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Yes it is the time when the air feels frosty (well it certainly did with the dusting of snow at the end of November), sparkling lights are scattering homes across the village and thoughts turn to hopefully getting together.

This festive edition of the newsletter celebrates everything magical that Sydenham brings to this time of the year. Of course, there is an account of the Remembrance Service. This year there was an interesting slant and twist to the occasion, as someone investigating their ancestry was visiting that weekend and ended up finding out more than

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JUNIOR REPORTERS

Sydenham Newsletter is looking to have an on-going feature by a Junior Reporter. Ideally we would like a different young person each edition to write about something they are interested in. It could be...

Something that has happened to them
Somewhere they have been
Something they have done
Anything that inspires them!

they imagined and actually meeting a distant relative. They kindly jotted down their experience and outlined their connection to Sydenham too – an interesting and intriguing read! We also share a myriad of the other fun going-ons we have been enjoying including the Cricket Club Dinner, Halloween Quiz and more.

A massive shout out to the Parish Council team too, as they have been diligently working on a number of projects, several of which feel like they have made significant progress on. And excitingly we have some news on just a few of the newcomers to the village in Sydenham Grove. We will be hoping to share more about the other new residents when they move in and I get a chance to catch up with them. I am also going to be joined by a **little superstar** for the next few months as Lucy Roe is volunteering to become an integral part of the editorial team while working towards her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. She kicks off her journalistic journey with an account of the daffodil planting. If I can, I may well try to get her to join me for evermore!

Thoughts currently are that this edition will cover us through to January and so I am looking to get another newsletter out in February. **We are always on the look out for news bits and pieces** and I would still love to have a Junior Reporter doing a little account on something that interests them. So, if you have some mini-me's in the house, do encourage them to write a little piece, take a picture and share it with us.

And for the big-me's it would also be fabulous if you could share with me any news, thoughts, upcoming dates or anything else you think may be of interest by the end of **Friday 28th January**. Feel free to send them to me at rachel@curvemarketing.net

And with that, thank you so much to everyone that has been involved in this edition of the newsletter and I wish you all a wonderful, merry festive period.

Rachel



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church NEWS

AMNESTY PERIOD FOR LIGHTS! DECORATING OUR CHURCHYARDS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

We really appreciate how well so many of the graves in our churchyards are looked after. It's brilliant to see the splashes of colour that the flowers bring.

Our churchyards are not municipal cemeteries and so we do try to stick to the rules that the Church of England sets out.

We understand that it's important for many to decorate the grave sites of loved ones particularly at poignant times of the year such as Christmas.

We would like to offer you an amnesty for putting lights on the graves of your loved ones throughout December. We would really appreciate it if the lights could be removed by the twelfth day of Christmas (6th January).

Where possible we encourage you to use decorations made from natural materials such as wreaths, wood and real plants and small trees (under 2ft). We are committed to reducing the use of plastic in our churchyards, so please avoid plastic items, if possible.

Please call Reverend Jacky, if you would like to discuss this further on **01844 352027**.

With prayers

*The Rector and
Churchwardens*



UNITED PARISH GIFT DAY

The four churches of our United Parish of Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell support the local communities by providing regular services, weddings, baptisms, funerals and other events. The current cost of continuing such support is circa £144,000 per year for maintenance, heating, lighting and insurances.

The income to cover these costs comes mainly from the regular giving of the church congregations. This is currently borne by circa 170 regular worshippers and supporters. The congregations in total regularly give £80,000 per year, so the remaining £64,000 income per year required to meet the remaining costs has to be sought elsewhere. The clergy and congregations are committed to keeping our churches open, so the United Parish Gift Day is an opportunity for the wider community to recognise the role of the churches and enable the continuation of the full range of services by providing monetary gifts to help meet the full income requirement each year.

Thank you for supporting the United Parish.

