



Fyling Hall Matters

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The Season of Sharing

Around now, you will probably hear the phrase: “it’s the thought that counts.” However, I believe that this doesn’t mean that you should do nothing.

A small, cheap, sentimental item is worth a lot more than an expensive bar of chocolate to anyone. However, kindness is not just a Christmas entity, it should be a year round occurrence. It is important to remember during a time when the word ‘terrorism’ appears in the news on a daily basis, that all around the world, many people are kind and loving to one another on a daily basis. Sometimes this is in the shape of an organised charity or it could be random people committing random acts of kindness.

These random acts can be anything from a simple hug to cheer someone up, to sharing a warm meal. Performing an act of kindness without any expectation of kindness can be powerful.

There are many films and descriptions that circulate on Facebook which show people performing the act of “Paying It Forward”, a phrase that was originally coined by Lily Hardy Hammond in her book published

in 1916, and it describes an act of kindness that instead of being paid back to the beneficiary, is paid ‘forward’ to the next person—creating a chain of kindness. Many cafes for example allow people to pay for the coffee of the person behind them. There was even a film and book called ‘Pay It Forward’ where the story of a young boy who performed three good deeds for others in need, asked only that those three people passed on their own acts of kindness in order to keep the cycle going.

It might seem like a naïve idea, but if everyone did something good—imagine the accumulative effect that could be created! Like a snowball of human kindness. The reward? You could be responsible for improving somebodies day, or you could even have an effect on their whole life. So this Christmas, be kind and considerate, show love to everyone around you. Sparing a second of your Christmas might just make somebody else’s.

Corbin Sharing



Silas’ Soundbites



Christmas is coming...

Carols and Mince Pies

On the 3rd of December, the school choir, harmony group, band and other chosen pupils sang or played at Mrs White’s house to celebrate the advent of Christmas.

The evening is looked forward to each year and gives parents and guardians a chance to see their children perform.

As well as musical entertainment, visitors enjoyed traditional Christmas food such as mince pies and mulled wine, kindly provided by members of the PTA. For the children, there was also a tombola with many prizes there to be won.

Ever since I joined Fyling Hall in 2008, I attend the event. To see everyone dressed up in their Christmas jumpers wings a kind of warmth to my heart—I guess it just rounds up the importance of the Christmas season, which is getting together and having fun! *Phoebe Russell*

Christmas Anagrams

(How many Christmas word can you unravel from the following phrases?)

Most Elite

Vicar’s themes

Serpents

Tense aggressions

Drastic charms

Ugly Leo



Fyling Hall Goes Baubleastic

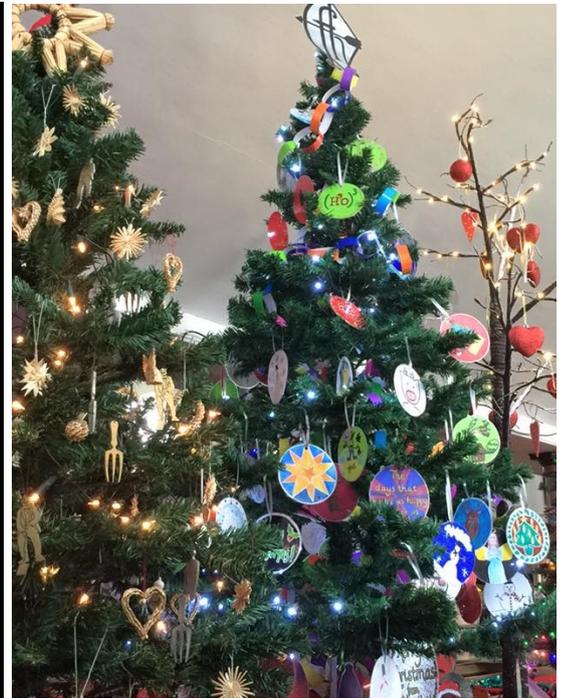


That magical time of year has at last returned to our calendars. John Lewis once again rules the TV ad scene and Santa has had his face squashed up onto every Coke can in production — yes, it's the ancient Roman festival of Saturnalia.

Seriously though, it's Christmas and the churches of St Mary and St Stephen, in Whitby and Fylingthorpe, have invited locals to produce Christmas trees to be displayed. Shops like W.Hammond or Whitby Jet Shop and groups like the Rotary club have produced their trees and this year Fyling Hall has done the same.

Mrs Freer started by getting the Junior School to decorate baubles to put on a tree. Seeing their popularity, she took the idea to the seniors, asking them to make a contribution. As you can see this proved to be a complete success and if you want to get yourself a bit of that Saturnalia spirit then feel free to head on over to St Marys Church, Whitby, or St Stephen's, Fylingthorpe.

Asa Jones



The Junior School Perform "A Christmas Carol"

"A Christmas Carol"

As the days on the advent calendar add up, I feel a little like Mr Scrooge; but my sense of Christmas cheer and merriment built up as I watched the Junior School's performance of "A Christmas Carol". As I sat down at 2 o'clock, I found the barn filled with a warm, welcoming atmosphere accompanied by a Christmassy scent in the air.

As a new song popped up every other moment I feel it's appropriate to mention the music. It was live, beautifully performed, and way beyond enjoyable. Arthur Watson pulled the whole thing together as Scrooge with an incredible memory for lines. Whether you were tapping your foot along to 'Fezziwigs Rock and Roll' or shedding a tear at 'In the Bleak Midwinter' you could not dispute the talent of the cast. The play involved some intriguing techniques including the Cratchet 'Stomp' and smoke machine, which *literally* added to atmosphere.

It was simply inspiring to see such young actors and actresses go on stage and just have fun. The paper snow was also a highlight, and is the closest I've come to winter weather so far. It just shows how much fun was had by all. Well done to the pupils who performed, thank you to the staff, in particular Miss Edwards, without which the production would not have gone ahead, and to you at home, in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone."

Asa Jones



History of Christmas Tree



The tradition of decorating homes with evergreens was first introduced in England when Prince Albert, the husband to Queen Victoria, brought a Christmas tree from Germany in 1841. It was placed in Windsor Castle and Illustrated London News published a drawing of the royal family around the new furnishing. Originally the trees were decorated with candles, sweets and cakes — glass baubles first came into production in 1847.

Possibly the most famous Christmas tree in England is the Norwegian spruce that is placed next to the statue of Lord Nelson in Trafalgar Square. It is a gift from the people of Oslo — during the Second World War, King Haakon of Norway was exiled to England when the Nazis occupied his country. Norway has sent their thanks in the form of these trees every year since 1947.

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