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Hello, Mary here, your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and Crime Officer (**Have now got the Certificate to prove it!**) I attended this Month's P.A.C.T. (Police and Communities Together) Meeting. The Meeting was held on Tuesday 7th December. Here is a summary of the main topics communicated and discussed.

Your Marton Community Policing Team



P.C. Wayne Marshall



PCSO Kirsty Ashworth



PCSO Aneta Turner



PCSO Claire West

N.H.W. Community update/items communicated/discussed:

The Police reported that the current priorities for the Marton area this month are;

- **Speeding on ward:** Mythop Road, Kipling Drive and Paddock Drive mainly mornings and early evenings. 2x Section 59 - West Park Drive, Suffolk Rd, 6x Section 165 for no insurance - Preston Old Road, Whitegate Drive, De Vere Hotel.
- **Anti-social behaviour on Stanley Park:** Groups falling out, rowdy behaviour, fire started near the Community Centre, nuisance on the construction area near the Sport Centre - after school - 4pm - 7pm. High visible patrols, regular checks done to the Sport Centre, positive action taken with youths causing any ASB and zero tolerance approach.

Community Local News

As we approach the end of the year, I would personally like to thank these people, for their support to our Marton, Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Damian Buckley our Website Designer for all his hard work, his dedication to Neighbourhood Watch and "Our" Website, which is second to none.

A big thank you to P.S. Michael Pritchard, and P.C. Wayne Marshall. Also to all our wonderful Police Community Support Officers, for all their hard work and dedication in and amongst the Marton area.

Special thanks to P.C.S.O. Clair West for her commitment and help in the distribution of the Newsletters.

Thank you to Councillors Jim Holdsworth and Nicola Best, who have taken the time and trouble to attend the P.A.C.T. Meetings, and listen with great patience to all our moans!

To Ann-Marie of "Retro", many thanks for the use of the premises and for the refreshments provided throughout the year. Also I would like to thank all our Local Community based businesses, for kindly displaying all our Posters and allowing me to "dump" newsletters on them!

To Lyndsay Milligan, (Community Safety Officer), a big thanks you, for all her practical help and support. For Hilda, Val, Bob and Mildred, Marilyn, Margaret (you all know who you are!) many thanks, for helping with the delivery of the Newsletters. Also Thank you to, Steve Corrin, Sylvia Cubin, Louise Marshall, Natalie Booth, Kevin Arden, Brian Dean, Steph Bradford, Dave Burns, who all have taken the time and trouble to deliver the Newsletters to their/your Area.

Thank you to all N.H.W. Members for your support, and last, but by no means least, a BIG THANKS goes to my hubby, my own P.A. He is the one that deciphers all I have written, makes sense of it all, and then turns it into the Newsletter that hopefully you have enjoyed reading.

Having received significant support from Neighbourhood Watch Members, of which I thank you for, I would like to hope that interest, and participation will increase in 2011. Have a lovely Christmas, and God willing, "See you all next year!"



R.I.P.

Sadly in November, Eddie Dickens one of our key Co-ordinators died, he was a true Gentleman, and will be sorely missed by many, by way of tribute(unless anyone objects) I would like to oversee his Area (Kipling Court), and the community that Eddie cared about.

Next P.A.C.T Meeting Date

Many thanks to all of you, who, attended this months meeting, and to Ann Marie of RETRO for the use of the premises, and provision of refreshments.

The next P.A.C.T. Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th January at 4-00pm, Venue: RETRO on St. Leonard's Road (Next door to the Launderette). If you would like to discuss or comment on any of the above topics, or would like to add input to the next N.H.W. Newsletter, or maybe even assist in any way, give me a call on Marton Tel. No. 765491, alternately you can email me at hoods57@btinternet.com.

