

## So light up the fire....

As somebody who wilts at the first sign of warm weather and who spends most of the year either looking forward to the next Christmas or back to the previous one, autumn is one of my favourite times of year. For those of us who are not sun-worshippers, autumn has the best of everything; darker nights, shorter days and cooler temperatures. The only drawback to the season as far as I can tell is that the evenings seem to be dominated by pops and explosions.

Fireworks at this time of year are nothing new of course. In these Child Protection conscious times, we're much more cautious about letting our children wander the streets asking strangers for money, but I remember as a child that the early part of each evening in the run-up to 5<sup>th</sup> November was regularly interrupted by groups of local children knocking on the door asking for "a penny for the Guy". The Guy was usually a questionably constructed dummy made out of stuffed clothes and wearing an old hat, and its fate was to be put on top of the bonfire on 5<sup>th</sup> November and burned to a crisp while the fireworks were let off around it. As a child growing up in the 70s it was just part of the seasonal round, but now I wonder about it.

Today the distrust between religions and cultures is regular front-page news – and one of the ways that distrust is shown is by burning objects associated with the people we're suspicious of. Bible-bashing zealots threaten to burn the Koran, cardboard cut-outs of disgraced politicians are burnt in the streets, and the people with such combustible tastes appear to feel they have right on their side. Perhaps it's time to take a step back from that though and look beyond the Guy. Let's remember that all those stuffed dummies represent real people. It's all too easy to demonise people who don't share our outlook on life or faith. Before long we start to see them as less than human – little more than effigies to be tossed on a bonfire. But of course we're all worth much more than that to God, and if God values us, maybe we should start to value each other. God refuses to be drawn into our petty games. He gave himself utterly so that all creation might be redeemed – whether Guy Fawkes or James I - the one that got away. There's nothing wrong with our firework displays or autumn bonfires, but let's make sure wood is all we burn. The only

way to deal with people with whom we disagree is to engage with them and remember that they too are loved by God. No matter how different from us some people may be, let's keep their effigies off our bonfires and do something much more challenging. Let's try talking to them instead.

*Fr. Liz*

## IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- ✓ **TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – FR. DAVID'S LICENSING AT SAXBY, 7.30PM.**
- ✓ **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – ALL SOULS' DAY REQUIEM, 9.30AM.**
- ✓ **MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SHOE BOXES COLLECTED.**
- ✓ **SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – BAZAAR, FROM 10.00 AM**
- ✓ **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – ADVENT PROCESSION SERVICE, 6.00 PM.**

## As one door closes...

As many people will be aware, we have recently experimented with reinstating the Open Door project. The idea was that, for one morning each week, tea and coffee would be served in the church, and volunteers and a member of the clergy would be available for anybody who would like a chat. We had previously run the project for around 18 months, but the low numbers of people attending, the very cold weather and the broken heating in the church last winter made a break necessary.

We began Open Door again in early September and it has run each week since then. However, since we have had no visitors at all in that time, it has been decided to end the experiment. We are very grateful to those members of the congregation who offered their help should it be needed and to anybody who gave donations of coffee etc. It's always good to try new things, but it's also necessary to recognise when something isn't needed and look for other means of outreach.

**Lindsey Lodge Hospice Barton fund raising committee  
announce:**

Christmas Floral Demonstration  
At Trinity Methodist Church Hall Barton  
On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 7.30pm  
Tickets £7.00 each (to include refreshments)  
Buy at the door or pre-pay by contacting Pam 01652 633293  
All floral displays to be raffled at the end of the evening.

**Pattern of services from January 2012**

After due consideration by the Ministry team and the PCC, the following will be the pattern of services from January 2012.

*All 8.00 am services will stay as they are now.*

Other Sunday services as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 9.30 Parish Eucharist with choir  
6.00 Choral Evensong

(This Sunday will remain the same as now)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist with choir  
4.00 Baptisms  
6.00 said Evening Prayer

(This Sunday will remain the same as now)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist with choir  
6.00 Sung Evensong with choir

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist with choir  
11.30 Baptisms  
6.00 said Eucharist (usually with hymns)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist with choir  
6.00 said Evening Prayer

Other baptism services will be added as needed.

