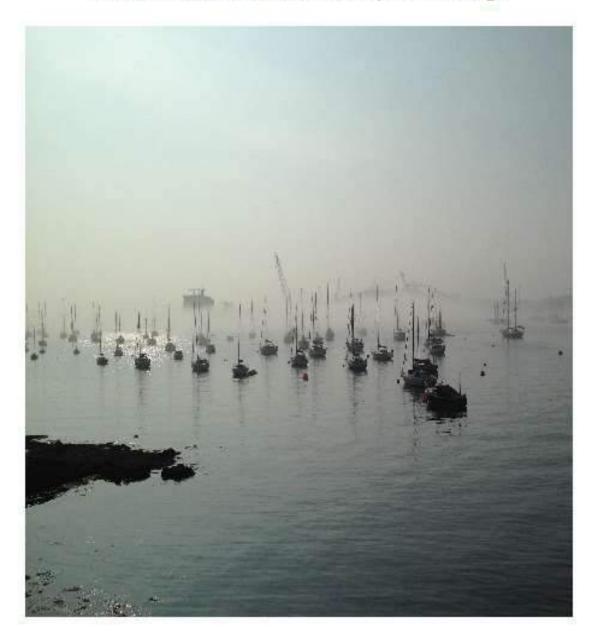


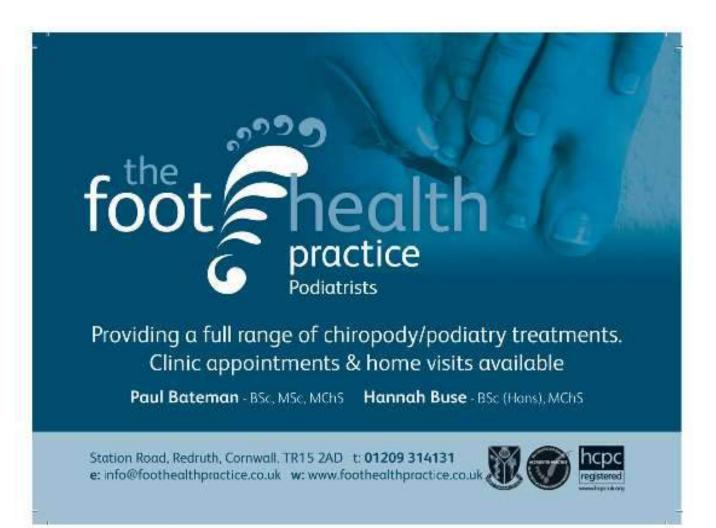
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Rector's notes - DECEMBER 2021

<u>December 2021 – more new beginnings!</u>

Last month I wrote about new beginnings for Jason as a new Reader, and also for our confirmation candidates, but Advent too is definitely a time of new beginnings as the new Church year begins, and as we prepare once more to celebrate the extraordinary good news of God coming among us in the person of Jesus, in the most humble of new beginnings, in that stable in Bethlehem.

This magazine's publishing deadline also happens to neatly coincide with news of another new beginning – though this will one won't properly start until June 2022. I'm delighted to announce that a new training curate is coming to Redruth! Chris Harrigan is pictured here with his family – his wife Becca and children Issy and Isaac.

Chris is currently training at Trinity College Bristol. Originally he is from Essex, and has a fascinating story of coming to faith and being very involved in pioneering new ways of doing and being Church, but I'll leave him to tell his story in a forthcoming magazine article.

He will be ordained on the evening of Friday 24th June in Truro Cathedral – do put the date in your new 2022 diary!

While Chris is looking forward to learning all about the traditional ministry that happens in our parishes, it's really important for us not to fall into



the trap of thinking this will enable us to carry on with everything in our churches as it has always been, now we'll have an extra member of the clergy in our team. *On the Way* is helping us to imagine new types of ministry, in particular ministry that helps us connect with the generations that our largely missing from our congregations. Chris is really well placed to help us do that with his experience of pioneer ministry, as well as the fact that he has a young family – so we will have as much to learn from Chris as he has to learn from us. Please pray for Chris, Becca, Issy and Isaac as they prepare for a new life in Cornwall.

May God bless us as we prepare again to celebrate the coming of the son of God among us. May we be filled again with wonder and awe at God's indescribable gift to the world.

With my prayers and best wishes Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Very soon, we shall all be singing them, but, did you know

"O come, O come Emmanuel" dates from the thirteenth century and would have been written in Latin. The words we sing date from nineteenth century.

