



# News and Notes



for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock December 2013

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## News & Notes

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## Christmas

I must confess that my original piece for this section of News and Notes was very silly. Having had a number of sleepless nights wondering whether I should leave it in, I finally decided to relegate it to a postscript at the foot of the back page. If you decide to read it, please don't think too badly of me. The sentiment expressed therein is sincere, if obscure!

Now I have the rest of the space left here, after inclusion of all the church services below, to say something a little more worthy, may I draw attention to those services and all the other Christmas activities included in this edition. There's Carol Services, carol singing and carol concerts and, of course, services on Christmas Day. They all give an opportunity to reflect on what is, for some, the most important aspect of Christmas; that's the celebration of God's gift to us through the birth of his Son, Jesus. You'll be very welcome at any of the services below to join in that aspect of the festivities.

I do recognise, of course, that the celebration of Christmas entails many other elements, including the gathering together of family and friends, cards, gifts, food, drink, decorations and, generally, a lot of fun. You'll find my best wishes for all these in my last page PS!

*Editor*

## Church of England Services

|   |  |  |  |                            |
|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm | Parish Communion<br>Family Service<br>Parish Communion<br>Evensong (BCP)         | Britford<br>Nunton<br>Coombe Bissett<br>Homington            | DH<br>AT<br>JT/DH<br>RW/LB |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                                      | 10.00am                                | Messy Church (see Regular Events)  | Nunton   |                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am           | Parish Communion<br>Choral Matins<br>Family Service                              | Odstock<br>Charlton All Saints<br>Coombe Bissett             | DH<br>DB<br>JT             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent | 9.30am<br>11.00am                      | Parish Communion<br>Family Communion   | Nunton<br>Homington  | DH<br>RW                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent | 9.30am<br>4.00pm<br>6.00pm<br>6.00pm   | Parish Communion<br>Carols, Readings and Music<br>Carol Service<br>Carol Service | Charlton All Saints<br>Britford<br>Odstock<br>Coombe Bissett | DH<br>JT<br>RW<br>JT       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Christmas Eve                    | 6.00pm<br>11.00pm                      | Nine Lessons and Carols<br>Midnight Eucharist                                    | Homington<br>Coombe Bissett                                  | JT<br>JT/RW                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Christmas Day                    | 8.00am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am | Holy Communion (BCP)<br>Family Communion<br>Family Communion<br>Family Service   | Homington<br>Charlton All Saints<br>Nunton<br>Coombe Bissett | RW<br>RW<br>RW<br>JT       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> December<br>1 <sup>st</sup> after Christmas  | 10.00am                                | Benefice Communion   | Odstock  | JT                         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Epiphany                           | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm | Parish Communion<br>Family Service<br>Parish Communion<br>Evensong (BCP)         | Britford<br>Nunton<br>Coombe Bissett<br>Homington            | JT<br>AT<br>RW<br>JT       |

DH = Canon David Henley, RW = Revd Rick Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor  
AT = Adrian Taylor, DB = Denis Blake (BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

## Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

*Jill Dodd*

The 11<sup>th</sup> November meeting was opened by the President, Elizabeth Cutter. Jennifer Cowan had provided an appropriate flower arrangement for the President's table, as we were to have a minute's silence at 11 o'clock. Announcements were given about our various activities: theatre, book club, Scrabble, skittles, walking and gardening. Particular emphasis was made on our forthcoming Christmas lunch. It is to be held in the Theological College on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Susie Appleford has been responsible for the arrangements, with the help of Susan and Maria Amey, Sue Humbley and Julie Hatchman. We had a marvellous response for our charity this year; it is Morning Star. Also, since introducing a competition each month for ACWW, donations have risen considerably for this charity. Thanks were extended to everyone.

14 members had attended the ACM and enjoyed Eric Morecambe's daughter's talk on Life With Eric. Other county and local events were announced, including a fashion show and winter willow weaving. These were well supported. The Downland Group's competition of a homemade Christmas card had been taken up by Julia Joynt and Diane Crump; Diane won last year with her Advent Calendar.