CONTINUING TO MAKE OUR CHURCHES AVAILABLE

In the light of the rising number of Covid cases, I've consulted with the ministry team and our churchwardens and at the moment Sunday service arrangements are going to remain broadly as they are. So, please do remember to bring a mask with you and to sanitise your hands as you arrive and leave. We will return to picking up a pot containing the communion wafer as you arrive, to reduce the amount of movement around the church and to shorten the service. Please also continue to socially distance yourselves from other households as much as possible. In some situations this obviously may not be possible, and where it isn't, try and sit in a staggered formation.

There are other measures that we may need to put in place quickly and I'd ask for your patience and understanding if you arrive at church and discover that:

- We are stricter about seating
- Refreshments after service will not be served
- Number of hymns are to be reduced
- Track and trace reintroduced
- Number of people in the churches may be controlled

Hopefully we won't need them. Throughout the pandemic we have shown that we are a careful and responsible community who is respectful of each other.

church NEWS cont.



We just need to continue that and be mindful there are also some in our community who are very vulnerable (even after being vaccinated) and those who may not be able to be vaccinated for sound medical reasons. Let's follow this advice from St Paul:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 5:3-5)

With many blessings

Jacky

A little reminder on upcoming services over the Christmas festivities and beyond:

DECEMBER

Sun 12th 4.00pm – Christmas Carols

Fri 24th 4.00pm – Crib Service

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

JANUARY

Sun 2nd 9.00am – Holy Communion
BCP

Sun 16th 4.00pm – Christingle

Sun 30th 10.30am – United Parish
Service at St. Andrew's

Would you like some fun, friendly and festive company this Christmas Day?

If you are going to be on your own, then Chinnor Community Christmas would like to invite you to spend some time with us on this special day for lunch, and entertainment at Chinnor Village Centre from 12-3pm and all we require in return, is your presence! If you, or someone who you know might like to take up this offer, then let us know! We have spaces available for residents of Chinnor and the surrounding parishes who otherwise might feel isolated. If you do not fancy a lunch or have already made plans, then you might like to offer to volunteer for an hour or so throughout the afternoon or maybe helping with some preparation before the day! All offers welcome. Please contact info@villagecentre.org for details and an application for the best lunch date in Chinnor.

parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS



OPENREACH HIGH SPEED FIBRE BROADBAND TO PROPERTIES

It is great news on this front, as the Central Government (DCMS) has approved the Sydenham scheme for delivery and allocated the necessary funding. A big thank you to everyone for validating their vouchers, as this means that Openreach will undertake the project at their commercial risk together with the Government funding. As a result, Openreach will now be moving into delivery mode, so you should see Openreach vans in the village doing surveys over the next few weeks, hopefully culminating in delivery in the second quarter of next year. It has not been an easy process over the last 9 months and as a result of some complications with Openreach, we ended up referring the project to their Chief Executive. This ended up assisting in us getting an accelerated approval through DCMS. As a result, this has been very fortunate as we now believe that approvals have slowed down considerably due to budgeting issues at DCMS.

Mike

THE JAYS FOOTPATH TRANSFORMATION

Work has finished on the upgrading of the Jays footpath/bridleway, which most of you will know has become almost impassable during some of the winter months. Huge thanks to Garth Weston - the landowner - for making this happen, with the support of the Parish Council.

Paul Grafham has done an outstanding job in reprofiling the footpath and recreating a drainage ditch and then Paul & Harry Grafham, Dave Wilkins, John Church, Nigel Lamb and Duncan MacDonald did a brilliant job with a digger, dumpers and a roller to lay and compact 80 tonnes of hardcore supplied by Garth. While country footpaths by their very nature are never going to perfect, we hope this will now mean that The Jays footpath can be used throughout the year that no one has a need to consider using any other unauthorised routes.

Thanks everyone for your huge effort and we hope you enjoy using the footpath.



before



after

parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS *cont.*

PLAYING FIELD AND DRAINAGE DITCH

WA very successful working party tackled strimming and weeding to tidy up the perimeter - many thanks to the volunteers. The hedges have been cut, and a stretch of 20-30m plus infill marked for replanting in February.

