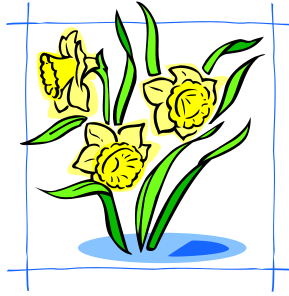




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Bridge News: March 2013

- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 2nd March – **8am** at St.Paulinus R.C. church – do come and join us.
- **FoodStop:** the opening of the Redcar foodbank hasn't really resulted in a big drop for us – we're just getting more local people. Our Job Centre is sending an increasing number of people for food parcels. Tuesdays have been particularly busy in February – with 19 people needing food support on two consecutive weeks. And on 19th Feb our MP Tom Blenkinsop paid a visit; he hopes to come back in the summer and lend a hand! We're also providing advice to church and council groups in Northallerton who are seeking to set up their own foodbank. So keep the food coming in, and *thank you!*
- **New schools projects:** from 5th March we will be piloting a new after-school session beginning at Sleights Court (3.30pm – 4.45pm) building on links Dai and Kath Bickham, and now Lindsey, have made with their work in Loftus. Shona and GMC Lay Worker for Youth David also hope to be involved. Also after half-term our Bridge2Youth team hopes to begin work in Galley Hill School and will be investigating other primary school work. Please pray for these new initiatives.
- **Costa coffee:** The next Costa night will be on Tuesday 19th March from 6.45/7pm: Hannah and the team will be back leading the worship, maybe with a few YFC team members and we will be looking forward to Easter in our talk/chat time.
- **Guiz Kidz and TGI Sunday:** Sunday 17th March from 10am – 11.45am at the Methodist church.
- **Soup and Roll:** there is so much competition on Westgate these days that we often struggle to bring in the revenue we so badly need for our projects. So don't forget us on a Thursday when planning your lunch – come along and enjoy soup, cake and jacket potatoes with us and bring a friend or two!
- **Beer Festival tombola: Friday 5th April** at St.Nicholas Parish Hall – thank you to those who have donated prizes so far but we need lots more! Small prizes for tickets with final digit 1-9 and larger prizes for tickets ending in a 0 (e.g. boxes of chocolates, bottles of wine etc). We probably need about 200 prizes to keep us going all day! And if you'd like to help man the tombola please do let us know.
- **US team visit:** In late May/June we are delighted that the Get Well Rd team will be returning for a second visit. They will be here from the 31st May to June 8th and we will be looking for host homes for this time – if you are interested in hosting we would love to chat with you and would highly recommend the experience.
- **Summer Holiday Clubs:** these run from 19th to 23rd August – the theme is Time Travel and combines ideas from Isaiah and Psalms with the Gospels. Recruiting volunteers now!
- **Christmas Day Meal:** thinking ahead....would anyone be interested in helping to plan and host this event this year? Our December workload has become harder to manage and some support would be appreciated.

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