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Bridge News: February 2013

- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 2nd February – **8am** at the Methodist church – all very welcome. Hopefully the snow will have gone by then!
- **Christmas Day Meal:** The Bridge Christmas Day Meal 2012 will be remembered as the one where the Fire Service were called in - though nothing to do with the excellent cooks who despite the delays and excitement still provided the delicious meal on time. 80 people joined us this year for the usual festive fun but just before 12 a fire was spotted in one of the light fitting blocks and everyone had to head outside as we waited for the Fire Service to arrive; excellent work from them and some of our own team ensured the delay to preparations was brief and it certainly added to the day ... I'm sure some of the ladies thought we'd booked the visiting 'men in uniform' especially for them!! The smooth running is a testament to the organisation and dedication of the volunteers, many of whom come year after year, who work hard to produce a wonderful meal at beautifully decorated tables with entertainment and helpful servers/table hosts. Thank you all for your support, both before the day and on the day, as you all help to make this a really special Christmas for the guests.
- **FoodStop:** as predicted, this was extremely busy in the week before Christmas with 60 people receiving food assistance in the one week. Thank you for keeping supplies topped up – incredibly, supply continued to match demand (about 1500 items donated in and gifted out). We have been slightly quieter since Christmas, which is probably because Redcar's Trussell Trust foodbank is beginning to operate. Special thanks to Dave, Alan, Richard and Charlie who have been helping to repair our cupboards after they collapsed under the strain at our busiest time!
- **Sainsbury's:** thank you to all who came and sung your hearts out at our carol-singing event on 17th Dec – we raised the magnificent total of £550 in our buckets, plus a trolley-load of food for FoodStop.
- **Kemplah:** sad times for us at Kemplah as we lost 3 of our ladies over the Christmas period. We miss Ivy, Greta and Nancy terribly and are grateful to their families for donations they've given to Kemplah in their memory.
- **Costa coffee:** The next Costa night will be on Tuesday 19th February from 6.45/7pm: we'll be making a second attempt to put on the session that had to be cancelled in January owing to bad weather – Thad Taylor of Youth for Christ as speaker and the Methodist worship group providing the music.
- **Partylite candle party:** in aid of Bridge funds – Wednesday 20th Feb at 7.30pm at Shona's home, 27 Montagu's Harrier. Let us know if you'd like to come!
- **Guiz Kidz and TGI Sunday:** Sunday 24th February from 10am – 11.45am at the Methodist church.
- **Beer Festival tombola:** we have been offered the opportunity to run the tombola at the Rotary's local beer festival this year – **Friday 5th April** at St.Nicholas Parish Hall – so we'd be grateful if you could start to save up prizes to donate to us – we need lots as we hope to operate an "Everyone a winner" policy!
- **Summer Holiday Club:** save the date! Week commencing **Monday 19th August.**

God bless, *Shona, Jenny, Hannah and Lindsey*