After 11 o'clock and social time with coffee and biscuits, we assembled for a talk with one of our own members: Hazel Docherty a London Blue Badge guide. She spoke about the development of the Olympic site and her own role there. She also takes groups to Parliament, Bath, Stonehenge and Salisbury. She described the original choice of venue for the games as a derelict and dirty industrial place, and the buildings that arose from it as a Phoenix. We heard about future plans for the site which will be re-opening in Spring 2014 as the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Susie Appleford give a vote of thanks on our behalf.

## Mercy Ships

*Stephanie Elcock*

A very big 'Thank You' to all of those who supported me on my trip to work on Africa Mercy in Congo Brazzaville. I had an amazing and inspiring time - to be a part of a multinational Christian based community that is providing effective humanitarian care was a great privilege.

I would very much like to have a further opportunity to volunteer, but that must wait until after our return from sailing around Cape Horn! (Updates on our progress should be available at [www.jst.org.uk-news-ships](http://www.jst.org.uk-news-ships) updates).

We plan to hold an evening at the Radnor Hall in March to entertain you with tales from both nautical adventures - date to be announced in February's News and Notes.

## Britford Harvest Lunch

*Peggy Knight*

Many thanks for all those who came and supported us. We made £234 for church funds.

**Laudamus**

## Carol Concert

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - 6:30pm  
St Andrew's Church, Nunton**

*A short concert, with some unusual carols interspersed with readings and a solo or two.*

Tickets £8 to include light refreshments  
Under 18s free

Contacts: Jenny Davis - 01425 652292  
Christine Wilson - 01425 653733

Tickets also available from  
Julia Joynt (01722 329782)  
of Nunton, who will be performing

*Proceeds to be shared with the Parish*

## The Radnor Arms

*Chris Whalley*

As many will know, Ken and Cathy Jelfs have decided to retire from pub life, and will, therefore, be leaving the Radnor Arms and heading to darkest Somerset in the New Year. In the meantime, the Estate is working hard to find suitable replacements to look after the pub into the future. As soon as we have any definite news on this front, we shall broadcast it. In the meantime be assured that at The Radnor Arms it will be business as usual, and Ken and Cathy would love to see you there as much as possible before they go.

## Book Launch

**at the Radnor Arms  
on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00 - 7.30pm**

## "Scurry goes to Salisbury"

*by Richard Morgan*

A brilliant and different Christmas present for 8-13 year olds and maybe for 70-85 year olds.

*A great story of a boy and his dog  
Easy to read  
Inspires an interest in history  
Stunning illustrations*

## Remembrance Service Thanks

*Denis Blake*

It was a real joy to have such a full church here in **Charlton All Saints** on Remembrance Sunday: there were not far short of 100 people attending. I do hope that you will all be interested to know that the collection taken at the service amounted to £480.28. This sum was passed over in full to the Royal British Legion's local organiser, Bryan Morris, together with the three Charlton collecting tins. As the church collection came from Nunton, Britford, Odstock and Charlton All Saints parishioners it is only right that all should know the sum of their generosity. Thank you, and God bless.

## Longford C of E Primary School

November has been a busy month and Key Stage 1 and 2 children have taken part in a 'Victorian' Day at the Salisbury Cathedral Education Centre; Key Stage 2 children took part in a 'Crime and Punishment Day' and the Key Stage 1 children 'Victorian Child'. This was followed by the same two classes going to the Salisbury Museum to continue their topic work. For the second half of term we have been able to offer a Sports Club and Athletics Club after school. Parents had the opportunity to visit the school for a parents evening with their children's teachers. Some of the Key Stage 2 children took part in a High Five's Netball Festival at Trafalgar School. Friends of Longford School organised a non-uniform day to raise 'chocolate' for the FOLS Christmas Fair at the end of the month.

