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- **NightLight launch:** come and help us to mark the official launch of this new pilot project on **Friday 1st November at 6.30pm** at Guisborough Methodist Church. Representatives from the police and the R&C council will attend – as ever **we need cakes and people to serve refreshments if you can help**. Thank you. Dai Bickham reports on the first night: “Thanks to those on duty last night for our first NightLight! It was quite an exhilarating experience! We got to meet a lot of people and I thought our presence was much appreciated by both the pub security men and the folks we met and chatted to on the street. The tea and coffee 'party' with the family of 7 outside Sunnyfield House was quite surreal . . . as was Rosie being mistaken for 'our Abi' by two people and the arrival of the the Cleveland Archdeacon who came to say 'hello'! If you would like to know more about NightLight you can join the team informally as an observer one night – just get in touch either with us or with Dai.
- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 2nd November – **8am** at the United Reformed Church.
- **Guiz Kidz / TGI Sunday:** Sunday 17th November, 10am – 11.45, Guisborough Methodist Church [last session of 2013 and we plan to look forward to Advent].
- **Youth Worker:** we are delighted to welcome Chloe Gowling to the position of Bridge youth-worker this year. She will be working 4 hrs per week – mainly with Bridge2Youth and TGI Sunday. She has already made a great start, leading a “sensitive” discussion with great maturity.
- **Costa coffee worship:** Tuesday 19th November, 7pm: Come along for worship, chat and a relaxed look at faith. Last month was a wonderful time of sharing with a moving testimony from one of our Youth for Christ Americans, so do join us.
- **FoodStop:** thanks to the generosity of churches and individuals this Harvest our cupboards are well-stocked, though we always run out of the more unusual items such as sponge puddings and tinned potatoes [we are short of these as I write]. The second half of October was busier in terms of customers. This month we have spoken to the Neighbourhood Partnership Team about FoodStop and assisted Whitby in setting up their own foodbank.
- **Bridge AGM:** thank you to all who came along to support us on 14th October. 8 trustees were re-elected and Jeff Cotton of St. Nicholas Church has returned for a second term, we are happy to say. Special thanks to all those who have responded so far to our appeal for extra donors – you have made a huge difference.
- **Christmas Day Meal:** now is the time to let us know if you'd like to come along as a helper or a guest. Be on the look out for any potentially lonely neighbours. Ask us what we still need in terms of food and drink; financial donations always welcome of course! A huge need is for drivers on the day. And this year we are particularly looking out for someone who could act as host on the day (could be a couple or a family); everything of course will be meticulously planned and organised in advance – we just need someone to stand up front on the day and take all the glory! Help with last-minute letter-deliveries and shopping also appreciated.
- **Wish Tokens:** if you are collecting the Gazette Wish tokens for us, the last date is 11th Jan 2014 [we haven't received many yet – watch out for the Bonus days in particular!!]

God bless, Shona, Jenny, Chloe and Hunter