**An interesting observation:-**

This is the first year that Remembrance Day is the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year eleven.  
**11.11.11.11.**

Next time this occurs is in the year 3011.  
D.B.R.

**The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Revd Christopher Lowson,  
writes:**

Dear Friends,

There have been a number of 'firsts' for me in the last few days. I've been to Buckingham Palace and met the Queen; I've had my first TV interview with Peter Levy on Look North; and I have received a wonderful welcome from the people of Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. I am thankful for all these things.

My wife Susan is busy preparing for our move to our new home in Lincoln and we are looking forward to joining you around the Diocese at your celebrations in your church, your school or community, as this first year of office progresses.

On 12th November the formal part of my arrival will take place in the magnificent Cathedral, when I take the Bishop's seat among the Chapter and congregation. I hope many of you will be able to come and join in the worship.

The following day is Remembrance Sunday and for many of us, this is a time of quiet reflection, but for others, it's a time of renewed sorrow. I am only too aware of the price Lincolnshire families have paid, not only in the great wars, but also in the recent conflicts. Sunday 13th November will be another first for me, as I shall be able to join you in prayer on this special day.

Many of you are also coping with difficult economic circumstances, whether you live in our industrial towns or in

rural areas. It is my aim to listen and learn in the coming months, so that my life and work as Bishop of Lincoln reaches out to you, wherever you are in this splendid region.

Looking forward to it!

+Christopher

### **Over to you.....**

You may have heard that a particular supermarket in Wales is going to charge 5p for its carrier bags. Some people interviewed were not happy about this! M. and S. have been charging for their food hall carriers for some time and Lidl for as long as I can remember - I usually scout around for a suitably small sized box in which to put my purchases (though if you are like me in that shop, the box's size grows the further I get round the store - so many tempting things particularly at this time of year with all the German biscuits and chocolates!!!) Other supermarkets are of course available.

You are all probably like me, having a cupboard full of carrier bags which you just forget to take out with you!!

We have all been given the task to look after and sustain our planet - yes it applies to us all!! This article stems from an email I received from my brother - when you read it you will see why. Good recycling and being 'green'.....

### **The Green Thing**

In the queue at the shop, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologised to him and explained, "We didn't have the 'green thing' back in my day."

The cashier responded, "**That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment.**"

He was right -- our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the factory to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

**But we didn't have the 'green thing' back in our day.**

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery shop and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go down two streets.

**But she was right. We didn't have the 'green thing' in our day.**

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the disposable kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Children got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. **But that old lady is right; we didn't have the 'green thing' back in our day.**

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Wembley Stadium!

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not polystyrene or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on

treadmills that operate on electricity.

**But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.**

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got blunt.

**But we didn't have the 'green thing' back then.**

Back then, people took a bus and children rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza shop.

**But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the 'green thing' back then?**

#### **FROM THE REGISTERS:**

##### **BAPTISMS:-**

Oct. 9 Faith Martha WILSON daughter of Julia Marie and Ian Peter William WILSON

Declan Peter and Bethany Leah ANDERSON son and daughter of Nicole Zoe OLDAKER and David Robert ANDERSON

Maisie Mai and Poppy Ellouise FRARY daughters of Tina Louise and Dean Anthony FRARY

Oct. 16 Anya Rose PEARSON daughter of Sarah Joanne and Steven PEARSON

Alexander Theo McGRORY son of Hannah Elizabeth

#### SHELBOURNE

Oct. 30 Elizabeth Heather GREEN daughter of Judith Elizabeth GREEN

Lily Grace ANDREW daughter of Sarah and Ian John ANDREW

##### **MARRIAGES:-**

Oct. 1 Craig Andrew GRAY to Rachelle Evelyn CHANTRY

##### **FUNERALS:-**

Sept. 2 Vernon BADLEY

Sept. 29 William Henry STAVES

Oct. 3 June Audrey CLARVIS

Oct. 6 Terry LAWRENCE

Donations for Church flowers have been received in loving memory of:-

Stanley Robinson  
John Bellamy  
Edna Bellamy  
Hugh McMahan  
The Brigham Sisters

Thank you

## **MOTHERS' UNION NOTES**

### **New Year for Christian Stewardship Envelopes**

It does not seem like a year since I last wrote to you about this scheme, which is an essential part of the funding of St. Mary's Church. However, it is and so, many thanks to all who give conscientiously and regularly. I hope you have all received your new boxes. You will have noticed they are different, in that there is a dove instead of cross on the front of the box which is now pale blue, and a tear off strip on the back of the envelopes. This is supposed to make it easier for those of us who open them. We will see if that is the case!

