow 1/2 lb (250g) per person.

Jerusalem Artichoke Soufflé - a good vegetable dish to serve alongside a roast.

Ingredients (serves 4)

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| 1/4 pint (150ml) artichoke puree | grated lemon rind |
| 1/4 pint (150ml) milk | salt and pepper |
| 2 eggs - separated | |

Method

Cook and drain some artichokes and sieve them until you have about 1/4 pint of puree. Beat the yolks of the eggs with the milk and strain them into the puree. Season with salt and pepper and a little grated lemon rind.

Whip the egg whites stiffly and stir them lightly into the artichoke mixture.

Pour into a well-buttered souffle dish (or 4 small ramekins), and bake in a moderate oven (350F, 180C, gas 4) for 20-30 minutes until well risen and firm to the touch. Serve at once.

Linda Walters

We have been asked to let you know about:

Great British Fish and Chip Supper

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18 May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting Spinal Injuries Association's information and support services.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

For more information or request a fundraising pack, call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips

Village Hall '100' Club monthly draw

The December draw took place on 14 December 2011 at The Trooper. The winners were:

First prize	£25.00	No 132	Jenny Redman
Second prize	£20.00	No 74	Margaret Waddingham
Third Prize	£15.00	No 60	Fleur Miles
Fourth Prize	£10.00	No 134	Lawrie Yandell

The January draw took place on 18 January at The Welcome Club meeting. The winners were:

First prize	£15.00	No 182	Mark Fenwick
Second prize	£12.00	No 115	Lorraine & Carl Bingham
Third Prize	£10.00	No 8	Jan Kwiatkowski
New Year Bonus	£25.00	No 57	Jane & Patrick Broxham

The next monthly draw will take place on Wednesday 15 February at The Trooper at about 9.00 pm.