The fencing around the drainage ditch adjacent to the playing field has been in place since the drainage works on the corner of Sewells lane. During excavation, the contractor came up against a number of utilities that were not identified during the trial pit investigations phase last year. Unfortunately, these utilities were at the same level where the new pipe was to run. This meant that the pipe had to be directed under these utilities to ensure adequate fall. Because of this, it meant that the level of the out fall into the ditch was a lot lower than it should have been.

Discussions with the contractor, resulted in the only real option being to install a crate system at the end of the new pipe and a large perforated 300mm pipe along the extent of the ditch connected to the crates. This will give plenty of capacity during rainfall and will act as a large soakaway which will slowly soak. The ditch will then be reinstated over the top to bring the ditch back to its original level. The only thing you will see once complete is a chamber at one end of the ditch which will be for maintenance access.

The works are due to commence on Monday 13th December and whilst traffic management measures will be in place there will not be a road closure.

CHICANE ON B4445

Chinnor PC are in the process of installing traffic calming measures at the entrances to the village. After much communication this includes looking positively at incorporating the proposed chicane on the B4445 on the Chinnor side of the Emmington junction to this project. This will use funding the PC have already secured.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Now the field hedges have all been cut the ditches will be cleared ready for the winter rains. The pipe that runs from the village green, which was blocked last year and resulted in the reinstatement of the village pond on the green, is due to be cleared too.

20'S PLENTY

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is one of the first counties to consider widespread changes from 30mph to 20mph. The plan is to roll out 20mph over the next three years. Initially there are five trial sites, Cuxham, followed by Wallingford Central, Wallingford North, Kirtlington and Long Wittenham. The reason for the test is to determine the success of just replacing existing signage with 20mph. The pilot tests will measure traffic speeds before and after the signage change. If there is very little change then OCC will consider low-cost traffic calming which measures developed with the local community.

Sydenham Parish Council has applied for the Parish to be included in the scheme. We have a history of measures to help reduce speeding in the village, including the recent installation of traffic calming measures, and need to continue with such initiatives to be considered for the scheme. Once accepted we will communicate with villagers as to how they can help to reduce speed through the village.

SMALL BUSINESS? OXLEP ARE OFFERING SUPPORT AND GRANTS

No business owner, whether a sole trader or Managing Director, needs to face their challenges alone. The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) has funding available to support all SMEs in Oxfordshire. Our support can start out as simply as a one to one chat with a business advisor on a specific issue, and develop into ongoing engagement, support and grants to develop and deliver plans for innovation and growth.

Many businesses have faced unprecedented challenges over the last 18 months, and the latest COVID-19 concerns may well be adding more pressure. Or your business may be thriving and you need to grow. Either way, get in touch with OxLEP and we can work through your challenges and ambitions together. There will be tens of reasons why you think you can't commit to engaging with business support right now.

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planning IN SYDENHAM



P21/S2977/HH AND P21/S2978/LB FORGE COTTAGE, SYDENHAM ROAD, OX39 4LT

Double storey side extension (amended plans received 23 August 2021 showing reduction to depth of proposed rear extension and reduction to height of proposed side extension with a single storey rear aspect and rear dormer. Further amended plans received 23 September 2021 detailing further external works proposed).

SODC decision - planning permission **granted**

sydenham WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had a very enjoyable evening in November when people brought along such things as a favourite poem, book, family stories or told us about a great holiday. We even had a really funny piece that was given to a bride entitled 'How to preserve your husband'. It was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We're having our 'Christmas Picnic' in the OSR on 9th December, so will tell you all about that in the next edition. Our January meeting will feature our very own rector, Jacky, who is coming talk about, 'What the rector didn't know when she took the job'. This is a move up from the talk she had been going to give us, but had to be cancelled, last year - that was to have been about being the curate!

If you would like to come along or would like to find out more, just drop a note to: SydenhamWI@gmail.com - we'd love to hear from you.

