

Rural bus survey

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Comments from the parishes include:

A service run with volunteers is not a low-cost alternative as there are charges for a co-ordinator and volunteer expenses including police checks.

A designated route scheme attracts a fuel rebate—a community scheme does not.

A designated route has greater benefits for the residents it serves—knowing when and where services will operate at advertised stops.

Said Cllr Staley: 'I plan to set up a Campaign for Rural Transport in the New Year that will be about encouraging sustainable rural communities. A bus service would just be the start.'

The questionnaire

Please return completed Bus Service questionnaires to: 30 New House Lane, by 31 December 2007.

Ideal for collage work

MUSTARD SEED, the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, requests unwanted magazines for collage work with the Mustard Seed Art Groups. There are particularly interested in publications such as *National Geographic*, *Ideal Home* and *Homes and Gardens* (no fashion magazines). If you have any to spare please you can deliver them to 36 New House Close.

Reaping rewards

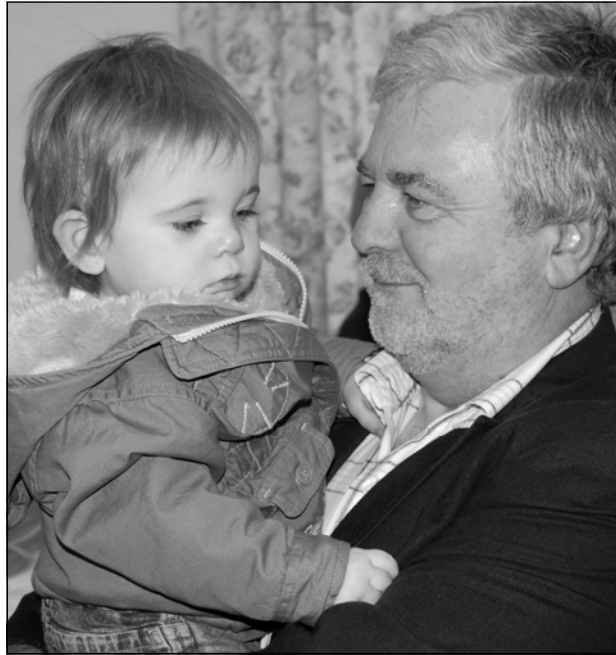
THIS YEAR'S Harvest Supper raised £294.30 profit for HCA—another enjoyable community event that relies on a big team effort. Chris Ives would like to thank everyone who helped in the preparation, and to all who attended. A special thanks goes to Sarah Guest for donating and cooking 'the delicious pork'.



PANTRY FAYRE... PANTRY FAYRE... PANTRY FAYRE...

Santa's

First stop... Hilltop



CHILDREN from Hilltop and far beyond queued up to see Santa Claus at the pantry fayre a few weeks ago, and there were babes of all ages pictured giving St Nick a hug.

The fayre was another ding dong success raising a profit of £694.64. The merry winners of the top raffle prizes were: Jan Armishaw (£100); Ryan Hughes (Hamper); Colin Firth (Satellite navigation system); and Ann and Roger Witham (Caroline Silk's hand-made quilt). Cheryl Ives won the fabulously fruity Christmas cake, also made by Caroline.

Organiser Lettie Hart wishes to thank all her big and little helpers including Tracey, Marion, Betty, Christine, Chris, Caroline, Andy, Rebecca, Amelia, Jo, Louise, Fiona, Sarah and Deborah for running stalls and Colin, Terry and Mick for all their help as well. Enormous thanks, too, to all those who made and donated delights for the pantry and to everyone who donated goods for the raffle and white elephant stall. **You all Jingle Bell rock!**



All I want for Christmas....
(top) Grandad Terry with 16 month-old Daisy Port,
(above) Trudy and Esther Goldsack and (right), Matthew Llong with dad Nigel

