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## EDITORIAL

**Welcome** to your December 2005 issue of Magna, a bumper issue with something for everyone. At this time of the year everything starts to build up to the frenzy that often accompanies Christmas preparations. Rushing around at weekends buying presents, visiting family and friends, going to Christmas parties and concerts at school, Christmas lunches, evenings out with friends – the list is endless. However, somewhere in the midst of this rush take some time to think about the meaning of Christmas and the symbolism behind all the present giving.

Don't get too serious though. Advent should be a period of preparation for the wonders and enjoyment of Christmas and of Christmas Day.

December is also often a time for looking back over the past year and forward to the future one. This month's Magna looks back at past travels and forward to new and exciting events in 2006.

As I get older the years seem to rush by. However I'm not too old to fill in Santa's Visit Application and I'll be hanging up my stocking on Christmas Eve. Let's hope I'm not too disappointed!



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