Siobhan



out AND ABOUT



A VISITOR TO OUR SERVICE

On Remembrance Sunday, I attended the service outside St Mary's Church in Sydenham. I live in the North-West on the Wirral and have been researching my family tree for several years. I had always intended to visit Sydenham because my mother's maiden name was Mundy and the research traced my family back to Sydenham with births, marriages and burials at St Mary's. What was great about visiting on this day was that there were local people outside the church and I was introduced to villager, Val Mundy. She was so helpful!

A bit of further research on Ancestry.com revealed that I am related to Val's husband, David Munday- we are 4th cousins and whilst that may seem a little distant, we share so much of the history of Sydenham. Val showed me round the churchyard where I could instantly spot the names of the Munday's, Chowns and Quaintons that are in my family tree. David and I shared a common ancestor called Stephen Munday who lived in Sydenham between 1802 and 1875. He's my 4th Great Grandfather and David's 3rd Great Grandfather. My branch of the Mundays (now Mundy) moved to Liverpool for work in the 1880s and there are lots of us spread across Liverpool, the UK, Canada and USA with branches in NZ and Australia. Fiona Kermack kindly showed me the Book of Marriages at St Mary's where I instantly found the marriage record for my Great Great Grandfather Benjamin Munday.

In Sydenham, my Mundy's lived in Brookstones and on the High Street and at Waterloo Farm, probably now lost. They were agricultural labourers, lacemakers and were in service at Shirburn Castle. Going back further than our common ancestor Stephen Munday, I have traced the tree back a long way. I can trace Sydenham/Chinnor Munday's back to 1563 with Robert Munday my 11th Great Grandfather.

These are also David's common direct lines. I can get back 6 more generations to 1400 and those 6 generations came from High Wycombe so not that far away.

The most notable Mundy was my 13th Great Grandfather Sir John Mundy. He was born in Wycombe, son of John Munday. He purchased the manor of Markeaton in 1516 as well as Mackworth and Allestree, which are all now parts of Derby from Lord Audley. In 1515 he served as a Sheriff of the City of London. Seven years later he became the Lord Mayor of London and was knighted in 1529. He died in 1538 in Derby. He was a Goldsmith.

The photo is myself and Val by one of the Munday gravestones. It was an unexpected bonus to actually meet a living relative on my trip. Can I thank Val and Fiona for their interest and time on the day and if anyone else has any Munday information or knows where Waterloo Farm was, could they let Val know, to pass on to me.

Nicky Parker (Mundy)

HOWZAT... WELL IT WAS THE CRICKET CLUB DINNER!

True to form, the Cricket Club Dinner was a very lively and boisterous evening in The Crown. Awards were given out, some more flattering than others! BVOP award to Tony Blakeley – he received a lovely walking stick. BVOP standing for Best Very Old Player. While Mark Jones tried hard to leave his ARSE award in the pub but fortunately was re-united with it the following week! A great evening with friends – thanks to Pete, Tina and their team for a fab night.

Dan



out AND ABOUT cont.

DAFFODIL PLANTING!

More fantastic news, on the 21st of November a team of volunteers from all across the village planted over 600 daffodil bulbs at the Stert end of the village (also known by dog walkers as Squirrel alley!).

The daffodil bulbs were donated by the amazing Sydenham Fayre and were planted by 11 helpful volunteers. These daffodils came in a beautiful range of colors and will give the entrance of the village an amazing, welcoming feel with all of these happy colors to brighten up the Spring when it comes!

On the autumnal morning when they were planted I got a chance to speak to Mike May from the Parish Council and he said:

“It will look absolutely fab having a line of flowers coming into the village. It will really brighten up the banks and set the village off as you arrive.”

I think that the daffodils will definitely brighten up the village and bring a kind, welcoming look to it.