"The Coventry Carol" as its name suggests originated in Coventry and would have been part of the Coventry Pageant performed by the Shearmen and Tailors in the fifteenth century.

"In Dulci Jubilo" has its origins in the fourteenth century, but the version we sing appears in the last hymn book produced by Martin Luther.

"We wish you a merry Christmas" first became a traditional 'wassail' song in England in the sixteenth century.

"I saw three ships come sailing in" this carol which dates from 1666 concerns the wanderings of the relics of the Magi.

"O come, all ye faithful" was made popular by the Roman Catholics in the 1740s.

"Hark the herald angels sing" the words, written by Charles Wesley to a tune by Mendelssohn were first printed in 1739.

"O Christmas tree" the symbol of the life force of the evergreen is rooted in pre-Christian traditions, by 1850, this carol assured its popularity, especially in Germany.

"Good King Wenceslas" the legend of this King dates from the 900s, and the words, traditionally sung on St Stephen's Day (December 26) date from the nineteenth century.

"O little town of Bethlehem" in 1865 a priest, Phillips Brooks visited the fields surrounding Bethlehem, where the annunciation to the shepherds took place. He was so moved, that he wrote this carol for his Sunday School pupils.

So there you are!! Sing well, as the chapel steward (Barry) with the churchwarden (Jill) and all the FLAPJACK community wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

The Legend that was Fritz.

It was Christmas 1952 and I remember feeling so excited. I had been promised a puppy, something I had wanted so very very badly. My Father had explained that our friend Mrs. Witherspoon, who was a dog breeder, had a very tiny puppy that she was unable to sell or show because he wasn't quite right. I'm not sure I understood what was meant by "wasn't quite right", nor did I probably care. All I could think about was having my very own puppy.

He arrived, on Christmas Eve, wrapped in a blue blanket. His coat was the colour of golden toffee, his eyes like small nubs of bright sparkling coal. I had been told that he had been the runt of a large litter of Dachshunds and had not been expected to live. He was not only very small but he was very under jawed which meant his teeth always showed. His ears were double skinned but as soft as the softest velvet. For me, it was love at first sight, my dreams come true! We called him Fritz.

As Fritz's character developed it became obvious that he was a somewhat feisty little chap. He developed a dislike for Mr. Keast, our Postman of many years and would lie in wait under the bushes by the gate ready to snap at his ankles as he tried to enter our garden Things came to a head one morning when he ripped Mr. Keast's trousers. Then there were the Dustmen. Every year my Mother gave them a Christmas Box, always thankful for their hard work and diligence no matter what the weather however, one year, instead of their usual thanks she was told "to keep that b..... dog under control"!!

At the top of our road lived Muriel Hawk who worked in the Post Office. She was a lovely lady with very red hair and even redder lips. Every day just after noon she would drive her Austin car past our house. By this time Fritz had discovered a new joy; chasing cars and trying to bite their wheels! This was obviously much better fun than lying in wait for Mr. Keast.

There was Mrs. Millar who drove a black cigar shaped mobility car. This car's speed never broke above 20 miles per hour but mostly travelled at 15mph and therefore became fair game for Fritz. Poor Mrs. Millar. Fritz would frighten her witless as he would dive under our gate and hurtle himself at her tyres yapping and snapping. She would try and accelerate to outrun him but for something so tiny, he was as swift and fast as an arrow. Unfortunately for Fritz, this was his undoing and he was grounded, only allowed out on a lead and never saw the complete freedom of the garden again.

For me, Fritz could do no wrong. He was my companion and the dearest and most loyal of friends. At night, I would lift the covers on my bed and he would leap up and snuggle his little head into my neck, snuffling contentedly. Our friendship lasted 13 years. This little scrap that wasn't expected to survive had become a legend and a joy I shall never forget.

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

TIDDLERS 2

Following on from the exciting example at St Andrew, Redruth with TIDDLERS 1, Christchurch has opened TIDDLERS 2. Week 1 passed with no children, as did week 2. But then on week 3 there were TWO children with 5 others waiting!! TIDDLERS 2 is 'on the way'!!

176th PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Thank you to MARY A. for the traditional Festival Dinner, it was much enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Bishop Hugh for sharing his 'Desert Island Discs' and for baptising Perran. It was a very happy weekend as we look forward to Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

CHRISTMAS DATES

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 3.00pm Christmas party!!