We are pleased to report that the Longford site at Odstock will be a nursery starting in January 2014 and this will be managed by Bourne Valley Nursery Group. If you would like to make enquiries please email: [enquiries@bourne-valley-nursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bourne-valley-nursery.co.uk)

Mrs Cockrean welcomes new families to come along and look around the school for places for September 2014 or now. If you would like a tour please ring and make an appointment: 01722 327292 – website – [www.longford.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.longford.wilts.sch.uk)

### December Dates:

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Open the Book Assembly – *The Unforgiving Servant*  
Dental Screening for the whole school

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>*

Open the Book Assembly – *Everyone Gets the Same*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec*

Nativity Performance – Britford Memorial Hall

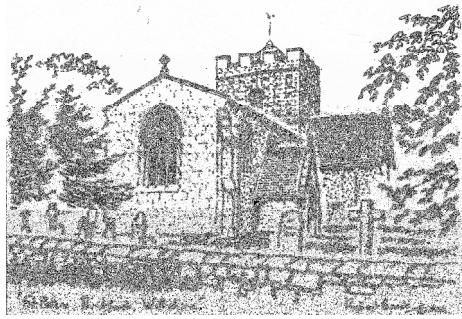
*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>*

Longford Carol Service – Britford Church

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup>*

FOLS Christmas Lunch - End of Term

## Britford Church



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00pm**

### **A Service of Family Carols and Christmas Readings and Music**

with Hattie Ladbury  
and members of Sarum Voices  
*followed by Mulled Wine and Refreshments*

## Odstock Parish Council

The next scheduled OPC meeting is in the Barker Room, Nunton at 7:30pm on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. One of the main items on the agenda will be to determine OPC's share of the Council Tax for 2014 - 2015.

As usual, the meeting Agenda will be published on the Village Notice Boards by 1<sup>st</sup> December, at the latest.

*Please contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on 01794 341405 or [OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO](mailto:OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO)*

## Carol Singing

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm, Odstock** - meet at the Crossroads,

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm, Nunton** - meet at the Orchard,

**23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm, Bodenham** - meet at the Old Post Office, and finish there too with a touch of Christmas Joy! Bodenham's a particularly good location for children to participate. Ring Debby (01722 329769), if you're planning to come.

Wrap up warm and bring a torch!

We will be collecting for **Embrace**, the Christian charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East.

## 2014 Calendar Available Now!

With each individual month the calendar features a different pattern, all created from original pictures of **Nunton** and **Odstock** taken by *Francesca Warley*.

The images have been manipulated to create the finished illusions. If you can't recognise the places, the names are given!



*The top of Yew Tree Hill*

The calendar can be seen at the *Radnor Arms*, the *Yew Tree Inn* or at the *Radnor Hall Panto* (28/29/30 Nov).

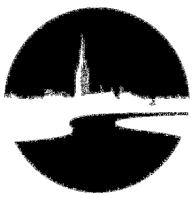
*To place an order, email or phone (see below), with a name, telephone number and address.*

Orders can be taken until **15<sup>th</sup> December** and soon after then I will distribute them in plenty of time for Christmas.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries/requests.

*Calendar price:- £12.00*

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## BRITFORD MEMORIAL & COMMUNITY HALL

### Thursday 12 December 2013 Christmas Carols with the Cherubini Choir of the Salisbury Cathedral School

5.45pm for 6.00pm

*including mulled wine and mince pies*

This is the third of our hugely popular annual Carol Concerts with the Choir and is a traditional family Christmas sing-a-long. *Tickets: £7.00*

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Friday 24th January 2014, 7.00 - 11.00pm

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### Chalke Valley Ladies Choir

### A Christmas Concert



in aid of the The Scanner Appeal

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm  
in the Village Hall Broad Chalke

Tickets £7 (including refreshments)  
from Chalke Valley Stores or on the door

### Nunton Church cards

As last year we shall have available a good quality card depicting a Nativity scene taken from the 1933 stained glass window at the east end of the chapel. The subject is particularly suitable for Christmas but usable at other times with the inside pages left blank for the sender's own message. The cards will be available from early November, at the church or through Harry Joynt, in packs of five with envelopes at £4 or singly at £1 each, with a few of larger size at £2 each. Proceeds will go to The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and to other charities.

### David Henley

As many will know, our Team Rector, Canon David Henley, is retiring, and will take his last service on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014, at 10.00am at Broad Chalke.

As David and Margaret will be moving and downsizing, the gift from the Chalke Valley will be in the form of cash to help with that process. Gifts may be passed to your PCC Treasurer, or direct to Roger Ladbury, the Benefice Treasurer.