Sadly, a few of our envelope-users have died during the year. We are grateful to them and many others before them for all that they gave to the Church.

Thanks also to those who use the Standing Order system. If anyone would like to start using either of these giving schemes, please ask Alan Mabbott the Treasurer, David Dukes the Planned Giving Officer, Geoff Brown or me for more information.

'God has been generous to us, we are called to reflect this generosity'  
Val Dukes

### **Barton Churches' Together**

Carol Singing with Barton Salvation Army Band, around Christmas Tree Sat 26 NOV 6pm...all welcome to help sing at Barton Christmas Festival

BIG SING BCT Carol Service Sun 4 Dec 6pm Trinity, Holydyke

United Carol Service BCT Sun 1 Jan 2012 at 4pm St Augustine Webster

Sheila opened our meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a welcome after the summer break and a special welcome to our speakers Vern and Ann Liles. After apologies were given for those unable to attend, we sang the hymn "We love the place O God, wherein thine honour dwells". Elinor read psalm 84, Sheila led the prayers and gave out notices, during which she gave our special congratulations to Viv Rowett for winning the Lancelot Andrewes Award at Southwark Cathedral.

Six of our members attended an open Area Meeting the previous day, with Jenni Honisett, the Diocesan President, as speaker. She gave a very interesting talk about all the good work The Mothers' Union does at home and overseas.

We then watched Vern's visual presentation with a commentary by Ann, of "Three Cathedrals". Sadly the accompanying music did not work. They had been on a coach tour staying at Bognor Regis and visited firstly Chichester, where the Cathedral dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We saw beautiful pictures of the cloisters, font, the Arundel tomb, the John Piper reredos tapestries, a Marc Chagall window, a Graham Sutherland tapestry, Roman remains, the choir stalls and the organ. We saw scenes outside the cathedral of the Market Cross, the Priory in the park and a statue of St Richard, whose prayer is well known. Next we "went" to Arundel, a Roman Catholic cathedral dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century but built in the Gothic style and up a very steep hill!! The pictures included an impressionist Rose window and a splendid organ. We saw scenes of the famous castle, huge, but not open on the day they visited.

Lastly we enjoyed pictures of Winchester cathedral, famous for the story of St Swithin, Jane Austin's tomb and the Beatles song. We saw many elaborate tombs, charming Nativity scene, a Graham Sutherland tapestry, a beautiful pieta and the tomb of St Swithin, a replacement after the original was smashed during the reign of Henry the Eighth. Then followed scenes of the cathedral close, an old mill, remains of a roman wall, a statue of King Alfred and one of William Walker, a diver, who at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saved the cathedral from subsidence by carrying down many, many bags of concrete for six years to consolidate the foundations. Sadly he died in 1918 of the "Spanish Flu". A service is held every year to remember him.

Elinor Cartwright thanked Vern and Ann for a “Journey through the Three Cathedrals” saying that we don’t always appreciate the craftsmanship involved in such magnificent buildings.

Val Dukes.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Corporate Communion Reader Iris Ward

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Speaker Kathy Colwell Reader and Vote of thanks Iris Ward

Flower Rota

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Auriol Trubshaw

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday

### **What happens around the world at wintertime.**

A very light-hearted look at various traditions and customs ahead of another possibly hard winter.

- + 20°C: Greeks put on jumpers (provided that they can find them)
- + 15°C: Jamaicans turn on the heating (provided that they have it)
- + 10°C: Americans are shivering with cold. Russians are planting cucumbers at their dachas.
- + 5°C: Your breath becomes visible. Italian cars don't start. Norwegians go for a swim in the lake.
- 0°C: In America, water freezes. In Russia, water becomes denser.
- 5°C: French cars won't start.
- 15°C: Your cat is determined to sleep in your bed. Norwegians put on jumpers.
- 17°C: House owners in Oslo turn on the heating. Russians make the last trip of the season to their dachas.
- 20°C: American cars won't start.
- 25°C: German cars won't start. All Jamaicans have died out.
- 30°C: The authorities address the problem of the homeless. Your cat is sleeping in your pyjamas.
- 35°C: Too cold to think. Japanese cars won't start.
- 40°C: You're planning to spend two weeks in a hot tub. Swedish cars won't start.

