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EDITORIAL

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR and a warm welcome to the January edition of your Parish Magazine. The time of year when hope springs eternal with thoughts of what the year ahead may have in store for us, such as “will I win the lottery?”, “will I magically look 30 years younger?”, or “will I be able to keep my new year resolution?”. Probably not, is the answer to them all I expect!

On a more positive note, this month hails the start of a new series for Magna ‘Women in the Bible’ commencing with Miriam. We also have things that go bump in the night, a puss in boots, freezing bumble bees, the wheel of chance and a Pam Ayres poem. Our eclectic mix continues with more fascinating travel tales from both Neil and Maria plus articles on Lent, League Tables and Education Sunday.

And last but not least, many congratulations to Neil for his 25 years of dedicated service as Chair of Governors.



The editorial committee welcomes contributions for Magna from all members of the congregation. The deadline for the February issue is Sunday 13th January 2008. Want to write for Magna? No problem, just get in touch. Contributions may be sent by e-mail, placed in the Magna pigeon hole in the New Church, or handed to a member of the editorial committee.