

A Recipe from Tennie

Mulled Cider

I love mulled wine at this time of year but thought I'd offer you this delicious alternative.

Ingredients

1 litre dry cider

60 ml dark rum

250 ml apple and ginger tea,
made up from a herbal teabag

40 g soft dark brown sugar

2 clementines or satsumas

4 whole cloves

2 cinnamon sticks

2 fresh bay leaves

2 bruised cardamom pods

Pour the cider, rum, herbal tea and sugar into a saucepan over a low heat. Halve the clementines or satsumas and stick a clove in each half, add these and the other spices to the pan and let it come close to boiling point.

Ladle into heatproof glasses. Makes about 6 glasses.



Quy Profile

Name Kevin Harris

Age 50

Where do you live?

Vicarage Meadow with my lovely wife Jo

What do you do for a living?

Financial Controller for a company that manufactures rubber gloves and other cleanroom consumables.

What's your favourite food and drink?

Steak & Chips, Wine (Red – Malbec, White – Sauvignon Blanc)

If you could have dinner with

someone famous who would it be? David Attenborough (what he doesn't know about wildlife isn't worth knowing)

What is your favourite book?

It – (Stephen King)

What is your favourite film?

Lord of the Rings Trilogy

What are your favourite TV programmes?

Wildlife, Crime Dramas, Big Bang Theory

What is your favourite holiday destination?

Galapagos Islands (swimming amongst sealions, turtles and sharks – and so much other wildlife to see)



What are you hobbies?

Bird-watching, Running

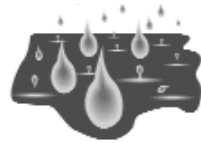
What is at the top of your bucket list?

Would love to climb Mount Everest (but this will probably never happen)

What words of wisdom do you have for the readers?

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Latest rainfall figures
(Aug-Oct)



Station Road

	2014	2015
August	104.00mm	80.25mm
September	25.00mm	47.75mm
October	63.75mm	54.25mm

Totals	192.75mm	182.25mm	Colin Lowe
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Every day is a gift ...

At the time of writing there are precisely 42.5 shopping days left 'til Christmas, 15 days 'til my wife's birthday and 19 days 'til our Wedding Anniversary. We do a lot of 'counting down the days' in life. After celebrating our youngest child's 2nd birthday recently, our 5 year old wanted to know if it was his birthday next (thinking it would be the next day!). He was quite puzzled to hear that, yes, he is the next of our children to celebrate their birthday, but not for another 100 days!

It is not wrong to look forward to things, especially spending time with special people, going on holiday & family celebrations; however, if we focus too much on the countdown, we can neglect to appreciate that every day is a gift (that's why it's called the present!).

We are now in Advent, and if we are not careful, it is easy to view this season as simply a countdown to Christmas Day (with the help of a daily piece of chocolate!), rather than the time of preparation for Jesus' coming - which it is.

My encouragement to you through Advent and Christmastime is, "Don't just count the days ... make the days count" Every day is an opportunity to make a positive difference to someone, somewhere.

This Advent, I will be encouraging our RE:NEW family to make every day count by doing something specific, enabling us to focus on important areas of life, things it is good to be aware of, ways we can make a difference. I am writing an Advent resource with some practical examples of how we can do this; email or call me if you would like a copy.

You are also, as ever, very welcome to join us at RE:NEW any time!
I pray you'll have a special Advent and a wonderful Christmastime.

Alan.

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please visit our website at <http://www.re-new.me.uk>"

News from Darwin Nurseries

The farm shop has a very festive feel about it at the moment, as we are preparing for the run-up to Christmas.

We had our first delivery of Christmas trees at the beginning of December and will have another one shortly. If you haven't seen them before come and take a look at our Quick Stands, the fast and easy way to hold your tree firmly in place.

We've also made our own mini twig-trees which make a novel alternative for anyone who doesn't have enough room for a large tree. We also have plenty of wreaths either for your front door or for table decorations.

Thinking about Christmas we are holding our Carol Service at Teversham Church on Thursday 17th December at 7:30. It is always a mixture of the traditional and the more modern. Any money made from the event is given to a local charity which this year will be Milton Hospice. Everybody is welcome to join us and there will be festive food and drink at the end.

With it being so mild this Autumn, we have caught up well in terms of getting all our plots ready for planting next year.

There is plenty of Christmas produce in the shop and lots of other comestibles which make good gifts.

If you want a good display of bulb flowers next spring you've still got time to plant them. There is an old wives tale that says you should have garlic planted by Boxing Day. That's a fair rule for all bulbs that are going to bloom in the spring.

We've planted up hyacinths and miniature daffodils for Christmas decoration which are now in our poly-shed outside the shop entrance. The highlight of the year for many of us is Sunday 13th when 79 of our co-workers are going to have Christmas dinner at the Quy Mill Hotel.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

A Christmas Quiz

1. Who was the first monarch to broadcast a Christmas message to the nation?
2. Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660?
3. What liqueur goes into making a 'snowball' cocktail?
4. What is the popular name for little baked sausages wrapped in rashers of streaky bacon?
5. In which body of water is Christmas Island?
6. In legend, what did St Nicholas drop down the chimney?
7. What Christmas song includes 'Glory to the newborn king'?
8. What is Tiny Tim famous for saying?
9. According to the UK National Meteorological Office, what year (prior to 2007) was the last white Christmas in Britain?
10. What animal is Snowball in George Orwell's book Animal Farm?