If you are unable to attend the above meeting there is a secondary P.A.C.T. Meeting/ Councillors Surgery held, every second Thursday of the Month, 6.00-6.30pm. At The United Reform Church Hall, Preston Old Road (**entrance, rear building on Kingsley Avenue**)

Regards,

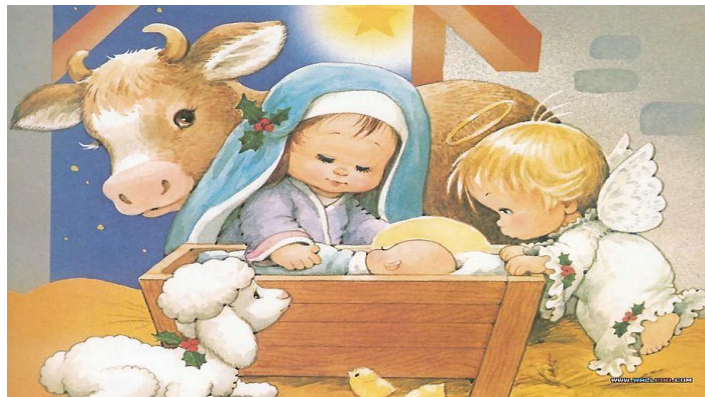
Mary N.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, representing Kipling Court, Doncaster, Prescott Place, Southbourne, Worcester, Lancaster, Abbotsford and Lawson Roads.

Mary's moan of the Month



THE NATIVITY PLAY



Having been born on the feast day of Our Lady, and being baptised Mary Teresa Bernadette, I always felt that I was more than qualified to play the Virgin Mary in the Schools Nativity play.

But every year it was the same thing, some sweet little dark haired girl from the class was always chosen, which I felt was very unfair, A) because their real name was never Mary, and B) why did they never choose a blond?

But every year after living in hope, and “Behaving” for a few weeks, I still ended up playing a lamb, donkey, cow, or a Star....but not even the Bethlehem one!

But this particular year tragedy really struck, when I was given the only remaining job left, which was as prompt and understudy.

Mum had always said that “God is Good” so as the nativity play approached I prayed to God that someone would fall ill (Please remember I was only a little girl at the time!).

The final rehearsal was in the morning, and the “real thing” took place in the afternoon of the last day of School, before breaking up for Christmas.

Well the rehearsal was a disaster, *on my part*.....because no one forgot their lines, and everyone was disgustingly healthy, I was gutted. But as I mentioned “God is Good!!!!” and an hour before we were due to start, Sister Monica came running back stage in a panic “The innkeeper has diarrhoea! Who knows the part?”

“THANK YOU GOD!” - My hand shot up.

“Are you sure?” asked Sister Monica “Yes Sister” I replied, as I thought; “How hard can it be!” Once Bishop Billington and all the Nun’s and Guests were seated we began, it was all very exciting and I remember wishing that Mum and Dad could have been there to watch me. After what seemed like ages I started to think how bored everyone must be getting, watching the same “Play” every year, but then I had an idea!

ACT 3

Mary, Joseph and the Donkey arrive at the inn. Joseph knocks on the inn door; door is opened by innkeeper (ME!);

“Good evening innkeeper, this is my wife Mary and she is heavy with child. Have you any room at the inn?”

Innkeeper (ME!) replies;

“You are so lucky; I have just had a cancellation, come in!”

Well at this “Joseph” was taken aback, but as she was a clever clogs, she also ad libbed;

Joseph;

“That is very kind of you, but as we love our Donkey so much and do not like to leave him on his own, we thought we could stay in your stable”

Innkeeper (ME!) replies;

“Oh do not worry about that, this is a pet friendly inn, he can stop in your room”

At this point, Mary, Joseph and the Donkey were forced to come through the “Cardboard Door” into the inn.

A deadly hush descended in the assembly hall, and it was only then I realised that I had just “Killed” the end of the play. I could see a couple of Nun’s racing towards the stage, so I flung open the “Cardboard Door” of the Inn and yelled;

“FIRE!” “FIRE!” “Everyone out, the chip pans on fire, everyone get to the Stable”

At this point, Mary, Joseph and the Donkey ran to the stable.

I ran the other way, before the Nuns could catch me, and I hid in the toilets until it was home time. So, I never got to see the end of the Nativity play, that year, and the following years Nativity Play went ahead in my absence, as I was not even allowed into the assembly hall!

Nuns have long memories!!!!!!!!!!



*Please Remember, just because you take a break at Christmas,
Does not mean, that Burglars do!*



LOCK IT! LIGHT IT! OR LOSE IT!