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NEWSLETTER No. 40

Xmas 1983 to New Year 1984

BACK yourselves, Friars... we begin the pre-Christmas message with some less than welcome news. Having held our prices rock solid for nearly three years - in the teeth of ever-increasing production costs - we are forced to bring our tariffs down with exasperated apoplexy. We are advised by our accountants, advisers, financial consultants that we cannot absorb the constantly escalating costs of producing Greyfriars Press volumes at 1981 prices - when we are meeting 1983-4 costs for print, paper, binding, editorial, storage and distribution.

You see the problem? So something has to give. And it has to be our rigid 3-year anti-inflationary price freeze.

Do you know of any other manufacturer - much less one in the publishing profession - who has held prices frozen solid from 1981 to January 1984?

The consequence of all this is that, as from January 1st 1984, the price of Greyfriars Press volumes will be increased from the current £7.95 to £9.95. (The few more expensively priced volumes such as Greyfriars Adventurers, Coalfield Crankman, etc.. will rise in price per rate.)



A POINT TO PONDER

Did you know that, in 1969, when we published our first M & O M E T volumes at £2.7s. (two pence) the average weekly wage was £24.18s.7d. Today, the average weekly wage stands at £117.08. Thus, while our book prices rose by 400% over the period, the average income has risen by something approaching 700%.



To keep up with inflation, our volumes should now be priced at £15. That would be equitable and fair. But... they are not so priced. They are about to be priced at one-third less than the 'going rate'.

Therefore, good Friars, be assured you are getting more than a square deal from the Greyfriars Press.

REPRINTS OF O/P VOLUMES



The special reprint volume for pre-Christmas will be the famous Conventicle Abbey series; WILLY BURNER'S CHRISTMAS - the long out-of-print Volume 22. In addition to this popular Yuletide series, the volume will include three back-to-school classic singles. A collection to be cherished.

In the early Spring - pre-Easter - the special O/P re-issue will be THE TROOP OF GREYFRIARS (Vol. 21). This, 'Herbert Hobbler's' collection, is said to be the greatest laughing-out series that Frank Richards ever wrote.



GOING O/P

Though no longer available through the Trade, a very few of the following titles remain on our office shelves, and are available, by mail order, while stocks last.

They are listed overleaf:



**STOP
PRESS**

EMERGENCY EDITION

We have experienced some appalling production problems during this pre-Xmas period. Please accept our apologies for the sub-standard presentation of this edition of our newsletter - and for the delay.



Billy Hunter in the Land of the Pyramids	(Vol. 1)	\$9.95
Rebellion of Harry Wharton	(Vol. 4)	\$13.95
Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1975		\$9.95
Dictator of Greyfriars	(Vol. 43)	\$9.95
The Banned School (Wilson Lee) Series		
Girls Series		\$9.95
The Courtfield Crackman	(Vol. 44)	\$19.00



THE PRIARS CLUB

Heuring Hall writes:

The Priars Club has held a number of successful meetings during the Autumn season. The list of future venues is: Christmas at Bob and Betty Aronson's (Living Building 11035) 19th December, 1983. Spring meeting at Edward Clifford's home (ring OMB? 2075) at Fitzright, 15th May, 1984, and AGM/Comm. meeting at Rosemary and Mally Hall's home - ring Walton 932 214048 - on 14th July 1984.

All members and interested collectors welcome. Please ring your host a week before each meeting date to confirm attendance.

We now have several members under the age of 16, and have decided to reduce the subscription to the Greyfriars Club from £3 p.a. to £2 p.a. Full rate from age 16 onwards.

The "junior" members are interested in forming a small separate group, within the main club.

Applications for membership to the Greyfriars Club are invited.



A CLUB 'GEM' - AT LAST!

It was well known that the St. Jim's fans had a 'poor shake' in the course of the present 4th Book Club series. The reasons are clear to all, but the fact does remain that the lovely old OMB has been relegated to second class citizenship status over the course of years.

At least we are trying to make some amends by publishing one of the best and longest St. Jim's series ever (nine issues) in December - in time for reasonable Christmas reading. THE ST. JIM'S CHRISTMAS MARRING-OUT is adjudged to be one of Charles Hamilton's happiest efforts at a period in history when the OMB was riding high in popular esteem.