Answers on page 39

Shoebbox Appeal



A fabulous 132 boxes were packed this year to support Mustard Seed Relief Missions Christmas shoebox appeal. The Benefice came together in St Cyriac's for the operation and huge thanks goes to all who contributed either financially, in donations or with their time. Our parcels will be shipped to children in Easter Europe and I know they will bring a great deal of happiness when they are delivered. Thank you again to everyone that was involved.

Janet Willmott

Church News

Village Show Sept 27rd

This went very well, and there is a full report else where in Jackdaw. Next year's show will be Sept 17th
Harvest Festival Sept 28th

As usual the church was very nicely decorated with flowers and seasonal produce. Most of the entries of fruit, veg and crafts from the previous day's show were still there to be admired. The Harvest festival was poorly attended, but Sue gave us a varied service with pictures on the big screen to complement the singing of all the favourite Harvest Hymns. Afterwards most stayed to enjoy teas and some lovely cakes. Many thanks to Lynn, Shirley and Dianne.

Ritz Tea Party Oct 18th

Although we invited all those villagers who frequently help our church, only a few attended. Those who did, dressed in their finery, enjoyed the singing of the Benefice Gospel Choir, who soon had our feet tapping to the bouncy gospel music. Lynn and her helpers had provided a lovely tea with lots of homemade cakes and sandwiches without crusts. A quiz with questions all about "tea". These were quite difficult and not many people scored more than half marks.
Shoe box appeal for children abroad.

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Sun Dec 6th Crib and Christingle 9.30am

We hope to welcome Tony Bevens back for this service, as long as his newly repaired hip is active enough for him to get here. This is a very enjoyable service especially with the children joining in for the nativity scene.

Sun Dec 20th

Carol service 9 lessons and carols 3.00pm With Rev Sue Giles

This will be the usual 9 lessons and carols. It would be good to see the church full again, as last year. It is a lovely atmosphere singing along to all our well known carols and afterwards teas and cakes provided by Shirley and Dianne. We are still looking for readers so if you would like to read a lesson please let Bill know.

Once again we will be asking streets to decorate a Christmas tree, and last year these really brightened the church along with the other decorations.

Friday Dec 25th Holy Communion BCP 8.00am Rev Sue Giles

What a lovely way to start Christmas Day. Why not come and join us, anyone can come and enjoy the peace and serenity of Christmas morning. You don't have to take communion.

Sun Dec 27th Benefice Communion CW1 9.30am Rev Sue Giles

At this service we are joined by congregations from the other four churches in our benefice. Afterwards it is nice to meet and chat to these visitors over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Pancake service Feb 14th

This will be in the Village Hall. Come along and eat as many pancakes as you like and join in the informal all age service. We would love to welcome children here, so mums and dads, grannies and grandads why not come along and bring the children.

The future of the church and especially Our church We would like to know how you see the future of the Church of England and especially our church. We would love to hear your views, your vision of how you envisage the church will be in five, ten years time.

Obviously at the moment there are not enough bums on pews at our church services, and also those bums that are there are getting older. So many of us want our church to be there for our festivals, but please help us to come up with ideas on how we can keep it going. What would encourage you to attend services? Would you be happy to discuss, and suggest the way ahead ? We need to get four or five villagers to come along and discuss this with members of other churches in the benefice. We you're your advice and suggestions. If you are prepared to come along and air your views please let Bill know on 811063, or bill.watts5@btinternet.com

D.J. Walton's legacy.

Quy PCC are very pleased to receive a legacy from D.J. in her will. D.J was church secretary for a number of years, and also joined in so many village activities. D.J requested that this legacy be used for Quy church and projects have been already been discussed that could be carried out in D.J's name. These will include a 3 phase electric supply, which is needed, as the original is right on the limit and if all lights and heating were turned on the trip would blow. After this is installed we can then look again to improve the church heating We also intend to put a gate through the church wall from the church green car park, and a new path to link it to the front porch.

Hope to see you all at the Carol Service!

Church Warden

Quiz Answers

1. George Vth
2. Oliver Cromwell
3. Advocaat
4. Pigs in blankets
5. Indian Ocean
6. A purse of money
7. Hark the Herald Angel Sings
8. God bless us, everyone
9. 2004
10. A pig

Church Services

Date	Type of service	Time	Minister	Church
January				
Sun Jan 3rd	Morning Prayer	9.30am	Mike Proctor	Quy
Sun Jan 10th	Benefice Comm	9:30am	Sue Giles	Quy
	Benefice All age	11:00am		
Sun Jan 17th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	TBA	Quy
Sun Jan 24th	Benefice Comm	9:30am	Sue Giles	Quy
	Benefice All age	11:00am		
Sun Jan 31st	Morning Prayer	9:30am	TBA	Quy
February				
Sun Feb 7th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	TBA	Quy
Sun Feb 14th	Benefice Pancakes	11:00am	Sue Giles	Quy
			Village Hall	Quy
Sun Feb 21st	Morning Prayer	9:30am	TBA	Quy
Sun Feb 28th	Benefice Comm	9:30am	Sue Giles	Quy
	Benefice All age	11:00am		
March				
Sun Mar 6th	Mothering Day service		TBA	Quy
Sun Mar 13th	Benefice Comm	9:30am	Sue Giles	Quy
	Benefice All age	11:00am		
Sun Mar 20th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	TBA	Quy

Ben Holy Comm = Benefice Holy Communion