Services at the eastern end which David takes from now on will be his last ones in each church, and will give us all an opportunity to say goodbye. We are also planning a combined eastern end event for some time in January.

Also, what is being called *David's Last Supper* will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Broad Chalke Village Hall with Supper and an entertaining talk about ministry and more in the Chalke Valley! Tickets £10 and on sale 1<sup>st</sup> December from - Broad Chalke Shop, Caroline Lamb, Fiona Stacey, Ruth Morgan, Debby Underhill and Wendy Duke.

### Britford Christmas Bazaar

Britford Memorial and Community Hall  
Saturday 7th December, 2.00pm - 5.00pm

*Stalls, Christmas Decorations,  
Lucky Dip, Raffle, Refreshments*

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*Proceeds in aid of Britford Church Funds*

*Chalke Valley Churches Together*

### Messy Church

St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room

for parents, grandparents and child carers  
with their children 0 - 5 years

Monday 2nd December from 10am – 12 noon  
Theme – Christmas

It will involve coffee/ tea, chat, activities for the children, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. Lots of fun and laughter. There is no charge, but donations towards expenses will be most welcome. Do encourage your friends to come.

*For more details and please let us know if you are  
coming by ringing Debby on 01722 329769  
or Marian on 01722 335685*

### Christmas Tree Shredding

Porton Garden Centre  
Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, 9.00am to 4.00pm  
Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> January, 11.00am to 4.00pm

The shredding is kindly provided by  
Mark Jones & Son at Porton (Tel 01980 610250)  
*Donations to Riding for the Disabled, Wilton  
would be appreciated.*

## Surviving Winter

Did you know that 35,500 households in Wiltshire are living in fuel poverty and half of those households belong to older people? Did you know there were 262 excess winter deaths in Wiltshire last year, according to the Office for National Statistics?

These mainly older and vulnerable people would not have died if they had been able to keep warm and heat their homes.

The Wiltshire Community Foundation is launching their **Surviving Winter Appeal** for the fourth year running. Raising £70,000 last year, we supported 338 households by giving grants for fuel, blankets and electricity. By working in partnership with Age UK and the Citizens Advice Bureau, additional support for those in need was also provided, helping those in need stay warm and well.

We do not believe people should have to make the choice of "Heat or Eat".

If you would like to support a local cause this Christmas, please consider the **Surviving Winter Appeal**. 100% of your donation goes directly and only to someone in Wiltshire who really needs it. If you can afford to live comfortably this winter, please help someone who can't.

If you are eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment and don't need it, please send a cheque for the equivalent amount you receive to *WSCF Sandcliffe House, 21 Northgate Street, Devizes SN10 1JX* marking the envelope 'Surviving Winter'. You can donate online by going to [www.wscf.org.uk](http://www.wscf.org.uk) and click on the **Surviving Winter** link or pay by credit card via 01380 729284.

## RADNOR ARMS



**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Steak Night**  
£9.95

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> December - Book Launch** (see p2)

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December - Mussels & Frites**  
£9.95

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December - Seafood Platter**  
Lobster, Crab, King Prawns, Mussels

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December - Surf and Turf**  
Steak Rib, Big Prawns

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> December - Steak & Kidney Pudding**  
£10.95

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> December - Salvation Army Band**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Meal**  
4 courses - £50

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> December - Steak Night**  
£9.95

**Please call 01722 329722 to book**

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## Pumpkin Competition

*Mike and Rebecca Smith*

Thank you to everybody who supported this year's Grand Pumpkin Competition and attended the weigh-in at the Radnor Arms on 27 October. We had two adult winners - Julie Poynton and Colin Lucas whose pumpkins weighed 38 lbs each, but Emily Milsom (aged 5) was overall winner with her pumpkin weighing 41 lbs! We raised £90 which will once again be donated to Messy Church.