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 7.00pm Carol Service with Skyliner

CHRISTMAS EVE, 3.00pm Crib Service / 8.00pm Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY, 10.00am Communion

SOCK (Support Our Christ the King)

THANK YOU for your support at the three SOCK events. They were VERY happy occasions and £2,000.00 was raised to support the work of the church.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

This year, the Advent Study Group at Christchurch, and perhaps in other groups will be based on the theme: *Beyond the Christmas Card*. The part played by MARY, JOSEPH, THE SHEPHERDS and THE ANGELS will be discussed. In Christchurch the dates are: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 5, 12, 19 at 11.45am for about an hour. *Go beyond the glitter and think about what was really going on!!*

CHRISTMAS 2021

The Churchwardens and all the Christchurch community wish all readers a VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS & A COVID FREE NEW YEAR!!!

Julia Knight-Bennett

St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church 'FLAPJACK'

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10 a.m. until 4pm, with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-sanitiser and observe social distancing.

The pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion services continues, including a said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each Wednesday. All Sunday morning services are at 11.15am: First Sunday: Flapjack morning Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church; Lighthouse from 3-5pm. Second Sunday, 12th December: Flapjack Family Event, 11.15am, said Holy Communion 12.30pm, St. Andrew's. Third Sunday, 19th December, No morning service at the Methodist Church, VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE and NATIVITY: 2.30pm at Methodist Church, followed by a said service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at 6pm. Fourth Sunday: 26th December (St Stephen, Boxing Day) Benefice United Service at 10.30am at St. Stephen, Treleigh (Patronal Festival) No Service at St. Andrew's Pencoys. The weekly Benefice H.C. service will continue on Zoom, from a live church service at 9.30am or 11.15am (10.30am on 26th) (details in the weekly sheet or online from www.redruthchurch.org.uk)

THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ will continue online until at least January 2022. If you would like to compete, please contact Fr. Peter, email: baptism66@gmail.com

The First Sunday Evening Event on 7th November featured Remembrance and raised £200 for SENSE, the charity supporting deaf blind people; we thank everyone who came to this event. The next Event, on Sunday 5th December, will be held at Four Lanes Methodist Church at 6pm, led by Lucie, one of our Worship Leaders, with Lisa, an Ordinand attached to our Benefice, and will feature Advent. We shall be supporting Lorna's "Faith Food" in Alma Place, helping disadvantaged people on the edge of society, so do please come along to bring some hope and cheer to others in this Advent season as we again prepare to welcome God's Gift of Love to the world.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES: Christmas Tree Exhibition: You are warmly invited to display a tree in a place of your own choice in St. Andrew's Pencoys on behalf of your church or community group, staging between Monday, 6th December and 12 noon on Saturday, 11th December. Please display a card with your name on it and remove your exhibit by the evening of Wednesday, 5th January. Christmas Bazaar 'Frost Fair' on Saturday, 11th December from 2pm to 4pm in church, (or Hall, depending on Covid regs., tbc) with lots of bargains, 'Santa's Surprise', tombola and raffles; everyone welcome. Holly Tree Lights and Remembrance Books: Thursday, 16th December at 7pm, St. Andrew's Pencoys. (Village Carol Service, see above)

CHRISTMAS EVE : Friday, 24th December : Crib Service 5pm St. Andrew's

Holy Communion, 6.30pm, Methodist Church, with carol singing

(Midnight) Mass of Christmas: 10pm, St. Andrew's

CHRISTMAS DAY: Said Holy Communion, 11am, (+ lunch, t.b.c.) St. Andrew's

Teatime Event: This will be held in the **church** on **Tuesday**, **28**th **December** from 2–4pm. (Please bring your own drink; cake will be provided.) Covid safety precautions apply. There will be **no** teatime in the Hall on Sunday, 26th December.

The members of Flapjack wish everyone a very peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Jill Tolputt

ST EUNY

Our annual Remembering Service at St Euny coincided with Remembrance Sunday this year. Many families and friends of people who have died this year and in previous years came to church at dusk on 14th November to remember their loved ones. A moving and thought-provoking service helped to give comfort and offer time and space to reflect. Most of those attending stayed afterward for refreshments and a chat, which reinforced the value of this event and gratitude for the warmth and openness of St Euny for this type of church action.

Building on a link made with CN4C last year, Liz and Richard have continued to offer their services to the family group by providing picnics for their excursions. This has been done on behalf of the church and involves frequent 5.30am starts to get everything packaged up individually in Covid times. Both Church and CN4c are benefitting from this generosity and hard work which offers a way of serving directly some of the people in our community.

