

## My Excuse

Sorry to have missed the January deadline  
But my excuse is I just didn't have the time  
To sit down and compose my usual bit of doggerel  
Because as some of you know I'm in pantomime as well  
And from November to December time is taken up rehearsing,  
So for these few weeks I hadn't time for my versing,  
As soon as that was over it was Christmas preparations,  
Writing cards, wrapping presents, and putting up decorations.  
Christmas came and Christmas went and I found out it was too late  
To put pen to paper and compose my verse for the closing date.  
Now it's back to normal and I've lots of time  
To sit quiet and still to compose my rhyme.  
As I've just finished I thought 'ere I go  
I'd jot down a verse that I read long ago:  
A kiss is a very funny thing  
It's no good for one person but fine for two.  
The small get it for nothing,  
But a young man has to ask for it  
And an old man often has to buy it.  
It's a baby's right, and a lover's privilege,  
Also a hypocrite's mask, to a young girl it's faith,  
To a married woman hope, and to an old maid charity.

Jack W.

## RED CROSS

On Saturday 13th February, Miles and Mary Tuely opened their garden for the Red Cross. It was a perfect day. The sun was shining and the masses of snowdrops were glorious. An estimated 130 people visited Hordley, and £440 was raised. Well done all.

Jane Whelan.

At last month's meeting, an officer from the Fire Service told members about the free supply of smoke alarms to their homes. This includes batteries and servicing, which are also free of charge.

At the same meeting, Kate Shelton talked and showed slides of her American trip. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

Clare Stott.

We look forward to welcoming all our Red Cross Week helpers to collect their tins and join us for lunch on 26th April at noon, at the Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock.

Phyllis Alexander.