In order to accommodate this extra-long series we have established it within the bounds of the walls surrounding St. Jim's. Most extraordinary material

has been put aside, an 'irrelevant and incompetent' to see a favourite Perry Mason phrase. Eric Payne, agent editor of the Betsy Paper Collectors' Club, and recently misled over the question of whether anybody ever bothered to read the 'filler' serials at the back of the Old Papers. Certainly, he confesses that he never did. We venture to believe that few other readers did, either.

In the event, by producing this particular OMB series to its 1984 essentials, we have endeavored to make the volume commercially viable. Otherwise, at its grossly inflated size, and in the knowledge that the OMB cover sells as well as a MARKET volume anyway, THE GREAT ST. JIM'S CHRISTMAS MARRING-OUT would probably never have seen the light of day. And that is the long and the short of it. We trust that all St. Jim's aficionados will be well pleased with the result of our efforts to keep the flag of St. James's College flying.



PIE No.3

Numbers of you have written to us to enquire the Editor the Somerset series published in the current Greyfriars Holiday Annual, 1984. But, one of you asked, why did we not provide the concluding installment in the Annual? Five hundred lines in the Boy who posed this question! The answer, which we thought must be glaringly obvious, is that, if we had done so, just about half of the entire OMB 1984 would have been occupied by WILSON LEE. And Greyfriars, St. Jim's and Cliff House would have had to share the other half between them. Hardly equitable.

Happily, our Collectors Plus provides a very useful spill-over for the pre-Christmas season. And thus, the concluding part of the exciting Markie-Sarcoret serial will duly appear in every early Spring, i.e., March 1984. Not to be missed.



Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir...

Friar Nicholas writes from Australia:

'Having sent a letter off to you yesterday, enquiring of the delay on a couple of Greyfriars Book Orders, today six of the books arrived on my doorstep! This leaves only the 'Baking of Harry Wharton', and as this was not republished 'till October, I can't reasonably expect that before Christmas.

Sorry if yesterday's letter has started any needless enquiry, but it is odd that the books arrived the very day that I, in fact, enquired at my local Post Office, simply to be told that if Australia Post knew anything about the parcels, I would have received them! But I can't help but suspect that the wrong has been over this side of the world.

Anyway, thanks again. As usual, your service has been excellent!'

- Ian McCallan, 108 Hudson Street, Brisbane, 4004 Victoria, Australia. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1982.

We publish the above letter as a cautionary tale. Always, we mail out books the same day the order is received. When unreasonable delay in receipt occurs, it is advisable to make the most stringent and searching enquiries at your local sorting office. Quite often, the answer lies there!



Further to your Editorial in GAZETTE No. 37 of 1982 regarding religion in the Greyfriars and St. Joe's stories, and the letter you published from me in the following issue, this subject, together with the more serious side of the stories, always intrigued me, and so I decided to try and enlarge upon it.

Therefore, (and although I could have done far longer on sacred emotional and quite sad incidents), I have written a rather lengthy opinion, devotion, emotion, religion AND DRAMA. This has now been printed in booklet form, mainly through the encouragement and enthusiasm of Graham McEwan-Holt, and can be supplied to interested Friars at £1.00 (including postage), 30 pages, with illustrated cover and inside illustrations. A4 (MAGNET) size. From Tony Kemp, 18 Weston Park, Thames Ditton, Surrey. (Tel. 01-708 1672).

The several illustrations were used by kind permission of the Editor.

PETER McCALL'S GREYFRIARS GUIDE

Friar John Lewis writes:

I give below a few more gleanings, from the vast field of the Greyfriars Saga, that have escaped the fine mesh of Mr. McCall's net.

BRIDGEWOOD. A station on the railway line between Boddyfrye and Larkham, about a quarter of a mile from the main road (1081).

CARR. A member of the Hall Farm at Greyfriars (1089).

CLASS ROOM No. 10. The detention form room, frequently used by M. Chapman for extra lessons. (1622).

COOPER, Mr. A. Jeweller and watchmaker situated in Courtfield's High Street. Patronized by Mr. Quitch (1078).