The bells are back! You have probably noticed them chiming out on Sundays and Wednesdays as well as tolling for the Remembering service. We are very glad to have them ringing again and enjoying the presence of the ringers in church.

We were pleased to welcome Holly Rose Quinn Preston to be baptised and a large number of her family who all came to celebrate this sacrament on Sunday 7th November.

December will be a busy month for most of us. St Euny will be hosting the benefice Advent Carol Service on Sunday 28th November at 6.00pm. This will be followed by a 'pot supper' (casserole) and mince pies with mulled wine/juice. Please do stay and join us if you can. There will be plenty, but if you know your intention in advance, or any special dietary requests, please let Lucie know (via the church website or telephone) so that we can judge numbers.

A national programme within the Church of England, taken up by the Truro Diocese, is under way to digitally map every churchyard within the Church of England. St Euny is considering this and we will report progress as it is made. There is no cost to the Church and the aim is to make the digital record available to all through the Church Heritage Record.

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH

The Remembering Service at Treleigh on Sunday afternoon was well attended and taken by Reverend Caspar Bush, with Charles Bickford at the organ. The lesson was read by Churchwarden Mary Harris and poems read by Trish and Robin Knights. The list of loved ones



remembered was read by Reverend Caspar and Churchwarden Christine Cunningham, with those attending invited to light a votive candle in memory of their loved ones.

The Remembrance Service on Sunday November 14th was Holy Communion by Extension with Lay Minister Jason Hoole-Jackson. Churchwarden Mary Harris read The Extortation and Kohima Epitaph with the 2 minutes silence in between plus the other readings. The organist was Charles Bickford. Jason was thanked by Mary Harris as this was his first full service since his licencing as lay reader.

Treleigh Christmas celebrations begin on December 4th with our Christmas Bazaar from 11am-1pm in Treleigh Community Hall to include Christmas baking and presents, books, greetings cards, acrylic paintings and goodies for sale plus a raffle. Proceeds will go to Church funds with a donation to Penhaligan's Friends.

Christmas Services at Treleigh....December 19th.... **Carol Service at 6pm** with Treleigh School Choir followed by Coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

December 24th.... Crib Service at 3pm and Midnight Mass at 9pm.

December 26th.... St. Stephen's Patronal Festival 10.30am which will be a Benefice Service.

Regular services at Treleigh are: Sunday: Sung Holy Communion at 11.15am and on Thursday: Said Holy Communion at 10am with the church open until 12noon. There will be a healing service at Treleigh on the second Friday of each month at 7pm with Rev. Peter Fellows and Rev. Margaret Saville. Churchwardens Christine Cunningham (07340577567) and Mary Harris (01209 214117) can be contacted for further information.

<u>Treleigh Hall Refurbishment Quiz £1 per quiz sheet</u> Treleigh Hall is urgently in need of refurbishment and when completed this will provide first class facilities for the church and community. Quiz sheets which feature 100 general knowledge questions, are available from David Rowe on 01209 218416 at £1 per sheet plus postage, the prize being a £10 token. Closing date for entries is January 8th 2022. Proceeds will go towards this project. The winner will be the person who has the highest number of correct answers. In the event of more than one person with the highest number of correct answers the winner will be the first drawn. All entries to be returned to David Rowe, 4 Albany Gardens, Redruth, TR15 2PA by January 8th 2022.

Happy Christmas Everyone! Trish Rowe





ADVENT COURSES

Advent Courses entitled 'Beyond the Christmas card' will be happening as usual in the lead up to Christmas. Look out for more details in the weekly sheet

Wednesdays

11am - with Margaret Saville (venue to be confirmed) 11.30 - with FP at Christchurch

7pm - with Jim on Zoom

Thursdays

7.30pm - with Caspar on Zoom



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MELISSA HARRISON

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'Melissa Harrison's *All Among the Barley* is an incredible evocation of one particular corner of rural England in the 1930s.

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Contact: Revd Margaret Savill margaretsaville@rocketmail.com Coombe Lodge, Church Coombe Redruth open to any-one who likes to read

1891—a Busy Redruth by Míchael Tange

In 1891 local Medical Practitioner Dr Caspar Laurie of Redruth was visited by his father, Mr W Laurie of Bournemouth. During his visit he recorded in his journal all aspects of life in Redruth and its district, which I was able to borrow from his granddaughter to transcribe, and to publish if I needed to do so; two articles about his visits to St Euny Church, and St Andrew's were published in Five Alive 2010.