Resident Junior Contributor

Lucy Roe



SYDENHAM GROVE

Well, I would be surprised if you had not noticed, but Sydenham Grove is slowly welcoming some new residents and so we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to both welcome them to the village and also share a little about them. Some homes are still to be moved into or whenever I have knocked people have not been in, so I thought we would introduce a few of those that we have caught up with and will tell you more about the others in the next edition. So here goes:

First, we have **Vanessa, David and Ava** who moved from Radnage to No. 4 Sydenham Grove in early November. They are delighted to have received such a warm welcome from everyone in the Sydenham community. David works mainly from home for a technology company and Vanessa, a former charity director, currently looks after their two-year-old daughter, Aibhlinn (aka Ava), who can often be seen scouring the book stall and exploring about in flashing glitter wellies singing Jungle Book and Wiggles songs.

Then we have **George, Charlotte and their rather fabulous dog Blake**. They were originally from the Oxford area and still have family living nearby in Wheatley, but more recently were living in London. They both still work there, but are more often to be found working from home now in their roles in banking and as a media investment analyst. When I caught up with them, they were just heading back in after a muddy walk with Blake and so are really enjoying getting to know the local areas, the walks and the mud!

Finally, for this edition we welcome **Jim and Theresa Clark**. Many may already know them as Jim is the 3rd generation of the Clark family to run the farm in Kingston Blount. And now their son is in charge of the daily running (along with Karen of course and the Lockdown Larder!), plus their grandchildren now making it five generations. And funnily enough Jim and Theresa used to be my landlords when I rented the cottage just by the Lockdown Larder over 20 years ago!

So, a very warm welcome to you all from Sydenham and I look forward to hopefully catching up with everyone else before the next edition.



out AND ABOUT cont.



WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Thankfully on a dry morning on **Sunday 14th November**, we were able to celebrate & pay tribute to the soldiers of the Two World Wars with our Remembrance Service. Rev. Joan DeVal conducted the service outdoors and was joined by between 40 and 50 supporters.

It was a delightful occasion in front of the Memorial Wall of The Queens Garden in the centre of the village. All beautifully planted and maintained by Gilly.

Lloyd & Siobhan organised the outstanding task of setting up the recordings of traditional music including **The Last Post & the National Anthem**, it was a memorable half hour, and our thanks go to all involved and to the Sydenham villagers and friends for turning out for the occasion.

Roy



spotlight ON SYDENHAM ACHIEVEMENTS



JULIA'S AMAZING FUNDRAISING

AS ALWAYS, JULIA IS FREQUENTLY ON A MISSION TO RAISE MONEY FOR OTHERS AND HER EFFORTS CONTINUE TO SHINE AS SHE RECENTLY HELD A MARKET STALL AT THAME MARKET FOR THE CAFOD (CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT). IN FACT, THE ORGANISATION'S PARISH VOLUNTEER, THERESA BUCHANAN FROM ST JOSEPH'S IN THAME, WAS SO IMPRESSED WHEN TOLD ABOUT JULIA'S EFFORTS AND WAS VERY KEEN TO SUPPORT IT.

She writes:

"Thame has a weekly market and hearing that there was to be a stall to raise money for CAFOD, I emailed my friends and fellow parishioners in Thame and went in search of the stall. I managed to find it (having missed it twice before) and met Julia who had organised the sale. She told me that she had set up the stall on other occasions as the market keeps a stall for use by charities (which I hadn't been aware of until now).

Julia is an avid CAFOD supporter because she wants to be able to help those people who are in greatest need who have done least to cause the problems of flooding, drought, etc. due to global warming. As well as running the stall she has taken part in many sponsored swims and walks for CAFOD."

Very well done Julia on raising **£155**. But her efforts have not stopped there as the picture here, shows Julia handing over money raised from her sponsored ski run to a member of the CAFOD group at St Teresa's Princes Risborough. Here she raised an astounding **£800!**

What an inspiration you are Julia! And many thanks to all who supported her so generously. She is thrilled! If you wish to donate you can find out more information at www.cafod.org.uk



spotlight cont. ON SYDENHAM ACHIEVEMENTS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Instead of sending Christmas cards Martin, Krzysia, Julia and Kate will be sending a donation to Rennie Grove Hospice in memory of Jane Kennett.