JERKINS, Mr. A. an estate agent in Wilsford, well-known to Coo. Wharrie (1810).

LANTHAN BARBERS. Lanthan's local cricket team (1851)



LODGEY, WILLIAM (Bill). A rascally gentleman, with a fondness for beer, who has a private room at the Cross Keys Inn, Philadelphia. Possibly the brother of Joseph Lodgey - the shady bookmaker. (DAG?)

- John Lewis, Mill Top, Liverpool Road, Newton, Cheshire, M61 2RF.



O/P REPRINTS AGAIN

A letter from the Chairman of the Friars Club:

I have heard from Darrell BIEEL that a member or two has been a little worried about the reprints of out-of-print fascimiles. I feel that your approach is exactly right in producing the new editions, and will say so if the point is raised at the next meeting. We don't want the 'dog in the manger' attitude to come into this. In any case, I am sure that the value of the original copies will be retained, if not enhanced. The reason for the comment is usually put forward by the financially interested collector, rather than the collector interested more in the stories than the cash.

- Maurice Hall, 126 Sidney Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 2BA.

From Friar Brent:

'T'll be for ever eternally indebted, for keeping the post alive!

As alive as we remembered it, and shall remember it.

Thanks again, ever grateful.

- Frank L. Knapp, 29 Colson Street, Avalon, Wellington, New Zealand.



Mr E. Hopton writes:

Thank you very much indeed for the Greyfriars GAZETTE No. 29.

It is indeed wonderful news that you have decided to reprint so many of the most sought-after books. This will delight so many people, and make them very happy indeed.

I am particularly pleased that Volume 22, Billy Barker's Christmas, is being reprinted, and although the publication date is not until December 1983, I am sending you my order and cheque now, to make sure of getting my copy, which I will eagerly await. Again, many thanks.

- E.E. Hopton Mrs. I 'Karenda', 79 Beaulieu Road, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs, DE13 2AB



From T.V. Jones:

We have a lot to thank your wonderful Greyfriars Press for, and I never get tired of reading the many Howard Baker books I own, neither does my 50-year-old brother. I am 60, and have read Hamilton for 50 years.

- T.V. Jones, 41 Brookland Park, Longlevens, Gloucester.



From Friar William of Wellfast:

Please note that I have allowed for three 'post and packing' charges to be made on my enclosed order for the special 'out-of-print' limited editions. I do so in order that you may mail the volumes to me as they are published.

I look forward to receiving these long-awaited reprints. Once again you are to be congratulated on catering so well for your customers.

- F. Willigan, 4 Enid Drive, Helidon, QPS 4330, Qs. Down.

ORDERING FOLLOWING WEB PAGE

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Apex from our third customer, who knows exactly where they stand regarding delivery dates, tells us those who order back stock titles for immediate delivery - but sometimes without the simple operation of including FORWARD on their order list.

This means that if they have only sold postage for one parcel of books, the whole of their order is held as until the FORWARD TITLE is available.

And some customers, understandably, may wish to be advised to know why their order has not been serviced by expedite return post, as a normal customer with back-stock titles.

Keep all a new clearly understood.

While on this subject, another point worth noting: the month of publication given in our normal enquiries usually means the end of the particular month in question rather than the beginning. Thus, a book ordered by Apex publication - for example - is not likely to be available until the end of August - certainly not in August the First! Best watch remembering.

Just received from you 'The Joker of Greyfriars'. My collection consists of approximately 140 of your Howard Baker volumes, all of which I consider excellent value, and very well produced. However, I feel that I must draw your attention to the out-of-print volumes. This standard is not maintained - J.S. Smith, Geneva, 5 Mount Park, Canby, Gwynedd, North Wales.

We must point out to Fred Smith that we did explore the production situation under our new Delaine Series. The standard is exactly the same as the well-known Greyfriars Press volumes. The only point of difference is the limp cover. We refer Fred Smith to Page Two of GAZETTE No. 28, where we explained the change - and the reasons for it - in painstaking detail.



Most Respected Author, writes Phil Harris, from Montreal, Canada. It's that time of year once again - time for the warmest of Christmas Greetings - for the most sincere thanks for yet another year of the finest kind of nostalgia - for those trips down "Memory Lane" to the age when life was, by and large, so uncomplicated - when so many of our most treasured fibs were to be found between the covers of our favorite weekly periodicals, which you have given back to us all these years later.