"Redruth being the centre of the great Tin Mines is an interesting and important town. There is, however, nothing very attractive in it, as a town except its being the busy emporium of the surrounding neighbourhood, for it seems to out-do the well to do town of Camborne. Also a great mining place, and Omnibuses (NOT Horse drawn vehicles) pass and repass generally filled to overflowing with passengers and goods.

The town of Redruth lies on, and between two steep hills and consists of one principal street on the steepest part, denominated Fore Street. The upper entrance to the street is very uninteresting comprising shops and houses of inferior description—from this spot various roads diverge into the country. At the centre and lower parts of this main thoroughfare, the buildings and shops improve, but at best are very poor. There are two large establishments here which appear to attract the chief custom—Trounson's the grocery and general emporium (today Green's and Super Drug); on market days, Fridays, and the following, this large shop is full to overflowing with customers—they must do an enormous trade! The other shop is Jarvis's (later Grigg's, now Jim's) china and glass emporium, where it is said the proprietor purchased all the odds and ends from the Staffordshire potteries and disposes of them at very low prices, and ship their goods to all quarters of the globe, are known all over the world. We saw there every conceivable thing of glass and crockery that the ingenuity of man could devise! (note: their customers oversees were Cornish emigrants) Redruth as a place of business must be fairly prosperous, for there are no end of Banks in the town, chiefly in Fore Street where the dingy old banking houses have been replaced by more new modern ones, of a substantial and ornamental character and that looks like prosperity. There is an attempt at something architectural in an erection called 'the Clock Tower' - it is certainly the only redeeming feature from the ugliness of the street, but in itself it contains nothing of architectural beauty and is admired inasmuch as it soars above the general old fashioned buildings which surround it. A small turret and weather-cock are at the top of this peculiar building—the lower part is used as a kind of stow-away place.

The market proper consists of a very long and large covered area tenanted almost entirely by butchers, whose shops, or stalls, are crammed with carcasses of meat, enough to feed the whole of Cornwall for a month but they are generally cleared out on Market-day or the day following which is really a second Market-day.

We passed through, hardly able to pass through the crowd of buyers, who had come, not from the town only, but from the surrounding area, Camborne included, for their weekly supply of meat. Being a warm and close day at the Market, the scent from the meat, and from the crowd was too strong to be pleasant and we gladly hurried into the other end of the building into an open space devoted to the sale of fruit and vegetables, the mere sight of which, after the meat, was truly grateful.

Just opposite the fruit market is another building, the lower part of which was occupied by Pork butchers, and filled to overflowing with carcasses of huge pigs suspended on stout wooden frames—the butchers seemed to partake somewhat of the nature of the animals they were selling as regards fatness and size!"

A Light in the Darkness

by Sheila Gannaway

As darkness falls, instinctively, We reach out, for light, To guide us through the dangers, For comfort in the night, To free us from the power of dark, That steals the light away, Without it life feels, cold and lonely, Empty, formless, grey.

And so it is, in spirit terms, When facing, 'darkest hour', We reach out, for the Holy Light, To help us, with His Power, To guide us through the dangers, For comfort in our plight, To free us from the power of dark, To show us what is right ...

The source of Light, The Father, Is reflected, by the Son,
Through the beam, The Holy Spirit, To become, The Three in One ...
This light with Love, is sent for all, Redeeming, sin of Cain,
Once banished from God's presence, Shines, to guide us Home again.

But on the way, the rays, as 'dust', Show up our darker side! Impatience! Hate! Aggression! Envy! Selfishness! And Pride! And as, when turning on a light, The dark, seems darker still! We see how far we've fallen, In our battle for self will!

Then when, the time that comes to all, The Book is opened wide, The truth revealed! Did we obey, Our light or darker side?

If turned away from darkness, and God's Will, we obey,
Our eyes become accustomed, To this Right and Brighter way.

So when His Countenance, we see, Won't turn away in fright! Won't shield our eyes, in darkness, But, Behold, The Lord of Light!

<<Talkabout>> @ Quelle surprise—by Trish Rowe

Quelle surprise!! We had a big surprise one year when we were holidaying in Jersey when my middle sister and her husband walked into the hotel restaurant while we were having dinner. Totally unexpected but very welcome!

When we are away and we see someone who looks like someone we know, between ourselves we call them by those names and there were a couple who resembled my sister and her husband. So when Dave looked behind me and said my sister and her husband had just come in, I replied "Oh yeah!" thinking it was the other couple. Like I said: "Quelle surprise!"