- 42°C: All transport in Europe stops. Russians are eating ice cream in the streets.
- 45°C: All Greeks have died out. The authorities actually start doing something for the homeless.
- 50°C: Your eyelids freeze when you try to wink. Alaskans close the windows when having a bath.
- 60°C: Polar bears go south.
- 70°C: Hell freezes over.
- 73°C: Finnish special services evacuate Santa Claus from Lapland. Russians put on ushankas.
- 80°C: Russians don't take their gloves off even when pouring out vodka.
- 114°C: Ethyl alcohol freezes down. Russians are really upset!

### **Hello everybody,**

Two members of E1W, Kerry and Colette, are hoping to go on a World Challenge expedition to Thailand and Cambodia in July 2013, where they will help with a project in the local community. In order to go on this expedition they need to fundraise £3,245 each, and they are hoping to do this by holding stalls at events held in church over the next year or two. Also, they are hoping to do some sponsored events and wacky ideas to raise money.

While they are in Cambodia, they are likely to work with orphans or amputees who have suffered injuries from the land mines on the Cambodian border. So if you need your dogs walking, children babysitting or cars washing please feel free to contact Kerry or Colette via this telephone number: 01652 634093.

*[This is a very good, worthwhile expedition. Our son, Paul, is leading his 4<sup>th</sup> such venture next year – but hasn't been to this part of Asia yet. Please try and support Kerry and Colette if you can. Eds]*

## **THREADS ORCHESTRA COME TO ROPERY HALL**

Award winning Threads Orchestra combine some of the UK's most dynamic jazz and classical musicians to play in unusual venues and this month they will be playing at Ropery Hall.

Watching and listening to Threads Orchestra is an utterly unique experience for a 21st century audience - tuneful, melodic chemistry transforming cinematic landscape into snarling groove in the blink of an eye.

Refusing to accept the usual notions of a jazz rhythm section with strings stitched in, Threads have forged a new phantasm, a spirit of bottled music genie. Or maybe just a phenomenally tight band of great players with a bad attitude to tradition!

They have the versatility to play anything in the jazz, classical, rock, world, Americana, and tango styles as well as self-penned intriguing compositions to innovative arrangements of Zappa, Zorn, Piazzolla and Messiaen.

This musical alchemy takes place at Ropery Hall on Friday November 11 at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 or £12 on the door. For more details go to [www.roperyhall.co.uk](http://www.roperyhall.co.uk)

### **What Viv was up to in London.....**

Getting what you ask for is not always an easy option, and recently I've been contemplating this since I won first prize in a competition I entered. I think I'd prayed to win 2nd prize! First prize was the chance to hold an exhibition of up to ten pieces of my own work - embroidery on a biblical theme - and second prize would have been the chance to exhibit just two. So I have a year of labour ahead of me, but thankfully it will be work which I enjoy.

The competition was run at Southwark Cathedral in London, and the brief was to do some kind of representation of the stories about Abraham, Sarah and Hagar in the book of Genesis. So I produced two pieces, 'A dress for Sarah and a dress for Hagar'. These took me

several weeks to make, and perhaps almost as long was spent reading Genesis as sewing them. I didn't just try to illustrate the stories, say by depicting Abraham sending Hagar and Ishmael away, but rather to put down some markers suggesting questions that would lead the viewer to want to go to the texts and read them for themselves. I also made two dolls to represent Isaac and Ishmael. As with their mothers, I tried to draw attention to what the two figures have in common as well as what divides them. I also make some reference to the three 'Abrahamic faiths' descended from Abraham's sons, in the form of a circle divided into three sections each containing a symbol of one of the faiths; these are now divided, and the hope is that moves towards living harmoniously will increasingly gain ground. Thus on each of the tunics I imagine the women saying 'Perhaps we could meet for coffee?' which is what people do in the course of friendship, or being reconciled. And so on...

