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Bridge News: December 2013 /January 2014

- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 7th December – **8am** at 10, Tidkin Lane, kindly hosted for us by Graham and Audrey Johnson of St.Nicholas Church. No Prayer Breakfast in January – have a lie-in!
- **Guiz Kidz / TGI Sunday:** No sessions in December as everyone's busy with Nativity events, but they will be back on January 19th, 10-11.45, Guisborough Methodist church.
- **Costa coffee worship:** Tuesday 17th December, 7pm: A Christmas Costa - all welcome to come along and join in a celebration evening, then start the New Year by putting the first 2014 Costa in your diary for Tuesday 21st January!!
- **Sainsbury's carol-singing:** Friday 13th December 10am-12noon. Sadly we are unable to do the full day this year as many other in-store events are taking place. Let us know if you'd like to come and join us to sing extra gustily for either the first hour, second or both!
- **FoodStop:** as we get into our busy Christmas period, do help us out with special Christmas items such as puddings (large and individual), mince pies, chocolates & sweets, selection boxes, small toys for children. Thank you. Demand for food support increased in Nov.
- **NightLight:** this project has been enthusiastically received by the community, especially the pub owners/doormen. They have already assisted police and ambulance crews with First Aid emergencies. In November they switched to Saturdays to compare the need; if sufficiently staffed they might want to do both evenings. New volunteers have been coming forward; let us know if you'd like to go with the team as an observer one evening.
- **Christmas Day Meal:** still collecting names of guests and helpers – more drivers are always needed; also people to help on Christmas Eve and after 3pm on Christmas Day, tidying up. Rev Isabel Stuart has kindly offered to host the meal this year – a safe pair of hands as Jenny and Shona will both be absent this year.
- **Funding and contracts:** a huge thank you to the many generous people who have responded to our appeal for extra funding to help us deal with the deficit. Thanks to you, the deficit has been converted to an expected credit for the financial year 2013-4. However, we do recognise that achieving sustainability is about cutting costs as well as bringing in extra funds, and to this end, Jenny and Shona have requested a reduction of paid hours from 19 to 16hrs. The trustees have reluctantly agreed to change our contracts accordingly.
- **Kemplah:** we have been fortunate enough to secure a £1000 grant from the Community Health Fund; this will help to cover some of the free activities we offer as well as some of the core costs such as rent. Our Christmas lunch is on **December 18th**, cooked by Rev Isabel Stuart again. Could volunteers let me know their availability for the first half of 2014 please as I should start working on the rota soon.
- **Wish Tokens:** if you are collecting the Gazette Wish tokens for us, the last date is 11th Jan.
- **The Guisborough Christian Fellowship** is having another Open Day from 9.30am till 3.30pm on Saturday 14th December. Lots of things going on for the whole family with food and refreshments being served all day. Everyone welcome!

God bless, *Shona, Jenny, Chloe and Hunter*

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