I remembered a few weeks before my sister had queried which hotel we were staying at and the dates and I idly wondered why. Then on the day in question we were walking the Jersey cliffs when she texted asking what we were up to and adding that they were having coffee in British Home Stores, which we wrongly assumed was in Southampton where they lived. However, it later turned out that it was BHS in St. Helier, ten minutes away from our hotel! It was such a lovely surprise and we had a wonderful 4 days together before they had to fly home.

Recently, at Portreath we saw a lady having a paddle on her 100th Birthday! Evidently it was on her bucket list! Well done!!

Looking through some old photographs recently I found a group photograph of a friend's late parents taken in 1989. I cropped it on the computer, making it more of a portrait and when I gave it to her she told me that their Wedding Anniversary was the very same day I gave her the photo! It was meant to be!

A while ago a newspaper told of a Falmouth cat who travelled to West Sussex by post in a box of DVDs, taking eight days to get there! The mind boggles! I wouldn't want to be the person who opened that parcel!

We had been hi-jacked, in the nicest possible way! On holiday in Jersey we were passing a church on one of our walks when a lady invited us and two cyclists in to the service, saying it's "Back to Church Sunday". So there was us with our rucksacks and walking boots and the cyclists in their cycling gear! Quelle surprise!!

A QUIZ FOR CHRISTMAS

- 1. What did the first ever SMS text message, sent December 3rd 1992, read?
- 2. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics 'all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around'?
- 3. Which American actress plays the Ghost of Christmas Present in the film Scrooged?
- 4. The Beach Boys had a Christmas number one US hit single in 1966 with which song?
- 5. Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from?
- 6. Which famous scientist born on Christmas day was the first scientist to be buried in Westminster Abbey in London?
- 7. What is the name of the little boy in the filmed story of "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs?
- 8. Which English author wrote the book A Christmas Carol?
- 9. From which town had Mary and Joseph come before arriving in Bethlehem?
- 10. Name the Christmas song with the initials WIAWW?
- 11. Which 3 dimensional puzzle, sold by Ideal Toy Corp., was the most popular Christmas gift in 1980?
- 12. "There's never really been a real hood Christmas movie" is a quote by which American rapper and actor?
- 13. 'Ilex' is the scientific genus of which type of Christmas foliage?
- 14. Which spirit based sauce is traditionally poured over Christmas pudding?
- 15. In the Christmas song 'Jingle Bells', how many horses pulled the sleigh?
- 16. By what other title is the film National Lampoons Christmas Vacation known in the U.K?
- 17. In which year did the US postal system first issue Christmas stamps?
- 18. What MAW was a UK Christmas Number One in 1988 for Cliff Richard?
- 19. He's making a list and he's checking it twice. He's going to know who's naughty and nice is taken from which Christmas song?
- 20. Who played the Grinch in the 2000 film?

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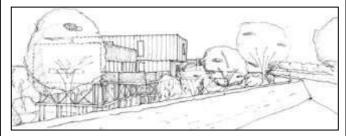


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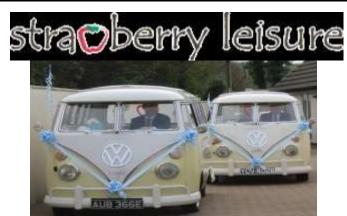
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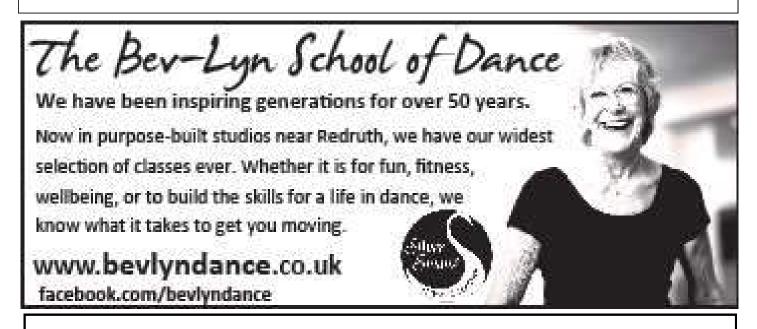
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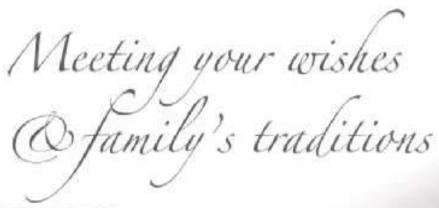
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