We wish all our friends a lovely Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Krzysia Gossage



OTHER FESTIVE DATES TO SNEAK IN...

Well, there is always so much going on at this time of year but it would be remiss of us not to flag the following too:

- Carols on the Green on **21st December at 5.30p.m**
- AgriSocial's Charity Road Tractor Run takes place on the **19th December** in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. The group this year are aiming to raise **£10,000**, with a target of 350 vehicles. Reaching this will make them the UK's largest Road Run!

They pass by along the B4445 from Thame to Chinnor past the Inn at Emmington. The procession starts at 11:00am (but timings are always fluid), but it is a spectacular site! You can find out more on their Facebook page.

SYDENHAM'S SUPER SANTA SLEIGH IS RETURNING TO THE VILLAGE WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER. SANTA BEGINS HIS JOURNEY AT 5:00PM FROM THE INN AT EMMINGTON, BEFORE MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH THE VILLAGE.



festive SPIRIT

Get into the Festive Spirit at Waterperry Gardens. Celebrate the season with Christmas shopping, festive events, Christmas trees and hand-made wreaths.

The Gallery, Gift Barn and Christmas Shop are a shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family this Christmas, from handmade ceramics and jewellery to Christmas decorations and linens, there is something for everyone. If you're looking for something different our **Waterperry Vouchers** and **Annual Passes** make an ideal present.

The spectacular British grown Christmas trees will be on sale from the beginning of December, along with fantastic Waterperry hand-finished Christmas wreaths. Enjoy some pre-Christmas fun with the children with an afternoon helping Rudolph 'Find Santa's Reindeer', running from the 20th November through to the 23rd December, family fun and Christmas excitement!

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the CROWN INN

Welcome to our last update of 2021; we wish you all Christmas Cheer and a very Happy New Year.

After a real mixed 2020/2021, we have been very mindful of the stock that we hold and our opening hours. It has taken us nearly a year to rebuild our team of employees too. Nia, Elise, Lucy, Lottie, Sam, Ruby & Joe make up our fantastic team here, a big thanks to them, alongside Jody, Ned & Luke who were summer seasonal staff.

Since the last newsletter there has been a lot of activity at The Crown. Our Halloween quiz night was very popular, with a full house of teams, most of whom dressed fancy for the occasion, welcomed by Cheryl as our quiz mistress. Team Jones, Parry, Isherwood won the jackpot (which they kindly donated to charity), Kevin Luff won best fancy dressed, with amazing make up by his lovely wife Sara.

A prize was also awarded to Des for his fancy dress outfit, **"I'm only here for the beer!"** shirt. Cheryl has kindly agreed to be Quiz mistress for us next year too. A big thank you from us to lovely Cheryl.

During November we hosted The Cricket Club Annual Awards dinner. This was a really fun night for all involved, with a big thank you to Captain Dan Bradley. A lot of work went into the organisation of the evening so thanks Dan! And both Chinnor Kettlebells and Punch Hub have both had their Christmas Parties here with live music from The Band with No Name. This little pub sure does like a party!

Table booking is essential at the weekends especially for our Sunday lunch. Thanks to all that have dined with us or purchased a takeaway meal this year. We do have a Christmas menu available for tables of 6 or more, pre-bookings required; our normal menu will also be available throughout the festive season.

And on December 22nd we shall have mulled wine & mince pies available to warm you up, following the visit from Santa and his sleigh.

Festive Opening Hours: maybe be subject to change so please keep an eye on our board outside.

