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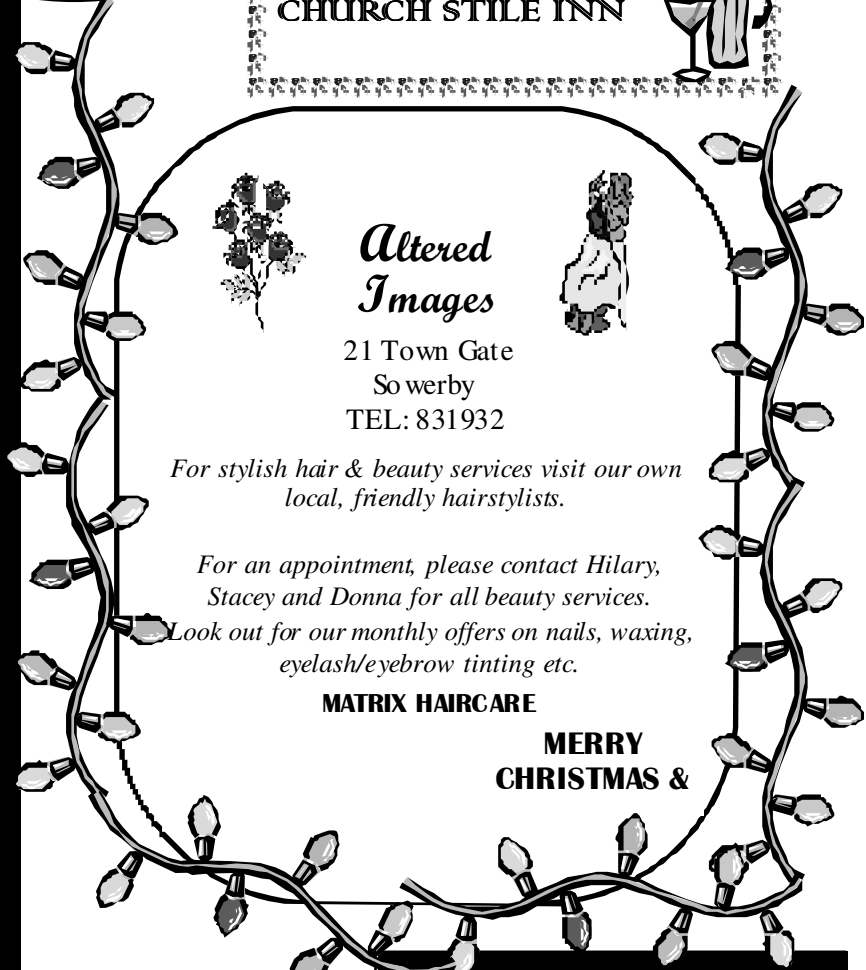
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We are always looking for new items of interest or adverts for our newsletter and would be grateful for your contribution.

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For an appointment, please contact Hilary, Stacey and Donna for all beauty services.

Look out for our monthly offers on nails, waxing, eyelash/eyebrow tinting etc.

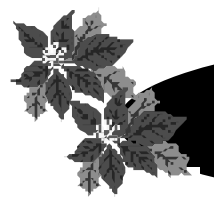
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Some useful contacts

For reporting crime or vandalism: Wakefield Police HQ: 0845 60 60 606

A website where you can get the most up to date picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in your locality: www.beatcrime.info

SOWERBY RESIDENTS' UPDATE a message from Secretary, Irene Kitchen



Welcome to our 2011 Christmas Edition. The end of the year brings the temptation to look back and I think we can be proud of our achievements to date.

- We have, \* Spearheaded improvements to the village centre. \* Seen a big reduction in anti-social behaviour, thanks of course to our community police. \* We have reached out to as many residents and organisations as possible. \* Applied successfully for Lottery funding for better play facilities for the village.

Much remains to be done. We would like to address the problem of the unsightly phone box in Town Gate, the dreadful prefabs in Dean Lane, the continuing problems of litter and dog fouling and the insidious dumping in Sowerby New Road. We are also trying to help solve problems of traffic in Dean Lane, which endangers residents, pedestrians and school children.

However, our talented members, friendly meetings, lively discussions and our optimism and undiminished determination to raise public awareness of our beautiful and historic village remain.

Here's to a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year to all in Sowerby.





## A STEP BACK IN TIME by Jean Illingworth

This 1940's view looking down Town Gate, Sowerby, shows the Post Office with Harry Haigh's name on the sign. He and his wife Connie ran the business from May 1934-1959. They had two



children, Stuart and Mary. The porch had a stone slab seat on the left and opposite a glass case to display advertising posters. The porch and telephone box nearby were popular places for young folk to meet in the evenings.

Inside the premises was rather gloomy, some goods were displayed on the stone floor including sacks of potatoes and bundles of firewood.

Glass jars held assortments of sweets including Cherry Lips, Palma Violets, Marzipan Teacakes, Sherbert Lemons, Aniseed Balls and Mattock's Toffee, made locally down in the valley at Sowerby Bridge.

Below the Post Office was Mrs Georgeson's cottage. She was one of the ladies who made jugs or pots of tea for the bus drivers and conductors on the Sowerby routes. Usually taken to the terminus at Hubberton or Steep Lane to be drunk, the empties were handed over on the return journey!

The building below the washing on the line was called Haigh's building and next a row of terrace houses with an archway in the middle. Below stood Providence Chapel where the three town houses were built in the 60s' and lower down was the fish and chip shop run by Jack Wilcock.

The gas lamp on the left was near Jack Wilcock's hen pen, (detached houses here now) next was the wall to 34 & 36 Highfield Places's yards. The gable end of the building below is 32 Town Gate, where I was born; earlier the block was a Conservative Club and later divided into three houses.



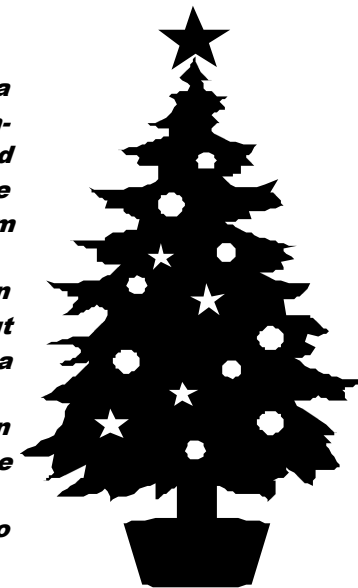
## CHRISTMAS TREES

*Christmas Trees, also known as Yule Trees have a tradition dating back to Germany in the 16th Century. The tree was brought inside and decorated with ornaments, garlands, tinsel and a star at the top, which represented the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity.*

*In the 20th Century, many cities and towns in Europe and America adopted this tradition and put up a tree in public places. Norway gives London a gift of a tree every year.*

*It was Prince Albert who popularised this tradition in our country and now, of course, it is part of the mystique and beauty of Christmas.*

*We hope that we in Sowerby, can look forward to our own tree to beautify our village this year.*



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*A*

*oak,*

*The more he saw the less he spoke;*

*The less he spoke the more he heard;*



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