



## Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter January 2011

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# *HAPPY NEW YEAR*



**Hello,** Mary here, your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and *Crime* Officer (**Have now got the Certificate to prove it!**) I was unable to attend this Month's P.A.C.T. (Police and Communities Together) Meeting. The Meeting was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Preston Old Rd and Paddock Drive mainly mornings and early evenings.
- **ASB and criminal activity from a problem address on Whitegate Drive:** Juveniles from the address causing problems for passing members of the public, nearby residents and businesses. This is mainly happening in the evenings between Beechfield Ave and Preston Old Rd.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT WATCH**

I have been working on the idea of introducing two New Schemes which, hopefully, will enhance our already successful Neighbourhood Watch.

I am increasingly frustrated at only being able to alert you of potential problems in this Area, through this monthly Newsletter.

When a problem arises i.e. burglaries, vehicle vandalism, anti-social behaviour etc., I do try and alert as many people as possible, but obviously, these numbers are limited. So this is where my proposed New Scheme **N.A.W.** comes in, and if you would like to join, this is how it will work.....

You will need to provide me with a Mobile Telephone Number, Landline Telephone Number or e-mail address, your first name and the Road/Street in which you live.

You will then be entered onto a contact list (discretion assured), and if there are any problems in your area, you will receive a **N.A.W.** Text Message, Telephone Call or e-mail, alerting you to the problem. Now there will be a charge for this service, but the price is quite simple.....

All I would ask of you is, that if you ever receive a **N.A.W.** from me, that you would in turn, contact just one other person, to alert them also, and ask that person to do the same.

So if you would like to join **N.A.W.** *and you agree on the price!* Give me a ring, or e-mail me.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD PET WATCH**

This second Scheme will hopefully be beneficial to anyone who has lost or found a pet.

Having already set the wheels in motion, to meet Lancashire Police Officials, I am hoping to be able to work with the Police and their Switchboards, so that when a report is made of a missing/found pet, you will be given the **N.P.W** contact number to ring.

The benefit of this will be that your report will be cross referenced instantly, and be updated on an hourly basis, and as a result if a report of a missing/found pet, matches, you would be contacted immediately.

This would hopefully reduce the Stress too both Animals and Owners.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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](mailto: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, 13<sup>th</sup> February 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

**GOD BLESS E.R.N.I.E.  
(And Aunty Florence!)**

I hope you have managed to keep warm, in these freezing conditions. I personally do not feel the cold and I attribute that to the fact that we have never had the "Luxury" of central heating.

When we lived in the house in Roseberry Avenue, and despite being a large 4-bedroomed property, all we had were two coal fires, one was located in the parlour, and so unless someone like the 'Queen' came to visit! It was never lit, and the second was located in the lounge, which was only lit in the evening, when we were all home.

There was no such thing as double glazing then, so windows were iced up inside, as well as outside. 'Dad', bless him, always made sure that we always had a hot water bottle in our beds.

Now the problem with hot water bottles, is that, when you get into bed, the only warm spot is where the bottle is placed. So, therefore if you try to warm your toes on it, you tend to burn them, so you spend the best part of the night moving the bottle around, warming up your "frozen bits!" only to be woken up with a start in the morning when your feet accidentally touched an ice cold bottle!

We had lovely neighbours then (as we do now) and next door was an elderly lady; we called 'Aunty Florence'. Now being elderly, 'Mum' took her under her wing, and every time she cooked or baked, I would have to take round, to 'Aunty Florence', a plate of something!

It would go something like this.....

Mum: " Mary take this round to 'Aunty Florence', be sure to tell her 'Mummy said', can you manage to use this, as 'Mummy made too much', and she did not want it to go to waste" Yeah right! A jam and cream Victoria Sponge Cake, between five of us! - Left overs.....I don't think so!

'Mum' explained that 'Aunty Florence' was a proud lady, and that it was always best if she thought, that she was doing 'Mum' a favour, by taking food off her hands!

One day 'Aunty Florence' came to the door, and handed 'Mum' an envelope, with a £5 note inside. She explained that she had a "bit of a win" on the Premium Bonds, and 'Mum' was to get us all a treat.

Boy, did we eat well for a couple of weeks; 'Mum' even bought a big tin of biscuits.

This became a regular occurrence, 'Mum' giving 'Aunty Florence' left overs, and 'Aunty Florence' having a "bit of a win".

One New Year, 'Aunty Florence' came to our door, with the "bit of a win" envelope, and when she saw 'Mum', 'Aunty Florence' started to giggle. "Here Joan", as she handed her the envelope, I have had quite a "bit of a win" and she then shot off. When Mum opened the envelope, there was £50. She immediately went round to give back the money (Mum was also a proud Lady!), but 'Aunty Florence' insisted. "You treat yourselves and the kiddies, Joan".

Well, no one was more excited than me, why? Because I had made a dreadful mistake at Christmas. I was torn between asking for a 'Spirograph' or a 'Tressy Doll' as my "Big Present". I chose the Spirograph And regretted it from Christmas Day onwards, but I knew I would have wait until my Birthday, in August to correct "My Mistake". But now with all this money, I thought there was a chance, I would get my 'Tressy Doll.'

The following evening we all arrived home, from School. 'Mum' only worked half day on a Monday, so we always looked forward to the smell of cooking, but when we got in, there was none. 'Mum' explained she had been shopping, and that we each had a present. There on the dining table were three huge boxes. My heart sank it was too big a box for a 'Tressy Doll'.

We all went over to open the boxes; we removed the lids, and there on the label were written;

**“PIFCO ELECTRIC BLANKET”  
(No more hot water bottles!!)**

We all waited for Dad to come home, for him to wire the plugs on (not like today, when everything comes already fitted with a plug) and then spent the evening putting the blankets on the bed. We could not wait to go to bed that night.

As I retired to bed, that night, and felt the immediate warmth throughout, I thought, this must be what heaven is like (*I still have an electric blanket today, and come summer and winter, hubby always switches it on an hour, before I go to bed*).

But that was not the end of 'The Luxury's'. A week later, we came home to find the coal fire in the lounge, had been replaced by a 'Cannon Gas Miser Fire', how lucky were we?

*I have suddenly realised why I do not feel the cold, I have only to think of how special my memories are, and I get a warm glow inside.*

I expect you are wondering if I ever got my 'Tressy Doll'

**YES!**

I swapped my Spirograph and pocket money of 'half a crown (12.5p)', for a 'Tressy Doll' with a girl at School.

**HAPPY DAYS**