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Hello everyone,

If I don't see you before, I wish you all a happy and peaceful (and warm) Christmas.

We have our Christmas meeting (Party) on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, with buffet and quizzes. The cost is £10.00 each. We need to **know numbers** for catering, so if you do not already have a ticket, please either phone me on 0161 980 5464, or email Eleanor Rogers on [eleanor.rogers5@btinternet.com](mailto:eleanor.rogers5@btinternet.com) to let us know if you wish to come, before Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any dietary needs, please let us know, e.g. gluten free, or vegetarian.  
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Here are just a few interesting bits on YouTube and websites to keep you busy.

Historic England asks public to hunt country's 'ghost signs'  
[https://advisor.museumsandheritage.com/news/historic-england-asks-public-to-hunt-countrys-ghost-signs/?utm\\_source=Museums+%2B+Heritage&utm\\_campaign=9d40ea1ec2-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2023\\_11\\_02\\_12\\_07&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-9d40ea1ec2-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://advisor.museumsandheritage.com/news/historic-england-asks-public-to-hunt-countrys-ghost-signs/?utm_source=Museums+%2B+Heritage&utm_campaign=9d40ea1ec2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_11_02_12_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-9d40ea1ec2-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D) Other interesting bits on this webpage  
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Secrets of Rhos-on-sea, an 8 minute video by Will Huw. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utms\\_w5mDyg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utms_w5mDyg)

He has other videos also, including Denbigh's 'Haunted House' Gwylfa Hiraethog. I've passed this ruin, you can see it from the A543 (Denbigh to Pentrefoelas). Here's a seven year old video walk to the house. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwJ19xx29CQ> by 007vauxhall, (with handheld camera).

Dinas Dinlle excavations on the Llyn Peninsula – an online powerpoint talk by archaeologist Dave Hopewell of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust. 57 minutes. I visited Dinas Dinlle 40+ years ago, it's now under threat from coastal erosion. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzvos7k1IOY>

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Archaeology exploration at Llanddwyn Island, Anglesey - article  
<https://the-past.com/feature/uncovering-a-lost-landscape-the-archaeology-of-llanddwyn-island/>

Slate Miners' housing above Llanberis – derelict, but evocative.  
<https://thirdeyetraveller.com/anglesey-barracks-snowdonia-forgotten-street/>

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'Hidden Secrets of a Tudor Manor House: Harvington Hall', a video by 'thehistorysquad'. 28 minutes. The hall, near Bromsgrove has seven priest's hides.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDI2XoNfJnQ>

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**WW1 letters from the USA.** I came across this article about a soldier from North Dakota, and his letters home. [Ignore the obvious 'cowboy' stuff.] <https://writinforthebrand.com/the-letter/>

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Manchester Old Photographs - check this website for old photos of Manchester  
[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/448/archives\\_and\\_local\\_history/4689/documentary\\_photography\\_archive](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/448/archives_and_local_history/4689/documentary_photography_archive)  
Also more photos here <http://gmlives.org.uk/>

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“What’s the difference between **medieval inns, taverns and ale-houses**” – 18 minutes video by ‘Modern History TV’. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEOs5J4ECOM>  
Jason Kingsley OBE, the ‘Modern Knight’, investigates the medieval world. ‘We aim to test out what it was actually like’. An interesting series of videos. Lots to choose from. I’ve seen one about riding mules.

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Some seasonal bits:

**Christmas Carols from 1954.** I found this on YouTube - Festival of Lessons and Carols from Kings College Cambridge from **1954**. Here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofGxXwA8i7c>  
There's a website - Archive of Recorded Church Music, with information about the recording of services, when it started etc, and some music to listen to. <https://www.recordedchurchmusic.org/>

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**New Year Customs** A Blog article from British Association for Local History  
[https://www.balh.org.uk/blog-the-weird-and-wonderful-new-year-traditions-of-yorkshire-2022-01-01?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=BALH&utm\\_campaign=newsletter-1277](https://www.balh.org.uk/blog-the-weird-and-wonderful-new-year-traditions-of-yorkshire-2022-01-01?utm_medium=email&utm_source=BALH&utm_campaign=newsletter-1277)

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Christmas Greetings puzzle picture – an old postcard of Thorley Lane, Timperley. Sorry I can't identify which bit of Thorley Lane.



Keep warm, and catch up on your reading and watching.



*See you around, Hazel*