Perhaps the best part of the prize was that the work was judged by one Professor Ben Quash of Kings' College, London, an expert in Christianity and art; he provided a response to it which can be read on a page on my blog, where there is also a record of the weeks of making. The stories of Abraham Sarah and Hagar are found in Genesis chapters 11-25, and if you do read them, perhaps you might like to think about what *you* would have done with them!

The blog is at: [www.clothq.blogspot.com](http://www.clothq.blogspot.com) then go to the page 'Sarah and Hagar explained on a cloud'. The exhibition will be held next November in Southwark Cathedral. In the meantime, if you don't see me around much, I'll be busy....

### **Christmas Cards... a thought..**

As has been done previously, it has been suggested that, instead of giving greetings cards to those whom we can personally wish 'Happy Christmas', we might put one general card on a board in Church and perhaps make a donation to a charity of our own choice [*or the church (ed.)*].

What about re-introducing the idea again this Christmas? J.

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	7.30 pm		Fr. David licensing at Saxby
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Souls' Day</b>	<b>Requiem Eucharist</b>
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>3 before Advent</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>2.30 pm</b>		<b>Service at The Willows</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Shoe</b>	<b>Box collection</b>	<b>Day</b>
	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	10.00 am		Diary meeting
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU)
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	7.15 pm		Ministry meeting(Birchdale)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am		Bazaar
	1.30 pm		Wedding
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>2 before Advent</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>11.30 am</b>		<b>Town Remembrance Service</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	am		Home Communion
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>Christ the King</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Family Worship and Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>NEWS</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communion at St. Peter's Court & Victoria House
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm		Deanery Synod (Horkstow)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Advent Procession</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Kirton in Lindsey)
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Andrew, Apostle</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
			Ladies' Group outing

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Kathy's final farewell in the Hall



Viv with "Sarah" and Hagar".



The Baptism group for Faith Martha Wilson



Proud Mum, Julia, with Faith

## ST. MARY'S LADIES' GROUP

At our second September meeting we had a talk on the R.N.L.I. given by Graham Smith from the Caistor fund raising branch which 1980 has raised over £50,000.

The R.N.L.I was set up in 1824 and its first title was 'National Institute for Preservation of life from Shipwreck'. Originally groups of people around the coast, known as 'wreckers', would salvage goods from wrecks and pay little attention to the crews. Then began the life saving society. In 1829 with royal patronage it became known as the R.N.L.I.

'Search and rescue' is available 24 hours a day and lifeboats go out 100 nautical miles from the coast from 235 lifeboat stations around the coast. 4,500 volunteers run this service and each station has a maintained Coxswain.

The Humber Lifeboat has the only full time paid crew - it is very isolated at Spurn Point. They carry out on average 8,700 launches a year and can rescue 8,000 people.

Recently lifeguards have been introduced onto the coast at seashores - this is a joint venture between the L.A. (who pay their wages) and the R.N.L.I. 150 beaches had lifeguards in 2010.

£335,000 is needed to run the lifeboat service and 85p in the pound is given to operations. Six out of ten boats are provided by generous legacies. (I asked once at Cleethorpes Lifeboat station why the government do not pay for this service to be told that the R.N.L.I prefers to keep its independence.) New boats are named after rivers - the newest being called the Shannon. Increasingly hovercraft are used e.g. when the cockle pickers were stranded on Morecombe Bay. The busiest station is the one on the Thames where there are craft of all types including many pleasure boats.

Their motto is '**Train one, Save many**'.

We were reminded of the amazing fund raising done by Rosalie Cash who died recently.

### Harvest Supper

Superbly set tables with lovely flower arrangements greeted 80 members as they arrived for the annual harvest supper. After Grace said by Revd Alan Wright we all enjoyed one of Cook's of New Holland's excellent buffet meals. On the menu were such things as succulent roast ham, pork, chicken and a variety of quiches and

salads served with hot new potatoes and homemade pickles. Tempting desserts such as strawberry Pavlova, crème caramel, caramel cheesecake and fresh fruit salad (for the weight conscious) followed, not forgetting the double cream!!! And to help that down, wine and fruit juice. Pam Read arranged a Quiz (the picture clues baffled a lot of us!!) Thanks to all the members who did table flower arrangements and the committee who set out the room beautifully beforehand. S.W.