To you, Sir, - and to yours - and all at 134, all the joys and fulfillment of Christmas - Health and all success in 1984.

And please keep you all. Sincerely,

Phil Harris, 2542 Decolles Avenue, Apt. 4, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3T 2K5.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Some fervent Hamiltonians have complained that we publish too many Bob Elmer MAGNET stories these days. True, the number has increased. But the reason is clear. As we work our way backwards from 1940 - how well does the early '30's - one encounters more and more "bad" stories. And if we are to achieve our goal of publishing every MAGNET, from its beginning in 1928 to its sad demise in 1940, then the writers who kept the MAGNET alive during the years when Charles Hamilton often failed to answer when to roll call must be included.

The coming Spring programme opens with a MAGNET volume by the genuine Frank Richards, BILLY BUSTER OF CHEYFRIARS. Essentially, it fills the gaps left in the BUSTER AT ST. JIM'S volume (No. 57). So now, the whole Billy Buster at St. Jim's/Wally Bester at Greyfriars saga is complete.

Signs of satisfaction all round! And a few extra MAGNET issues are included in this volume to make up the weight.

The month of March will be occupied by COLLECTOR'S PIE No. 2, the conclusion of the Scott-Burrows series, plus three Hamiltonian MAGNET issues and two Hamiltonian GEM issues. Let us say that The Editor is being explicit in the Spring '84 programme.

April will see a splendid GEM collection, selected by the redoubtable St. Jim's scholar, William Smith. Also, for pre-master publication, our MAGNET re-issues of THE EVANGEL OF CHEYFRIARS. This, the 'Bardon Rebellion' series, is numbered among the 'gems' of Greyfriars pages, indisputably the most interesting biography

OVERSEAS PAYMENTS

All of our books prices are calculated at the lowest possible level - in U.K. currencies. And all of our correspondence is prompt and courteous (usually, in English writing).

It follows that it is in pounds sterling that we prefer to be paid.

For overseas customers, this usually presents no difficulty. Most international banks have London offices in which sterling cheques can be drawn, and many of our 'Big Bang' firms pay us in this way. Orders pay for international Money Order transactions through local post-office exchanges - drawing the, if you can, where you are in the currency in sterling - in which our books are listed on invoices or in our Catalogue.

This is not to say that we will not accept payment in other currencies, but cheques and banknotes tend to be slow, unreliable delivery of your value, and certainly cost money. If you are paying us in any currency other than sterling, please add 2% to the sterling price (not before conversion). This enough to what it costs here to convert and collect currencies in diverse countries.

Our best recommendation is - write in sterling to save time, trouble and money. Starting about



Readers/Prints in the Irish Republic, please NOTE:

1984 is now included in the 12 issue per year annual Calendar system.

Thereafter, when you order per set Order Form, include your name in the U.K. only Calendar.



"I shall be sure to see you of foreign exchange, Sir!"

to be published by the Greyfriars Press since THE WORLD OF FRANK REICHERT is the forthcoming life story of George Richmond Samways.

Every reader of the Greyfriars and St. Jim's stories has always wanted to know what 'went on' in the editorial sections of the MAGNET and GEM offices at Fleetway House.

For the first time, the veil is lifted, and the full story revealed. This definitive, fascinating account of life among the MAGNET personalities is related with insight, sympathy and good-will by one who saw and experienced it all - and in the safe seclusion of that glorious golden age of boys' school fiction.

The editors, the sub-editors, the 'occasional contributors', the office boys, the artists, and, of course, Charles Hamilton, all cross the stage in this remarkable tribute to an unique literary era - the like of which we shall never see again.

To be published in May.

POSTSCRIPT

As we approach the end of this issue of the GAZETTE, with Christmas only a few weeks away, we find that our last books of the season are running very late off the production line.

Wunder Party, Tom Merry's Weekly, and Book Club edition Billy Hunter's Kick-Off have all been subject to serious delays at our publishers.

Thanks, pleadings, cajolings, have had no effect. They have been unwilling, or unable, to speed up production. Afraid it is all part of the Malaise that has afflicted British industry for so long.

