



from our British news Christmas address



Village Store and Post Office Christmas Opening

Store

- * Christmas Eve - 7-11am
- * Christmas Day - Closed
- * Boxing Day - 8-9am
- * Wed 27th - 6.15am -1pm then 2-8pm
- * New Year's Eve - 7-11am then 4-6pm
- * New Year's Day - 8-11am
- * Tues 2nd - 6.15am -1pm then 2-8pm

Post Office

- * Closed
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- * 9am-1pm then 2-5.30pm
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- * All other week days as normal Store 6.15am - 1pm then 2-8pm & Post office 9am-1pm then 2pm-5.30pm

A very Merry Christmas to all our customers

Last dates for posting 1st class is Thurs 21st Dec and 2nd class is Wed 20th of Dec

Remember we sell those lucky Christmas Lottery scratch cards to hide under the Christmas day dinner plates.

We also sell Christmas Yankee candles, wrapping paper, cards, sweets, chilled beer, wine and soft drinks.

All the fun of the Christmas Fayre

Please support our local pubs this Christmas and if you fancy something a bit different this Yuletide why not try some Venison or Bison from Farnless Farm in Bishop Middleham.

Drinking and driving don't mix, so give Travel 6 a ring 01740 655644. Carole and Tony will be happy to offer taxi services to your Christmas events so that you can fully enjoy the Christmas cheer!

Make your New Year resolution to get more involved. It's your community, join in, enjoy!

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Chairman's Christmas Chatter:



I feel incredibly privileged to have become Chair of our Parish Council this year, joined by Nicola Dexter as Vice Chair and a big thanks goes to our outgoing Chair Julie Hall and Vice Chair Nigel Wiffen for all they've done over the years. We've such a great team of volunteers who, together with so many others, continue to organise and attend events and work on initiatives which help make our villages into a vibrant community. I can't mention everything that's gone on this year, but a favourite was the agricultural and craft show which was bigger and better with fantastic items on display from a larger number of individual entries. It's great to see more teams playing football at the park, with the girls teams now out numbering the boys! We've invested in more childrens' play equipment and the 1,300 trees and bushes we planted are coming on nicely... didn't the new wildflower beds look beautiful too? The Village Hall continues to thrive and is very much the hub of the community with numerous clubs and societies and events running through the year. This is an exciting time for the Village Hall which is planning lots of developments including creation of a website (bishopmiddlehamvillagehall.co.uk) with online booking facility and plans to extend and refurbish. More info will be shared at their AGM in Jan where you can also find out how to get involved. I have to say the big one for me though was the fireworks. They were fabulous. A big thanks to Cllr Rachel Weir who drove this initiative from start to finish and thanks also to the volunteers who helped out on the night. Should this be a regular event? What do you think?

Please watch the notice boards and "Like" the community Facebook page to keep up to date with news and events.

Carols at the Christmas tree on the 10th will mark the start of Christmas. Sweets and drinks for the kids and mulled wine and mince pies in the Cross Keys afterwards. Let's see you all there for another community get-together.

Finally, it's time to once again call on you all to be extra good neighbours through the winter. Please check on the elderly and infirm, help clear snow and offer company to the lonely. These small acts of kindness make a huge difference and are another thing that makes this such a wonderful community in which to live.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Harvey Neve: Chair of the Parish Council

Xmas dates for your diary

1 st Dec	Christmas Menu begins at the Cross Keys. 3 courses for £18.95
9 th Dec	Adult hand stitched Christmas decoration making £10 per person Village Hall 10-12am Children's handmade Christmas tree decoration making £10 pp Village Hall 1pm-3pm
10 th Dec	Wreath making workshop £10 pp Village Hall 10-12am Children's Table Decoration workshop £5 pp Village Hall 1-3pm NB: Booking is essential for all VH workshops Tel 07341 261 342 or via Facebook Carols around the Christmas Tree with Ferryhill Town Band 4pm at the Brewery Field followed by mince pies & mulled wine in the Cross Keys.
15 th Dec	Christmas Fête . Village Hall 6pm
17 th Dec	Parish Carol Service 6.30pm St Michael's followed by mince pies & mulled wine
19 th Dec	Christmas Quiz 9pm, Cross Keys
24 th Dec	Crib Service 4pm Midnight Mass 11.30pm both at St Michael's
9 th Jan	Village Hall AGM 6.15pm