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Bridge News: November 2012

- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 3rd November – **8am** at 10, Tidkin Lane, the home of Graham and Audrey Johnson from St. Nicholas church – all very welcome.
- **FoodStop:** thank you so much for all your Harvest donations – we're pretty well-stocked at the moment as a couple of churches outside Guisborough supported us this Harvest-time. If anything, we tend to run short of puddings and juice; we have loads of soup and baked beans! We'd like to start collecting special Christmas items for FoodStop – mince pies, puddings, chocolates etc – in readiness for the pre-Christmas rush.
- **Guiz Kidz / T.G.I. Sunday:** Sunday 18th November, 10am to 11.45am in the Guisborough Methodist Church hall. Thank you to those people who responded to our call for help last month! In November we will be thinking about our American friends as we focus on Thanksgiving and also the message from 1 Thess 5: 16-18
- **Costa coffee:** The next Costa night will be on Tuesday 20th November from 6.45/7pm: The theme (like Guiz Kidz) is Thanksgiving: come along for music, chat and fellowship 😊
- **Christmas Day Meal:** this is a mammoth feat of organisation every year, so do let us know if you'd like to help in any way: food prep, serving, driving, funding. And if you know of anyone who will be on their own this Christmas and might like to come along, just get in touch.
- **Chatroom:** because of changes in school needs we no longer have access to the youth centre on Wednesdays so Chatroom as we know it is taking a break but we are working with the school to see what other possibilities there might be for liaison. We hope that we can maintain links with the young people we have worked with over the last few years.
- **Safe Families for Children (www.safefamiliesforchildren.com):** a new Tees Valley project that is starting in Middlesbrough then spreading out. The aim is to provide support for families when a crisis strikes, allowing parents the opportunity to get sorted before neglect or abuse might occur. Safe Families would train 'host families' from the local churches and then they could provide a place for children to stay (mainly short-term) as the parents are helped to look at the issues and difficulties. This idea of the churches becoming involved with the local government comes from a project in Chicago which had a significant impact. They are currently recruiting people to train as Hosts or Family Friends - the latter will provide mentoring support to the parents and possibly friendship support like babysitting - so if you are interested pop in for more information at Coffee Morning / Soup and Roll or visit the website.
- **Cathy Crabb:** we are sad to report the death on 13th October of Cathy Crabb, Project Development Worker 2006-7. She helped to lay down the foundations of so much of the work we do today and we give thanks for her life of faith and commitment. We ask you to join us in prayer for her family at this time.
- **AGM:** we are delighted to welcome Ian McLean of St. Paulinus R.C. church to our Board of Trustees, voted in at the recent, very well-attended (thank you!) AGM.
God bless, Shona, Jenny, Hannah and Lindsey