

Fifield News

Fifield Parish Hall

Very sadly the Trustees have said goodbye to Geoffrey and Lucy Maitland-Smith, who have completed their five-year terms and resigned from the Charity. The whole parish owes them a huge debt of gratitude for so many of the extras that we have in the Hall today.

The Trustees have appointed Jane McWilliam to fill one vacancy and are grateful to her; we wait to hear whether their other approach, to fill the second vacancy, has been successful.

In the meanwhile the Trustees are very pleased to welcome Carolyn Coleman as a volunteer helper, joining David Taylor. There will be some changes to arrangements for the Hall because Lucy was also the Hon. Treasurer and Bookings Secretary. Jonathan Scott-Smith has very kindly agreed to take on the Treasureship. I will deal with all future bookings, as well as continuing to arrange key collections for hirings.

Café Fifi Mark 2

To see how much support and help there will be in the future, Café Fifi (Mark 2) opened its doors on Saturday 25th January. 10am to Noon in the Parish Hall, will be open on the four following Saturdays (**1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February**). There will be tea and coffee, cake, warmth and company and (if we are lucky) toasted tea cakes will be on offer.

Do come and support it, it is a good place to have somewhere to meet friends and neighbours.

Nativity Play

Held in Fifield Church on Sunday 8th December, the Nativity play was much enjoyed. Great credit must go to the cast and all their parents who worked so hard to make the occasion really special. In order of appearance those taking part were:

Narrator - George Orr-Ewing, The Angel Gabriel - Laura Chapel, Mary - Olive James, Joseph - Jack Gore, Signpost - Elliott Large, Mr Innkeeper - Rowan Large, Mrs. Innkeeper - Imogen Hignett, The Star - Cecily Hignett, 1st Shepherd - Alfie Scott-Smith, 2nd Shepherd - Louis James, Balthazar - Ben Chapel, Melchior - Anthony Slater and Gaspar - Matthew Slater.

Help was given by all the parents, who also provided most of the costumes and properties. Tina Palmer helped with costumes, James Chapel and Steve Hignett did the lighting, and Rachel Chapel provided all the refreshments. Thanks to everyone who took part; cast, parents and backstage workers, Mary Champness as the music controller, Celene Wilkinson and her girls who made the Christingles and helped in so many other ways, and of course the Vicar and PCC.

The play was followed by a memorable Christingle Service, as a very suitable way to really begin Christmas preparations.

Catherine Hitchens

Our thanks to John Vickers for the marvellous cartoon illustrating page 9.

He says it is unlikely he will ever again be asked to draw a monkey on a Jack Russell, wetting the leg of a vicar!