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Bridge News: February 2015

- **Bridge Barn Dance:** Saturday 31st January, 7.30pm in St. Nicholas Church hall - £8.50 inc pie and peas supper; at time of printing there are still a few tickets left.
- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 7th February – 8am in the Fellowship Room at the Methodist Church – do come along, all most welcome.
- **Christmas Day Meal:** December saw our team working overtime to put on the Christmas Day meal. It was well attended with about 80 participants and a fun, festive time was had by all. Unfortunately illness prevented one of our kitchen stalwarts, Mary Burns, from being there on the day but the team rallied round and Graham, Audrey and newbie David managed to produce delicious plates of food on time. Hope you are feeling better now Mary :)
We haven't got space to mention all the helpers individually but from drivers to bakers, servers to vegetable preparers, washer-uppers to quiz producers, everyone did their bit to make it another wonderful occasion.
- **Kemplah Christmas Lunch:** special thanks to Isabel for cooking us a delicious lunch on 17th Dec and to all who helped on the day, particularly to the local knitting group that provided beautiful blankets, scarves and more for our guests.
- **FoodStop:** December was busy for FoodStop but although the cupboards were depleted by Christmas Day the generosity of members and supporters meant they were soon replenished when we were back 'up and running' in the New Year. The good news is that we're well supported by the wider community now – with food donations coming in from the Enfield Chase Sainsbury's, the library, the new Aldi, the local hospital, Botton Village, the Yoga group, plus churches outside Guisborough and also from people wanting to donate food in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year.
- **Messy Church:** 1st Feb, 3.30-5.30pm, with crafts, stories, games and party tea. We look forward to seeing young people and families there as we look at Noah. Very advance notice of another children's event, our Summer Holiday Club, is that we are going to slightly change things this year. The theme will be Seaside Based but instead of 5 mornings we are going to try 3 days (Mon-Wed), morning and afternoons, the dates will be 3rd to 5th August. More details nearer to the time but just to get the date in your diaries!
- **Costa coffee worship:** Tuesday 17th February from 7pm – we look forward to hearing about our youth-worker Beth's recent time in Tanzania where she has delivered babies and had selfies with elephants apparently!
- **Fundraising:** thank you to all who helped us with our carol-singing, raising a magnificent total of £450 over the two main events. Around £350 was also raised at the Choral Society's Christmas concert where we served refreshments – thank also to those who helped with that evening. We've also had a couple of recent bequests which have helped to stabilise our finances and are making us think prayerfully about future spending. Don't forget to save printer cartridges for us to raise funds and if you've been saving the **Gazette Wish** tokens for us it's important you get them to us by **Friday 20th February** (collecting box in Methodist foyer).
- **Lent 2015:** watch out for news about the Churches Together Shrove Tuesday pancake party (17th) and the ecumenical Lent groups which begin on 26th.

Wishing you every blessing, *Shona, Jenny, Beth and Jamie*

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