## Downton Band Concert

**Charlton All Saints Church**

**4th December - 7.30pm**

**Stirring Music**

**Tasty, Seasonal Refreshments - Raffle**

No admission charge. A collection will be made and divided between the Band and the Church

*Presents for the Women's Refuge would be appreciated. Please wrap gifts and label them for mother, girl, boy, as appropriate.*

*Calling all children under 12.....*

## Christmas Biscuit Decorating

**in the Coffee Shop, Broad Chalke on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm**

**50p per biscuit - We provide the biscuits and decorations, you do the work!**

## Yew Tree Inn

**Odstock - 01722 329786**

## Christmas Parties

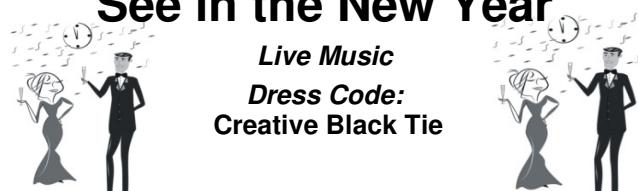
*Three courses with coffee and mince pie - £21.95 from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Join us to get into the Festive Spirit.*

*Please ring to book.*

*See the full menu on  
[www.theyewtreeinnodstock.com](http://www.theyewtreeinnodstock.com)*

## See in the New Year



Tickets are £10 each to include a glass of bubbly on arrival, evening canapés and another glass of bubbly on the bells.

*Limited numbers, so please get your ticket from the pub well in advance to avoid disappointment.*

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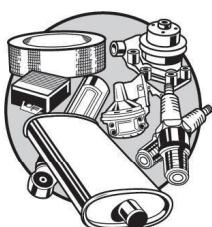
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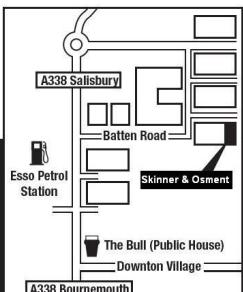
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*Please collect between 9am and 6pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December unless otherwise agreed.*

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## Regular Events

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| WI   | Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham   |
| Singing Group                                | Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862   |
| Messy Church                                 | 10am - 12noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Marian on 01722 335685. Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas</i>   |
| Tiny Tots                                    | Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchitton - 01722 502026)   |
| Zumba Dance Fitness Class!                   | Britford Memorial Hall on Mondays and Radnor Hall, Bodenham on Thursdays, both classes 7.30-8.30pm.  |
| Mobile Library                               | Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December)<br>Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (18 <sup>th</sup> December)  |
| Acorn Club                                   | Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard   |
| Open Circle<br>Folk Dancing/<br>Local Vocals | Dancing: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall<br>Local Vocals: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall<br>Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871   |
| Village Prayers                              | If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to <a href="mailto:villageprayers@live.com">villageprayers@live.com</a> or come along. <b>Next meeting: 7.00pm - 19<sup>th</sup> December- Barker Room, Nunton</b> |

## Diary Dates

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|---------------------------|--|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Downton Band Concert, Charlton All Saints, 7.30pm                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Book Launch, Radnor Arms, 6.00 - 7.30pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )                        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Bazaar, Britford, 2.00pm to 5.00pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Concert, Broad Chalke Village Hall, 3.00pm ( <i>see page 4</i> )           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Carols, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 5.45pm ( <i>see page 4</i> ) |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | Laudamus Carol Concert, St Andrew's, Nunton 6.30pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Carol Singing, Odstock, 6.30pm - meet at the Crossroads ( <i>see page 3</i> )        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Carol Singing, Nunton, 7.00pm - meet at the Orchard ( <i>see page 3</i> )            |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> December | Carol Singing, Bodenham, 6.00pm - meet at the Old Post Office ( <i>see page 3</i> )  |

**PS** When I was a boy, my Auntie Edie quite often gave me a home-knitted jumper for Christmas. You won't be surprised to hear that they never came with washing instructions. I was interested to see that, had she been in production today, she would have been able to reproduce any instructions required, on her computer. Yes, among those hundreds of available fonts from which to choose when putting in text, there's one called **TextilePIEF**, which gives all those symbols you see on clothes' labels. If you choose this font, and input **T**, for example, you get the symbol indicating a 40° wash. If you're after something a little cooler, then go for **S**. I do hope, if you get any Christmas presents this year which have washing instructions, you'll like them at least as much I as I liked Auntie Edie's jumpers. In any event, whatever presents may come your way, and perhaps a little early, I wish you a very

