

FOTM CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Christmas FOTM newsletter. In this issue we are looking back on an extremely busy autumn term and forward into the New Year. Plus we have a little Christmas Quiz for you if you have any odd moments to spare!



*Very Best Wishes for
Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the FOTM Committee*

For those of you who like to leave your Christmas shopping late, or will be searching for a bargain online once the **sales** begin – don't forget to use FOTM's webshop – we earn commission on anything you buy when you click through from the portal.

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FOTM'S AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS

Our first event of the autumn was the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at the end of September which raised £180 ... Then November saw our two big events of the term ...

First was the **fireworks evening** which had the best show yet from Kimbolton; it included some beautiful and subtle colours and effects amongst the big bangs! We were blessed with perfect weather for the evening and raised just under £500.

Then it was the turn of the **Gift Fair** which was back to a Saturday this year. The event was a huge success and has raised around £5500 so far which will be split between school projects and the charity **Farms for City Children**. New this year was our very own Advent Calendars, Manor Christmas puddings and a visit from Father Christmas.

Lastly this term, we collected 181 **shoebboxes** to send out to Montenegro as part of the annual **Operation Christmas Child** appeal. Thank you to all who contributed, and a special thank you to Tracey Hall (see pic) who co-ordinated and volunteered at the collection centre too.



As always, we send a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with all of these events.

FOTM DIARY

Saturday March 26th

It's the return of our **Ask the Family Quiz Night**. It starts early and finishes around 9pm with supper in the middle. Bring the children – you'll need them says quizmaster Annabel.



Saturday July 2nd

FOTM's Masked Ball

will include a champagne reception, 3 course dinner and fabulous live entertainment. Tickets will cost £72.50 and will be on sale in January.



SHUS Sales

- Friday 7th January
3.15 - 4.15pm
- Wednesday 2nd February
8.15 - 9.15am
- Wednesday 2nd March
8.15-9.15am
- Friday 25th March
3.15 - 4.15pm

FOTM always needs more help.



If you have any time to spare and would be interested in joining any of our teams, we'd be delighted to welcome you.

Also if you are willing to help at an event, from our half termly coffee mornings to selling mulled wine at fireworks – just for an hour or so, or if you're willing to be a form rep next year, let us know.

- The Exec Committee
- SHUS
- Gift Fair 2011
- Form Reps
- Event helpers

The next meeting of the Exec Committee is at 8pm on Monday January 10th. Please contact our Chairman, Sarah Wilkinson (email: markandsarahwilkinson@googlemail.com) or Secretary, Kristel Horwood for more information.

THANK YOU



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. From which Christmas carols do these lines come?
 - a. Sleep in heavenly peace
 - b. E'en so here below, below
 - c. Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
 - d. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
2. Which artists had Christmas number ones with these songs?
 - a. Hallejulah (2008)
 - b. Sound of the Underground (2002)
 - c. Can we fix it? (2000)
 - d. Stay another day (1994)
3. Christmas at the movies ...
 - a. Babes in Toyland (1934) - which great comedy duo starred?
 - b. Name the guardian angel in 'It's a wonderful life' (1946)?
 - c. Miracle on 34th St - who is Chris Kringle in the 1994 remake?
 - d. Who was Scrooge in motion-capture A Christmas Carol in 2009?
4. Christmas Day Events ...
 - a. Who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in AD800?
 - b. Which island was found by Captain William Mynors in 1643?
 - c. Who resigned as president of the Soviet Union in 1991?
 - d. Which actress famous for playing catwoman in TV died in 2008?
5. In which country is Father Christmas known as ...
 - a. Siôn Corn
 - b. Père Noël
 - c. Joulupukki
 - d. Babbo Natale

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: To prove he wasn't chicken!

Q: What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

A: Tinseltitis!

Q: What do you give a houseproud ghost for Christmas?

A: An Ooooooover!

Q: How do you get an elephant into a Christmas cracker?

A: Take the party hat out first!

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Quiz Answers:

- 1: a) Silent Night
b) Ding, dong merrily on high
c) We three kings
d) While shepherds watched
- 2: a) Alexandra Burke
b) Girls Aloud
c) Bob the Builder
d) East 17
- 3: a) Laurel & Hardy
b) Clarence Obody
c) Richard Attenborough
d) Jim Carrey
- 4: a) Charlemagne
b) Christmas island of course!
c) Mikhail Gorbachev
d) Eartha Kitt
- 5: a) Wales
b) France/Canada
c) Finland
d) Italy.