Our heartfelt apologies for these inexcusable delays. But be assured that we are bending every nerve to see that all your volumes are in your hands in ample time for the holidays.

Our ☆ Greetings...

... to each and every one of you;

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you
all, now and throughout the Coming Year!



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It is necessary that in future we levy a small charge for insertion of advertisements in our Classified Advertisements/Sales & Wants section. Please remit at the rate of 2 pence per word.

Sales and Wants

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FOR SALE: Club volumes Nos. 1, 6, and 7 in great condition.

Offers please. 045 2476, 2475, 2474 - £15 each plus postage. Offers. T.A.C. please for lists - F. Hall, Longwalk, Longsley, Harrogate, Northumberland NE40 5SP.

FOR SALE: MAGNET volumes Nos. 4, 26, 27, 38, 76, 77, 78, 80 volumes 2, 8, 11, 12. Also Journals. £8 each plus postage - E.R. Inghel, 8 Holm Hall Crescent, Doncasterfield, Doncaster.

FOR SALE: All of the following, post-paid: Club volume 4, 1 & 6 at £12 each; MAGNET volumes 2, 8, 11, 25, 38 and 42 at £18 each. In-print MAGNET vols. 1, 6, 9, 14, 16, 41, 42, and



50 c. 25 each. Holiday Annals 1941, 1970 and 98 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 at 45 each. Postal only. - John Hardy, 27 Rue des Jokers, St-Germain, Switzerland.

FOR SALE: The following Greyfriars Press, MAGNET volumes: No. 7 - The Greyfriars Messenger - 425; No. 10 - Bunter and the Greyfriars Mating - 426; No. 15 - Calling Mr Quitch - 425; No. 19 - The Greyfriars Pillars - 426; No. 28 Billy Bunter in China - 425; No. 35 - A Bargain for Bunter - 425; No. 37 - The Shadow Over Harry Wharton - 425; No. 38 - The Burglar at Greyfriars - 425; No. 51 - Billy Bunter's Red Truck - 425; No. 52 - The Sleuth at Greyfriars - 425; No. 55 - The 50-c in Strike at Greyfriars - 425; No. 58 Bob Sherry's Big Bargain - 425; No. 71 - Billy Bunter's Lucky Day - 425; No. 78 - Bunter Tells the Truth - 425; Apply to Mr John Hardy, 78 Robin Hood Lane, Welton, W6 9W.

FOR EXCHANGE: In-print and Out-of-print MAGNET volumes. More quantities. Write for details to: R. Crook, 632 Georgetown, MO, 63104.

FOR SALE: From the estate of the late Frier Terence Barrow. The following Out-of-Print titles are for sale: MAGNET Vol. 5 Billy Bunter and the Greenfield Crossman - 425; Vol. 7 The Greyfriars Messenger - 426; Vol. 8 The Mystery of Wharton Lodge - 426; Vol. 9 Letter of the Queen - 426; Vol. 10 Bunter & the Greyfriars Mating - 425; Vol. 15 Bunter the Vent-Insurer - 425; Vol. 18 Calling Mr Quitch - 425; Vol. 19 Harry Wharton's Orney - 425; Vol. 27 The Black Sheep of Greyfriars - 426; Vol. 28 The Greyfriars Makers - 426; Vol. 29 The Talent of Greyfriars - 426; Vol. 32 Billy Bunter's Christmas 2004 - Vol. 33 The Jester of Greyfriars - 426; Vol. 34 The Whimsical Schoolboys - 426; Vol. 35 Billy Bunter in China - 425; Vol. 37 Mystery of the Hart House - 426; Vol. 38 The Burglar of Greyfriars - 426; Vol. 39 The Sleuth of Greyfriars - 426; Vol. 39 30c in Strike at Greyfriars - 425; Vol. 38 Bob Sherry's Big Bargain - 425; Vol. 57 Billy Bunter's Lucky Day - 425; Vol. 58 Billy Bunter Tells the Truth - 425; Vol. 59 The Green of Sully - 426; Vol. 62 The Greyfriars Sewing Society - 426; Vol. 63 The Dictator of Greyfriars - 426; Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1950 - 426; Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1959 - 425; OR Vol. 9 Tom Merry's Holiday - 426; Club Vol. No. 10 The Buffette - 425.

