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## EDITORIAL

### NOW THAT THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVE SEASON IS OVER YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

I guess that now the Festive Season leading up to Christmas Day is over you are now revving up to the New Year celebrations. Both of them seem to have crept upon us an alarming rate!! Here after the Melton Christmas Tree Festival 2016 was over, we were preparing for the closure of St. Mary's after the final service on New Year's Day until the end of October 2017, some ten months or so, while major renovations and modernisation of this ancient building take place. The first time for well over a century that this Church has been closed for any length of time.

Looking forward to the 2017 show season, we have been informed that The Caravan Club National Rally 2017 at Sandringham is now fully booked up. If you have missed booking you can email them and ask to be put on the waiting list or find another site nearby so that at least you can visit the Rally.

Indoor shows start in January with one at Liverpool and Manchester. Then onto February for the the very popular Motorhome, Caravan and Camping Show at NEC, 21-27 February. The Caravan Club have organised an on-site Motorhome and Caravan parking-up area for the duration of the show Show at the NEC, contact The Caravan Club (details on page 4). Hopefully the weather in February will be kind, as last year, and we don't get a bucketful of 'February fill dyke in white'. We always enjoy this show as it seems to set the scene for the season.

We have had communication from a number of you who have settled in for the winter in the sun, hopefully. Two old friends from the past, Rosie and Peter Reynolds, who have now been living and working in Spain for 12 years, (where does the time fly away to?) wrote and tell us they are very happy and settled with their life which is great to hear.

Norman, Bobby and Carol Hargraves are back in Spain for a few weeks and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

As the shortest day has now passed we can look forward to the start of longer days. I was reading in one of the papers that December 21st, St. Thomas' Day, used to be the day that poorer people in the community went 'Thomasing' - this entailed them calling at the houses of the well to do to ask for food and alms without being accused of begging! A traditional gift was a portion of wheat along with some fresh milk so that a dish of frumenty could be made for breakfast on Christmas morning. Frumenty was the popular breakfast cereal of days gone by.

So, with that thought about food, and Christmas now past, we can look to more at the New Year celebrations, if we really need any more. We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year when it comes!

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