DECEMBER

Tuesday 21st	16:00 - 23:00 Food from 18:00
Wednesday 22nd	16:00 - 23:00 Food from 18:00
Thursday 23rd	16:00 - 23:00 Food from 18:00
Friday 24th	12:00 - 23:00 Food from 12:00 - 20:00
Saturday 25th	12:00 - 14:00 Drinks only
Sunday 26th	19:00 - 00:00 (Boxing Night Quiz - Full)
Monday 27th	Closed
Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st	16:00 - 23:00 Food from 18:00

JANUARY

Saturday 1st	12:00 - 17:00 Food 12.00 - 15.00
Sunday 2nd	12:00 - 17:00 Food 12.00 - 15.00
Monday 3rd	Closed

Our Boxing night quiz is already full, so thanks to all that have booked in. Our Festive hours are subject to change if Boris decides his jumpers for goal posts are returning. Whilst we try not to listen to the media trying to create the latest news pandemic, it's hard to ignore. On a lighter note, this new variant (Omricon) happens to be an anagram of moronic!

One last item before we sign off; dogs in the Pub... Whilst we love dogs here, not everyone else does, which we have to respect, therefore we have a zero-dog policy in our restaurant area of the pub. In the bar area & garden please supervise your pet, instances of full-on brawls and fouling along with extender leads causing trip hazards were noted this year.

We wish Everyone in Sydenham a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tina, Pete & Sparky



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Circle words in the puzzle below

S	A	N	T	A	S	P	C	R
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O	I	T	N	L	A	E	O	D
C	R	O	F	E	R	S	K	O
K	A	Y	O	I	W	E	I	L
I	F	S	M	G	I	N	E	P
N	F	Y	C	H	E	T	S	H
G	E	L	V	E	S	N	O	W
O	R	N	A	M	E	N	T	W

Santa	stocking	snow	toys
elves	tree	cookies	ornament
Rudolph	star	present	sleigh

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Tina, Pete & Sparky xxx



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Enjoy some pre-Christmas fun with the **Reindeer Hunt** in the gardens from the 20 Nov through to the 23 Dec, family fun and Christmas excitement!

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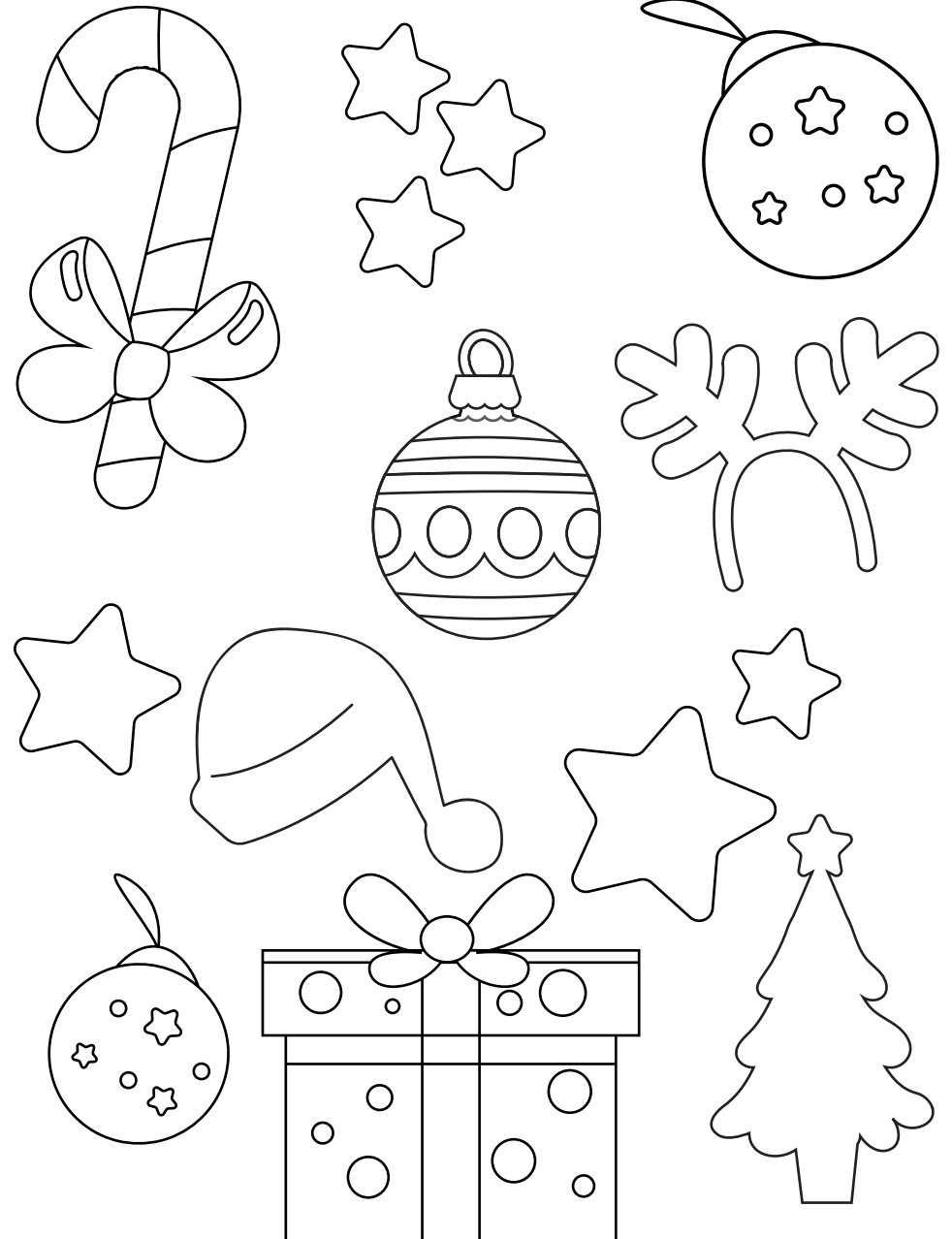
Pre-Order your hand-made Christmas Goodies! Let the Teashop at Waterperry take the strain out of cooking and pre-order festive treats like Christmas Cake, Mince Pies and more, email teashop@waterperrygardens.co.uk or visit our website for more information.