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Vol. 10 The Boys in a Boat Vol. 12 The Greyfriars Messenger; Vol. 14 Mr Lord Bunter; Vol. 20 About the Great; Vol. 26 Billy Bunter's Circus; Vol. 32 The Greyfriars Comedy; Vol. 33 Billy Bunter's Double Dose; Vol. 40 Billy Bunter's Corruption Party; Vol. 42 Billy Bunter's Hair; Vol. 44 Billy Bunter in Brazil; Vol. 46 Queen at Greyfriars; Vol. 58 Pussie (Jack) Bunter; Vol. 47 The Schoolboy Smuggler; Vol. 48 Bunter's Christmas Party; Vol. 49 The Mystery Man of Greyfriars; Vol. 50 Billy Bunter's Garter Trick; Vol. 51 The Bunter's Rebellion; Vol. 52 Bunter the Inspector; Vol. 53 Billy Bunter's Submarine; Vol. 54 Mutton-Seller's Rival; Vol. 55 Bunter the Lion Tamer; Vol. 56 Bunter's Posing Form; Vol. 58 Bunter's Christmas Party; Vol. 59 Bunter's Blue Relations; Vol. 60 The Greyfriars Inspector; Vol. 61 The Schoolboy Hairdresser; Vol. 62 The Big Bang at Greyfriars; Vol. 63 Bunter's Orders; Vol. 64 Billions with Bunter; Vol. 65 Greyfriars on Safari; Vol. 66 Raucous at Greyfriars; Vol. 67 Bunter at St. John's; Vol. 68 The Rages of the Ranges; Vol. 69 The Belly of Greyfriars; Vol. 70 Billy Bunter's Country; Vol. 71 The Greyfriars Second Eleven; Vol. 72 The Skybox of Greyfriars; Vol. 73 Under Bunter's Thumb; Vol. 74 Billy Bunter's Rival; Vol. 75 The Greyfriars Band; Vol. 76 Billy Bunter's Blunder; Vol. 77 Harry Wharton's Head; Vol. 78 The Persecution of Billy Bunter; Vol. 79 The Old Fellow of Greyfriars; Vol. 80 Former Bunter; Vol. 81 The Greyfriars Inspector; Vol. 82 Billy Bunter Expelled; Vol. 83 The Greyfriars Sign; Vol. 84 The Greyfriars Actors; Vol. 85 Bunter's Postal Order Mystery; OR Vol. 1 Boney the Runaway; Vol. 2 Carole of St. John's; Vol. 3 The Model of St. John's; Vol. 4 Tom Merry & the Night Riders; Vol. 5 Boys of St. John's; Vol. 7 The Spectre of St. John's; Vol. 8 Tom Merry's Best; Vol. 9 Tom Merry's Party; Vol. 10 Gay Days of St. John's; Vol. 11 Billy Manning; Vol. 12 High Jinks at St. John's - Vol. 13 Tom Merry's Orney; Vol. 14 The Jokers of St. John's; Vol. 15 The Madmen of St. John's; APPEND: Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1950; 194 1950; 194 1971; Greyfriars Summer Dinner 1971; MAGNET Billy Bunter's Own Collectors File No. 1; Collectors File No. 2; Greyfriars for Growns 426; Tiger Tiers Own Club Collection 26; www.burtonbooks.com; 2, Victoria House, Francis Street, Ipswich, IPR, Suffolk, UK.

EXCHANGE: MAGNET volumes Nos. 4, 7, 24, 44, 55, 56, 61. Please contact 2076.

FOR SALE: Out-of-print Howard Baker Festschrift volumes, some Club volumes available. For list, and how to Mark Baker, 1 Sherwin Road, Southyfield, Kent, SE1 4AP

OUR THANKS

... to all those for their Christmas Cards and other seasonal items, which have been helping to make mid-December and which will no doubt reach the usual peak proportions by the time this Gazette reaches you. Every one of your messages is well noted and highly valued. Each one features (where space our Christmas Board, and remains there until Twelfth Night.

With all good wishes
for Christmas
and the New Year