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The INN AT EMMINGTON

Well it's that most wonderful time of year again when you open up your advariant calendar and learn the Greek alphabet!

December is always a busy month with lots happening and planned although at the time of going to press the covid news was a little pessimistic so everything is subject to change and we will update things that are happening/changing through Sydmail and our facebook page.

Throughout December we are open as normal from 12 noon Tuesday to Sunday (we open at 4pm on Mondays) offering our lunchtime snack menu and main menu from midday to 2.30pm. So if you are working from home, looking to meet up with friends during the day or simply out for a walk and want somewhere for a quick drink and snack we would be delighted to see you.

We then stay open all day and serve food again from 5.30pm to 9.00pm with selected food promotions including a drink on most nights.

We are also offering our Christmas menu during the week when pre booked and pre ordered and can offer takeaways on any night when prebooked by calling in advance.

Our Christmas Sunday Lunch is also available, booking recommended although no need to pre order your food for this.

We also now have waterproof sides on our outdoor seating area that proved so popular this Summer and some heating coming this week so if you feel happier meeting friends and family outside, with space and fresh air, we have just the area for you

On Friday 17th December we are hosting live music with party band MFU playing, postponed from last year, so why not dig out your Christmas jumper and dancing shoes for 2021.

The same weekend - Sunday 19th December sees the Thame Tractor run pass by The Inn at approx 11am and we will be open early offering hot chocolate, mulled wine and snacks to spectators.

Over the Christmas period, our opening hours will be slightly different and we will post these on facebook and send out on an email, but we have this year decided we will close on Christmas Day itself so that we can have one 'family day' having opened all day, every day since we reopened the pub back in April.

We will be back open at 12 noon on Boxing day and be hosting a bookable brunch on 27th December, more details to follow.

Finally, we would like to thank everybody for their support over this last 12 months - from last Winter's takeaways to sitting outside only in April and May through the highs and lows of the Euro football on our outside screen to now – 2021 has been one hell of a ride so thanks to everybody for coming along with us

Have a very Merry Christmas

*David, Sharon, Alice, Ed, Pickles
and the team at The Inn x*

