

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE PARISH OF MALEW



We wish you all a
wonderful Christmas
and a very
Happy New Year!

THE ABBEY CHURCH, BALLASALLA
MALEW PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH BENDS
ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ST. MARKS

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MALEW VICARAGE

Christmas / New Year

"She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus."

Welcome to our 50 page (!) December / January edition of THE BRIDGE! I'm of the opinion that this is a record number of pages - 48 being the previous highest (?) - and so my sincere thanks to all of you who have contributed this month: it makes my job so much easier when you present me with neatly typed sheets of A4 paper.

Accordingly, look out for Ro-Man-Aid Christmas Cards, and see what they've been up to in 2009; smile and laugh and chuckle at 6 - yes, six! - of Phil & Lil's Fun Pages: indeed, I was 'taken to task' for not including them last month! Read how well Roy and Jo are getting on with their 'Sound System' Fund Raising; and at the bottom of their second page, please note Traidcraft's new opening day. Could 'Care for the Family' be your chosen charity this year? If you haven't yet done so, there is still time to add your name and book a table at 'The Silver slipper Inn'; and, as well, there are still spaces on the Posada list - Mary and Joseph are coming to the Vicarage - and I also hope to see you during the Christingle weekend, arguably "the start of Christmas." Also, don't forget our 'Christmas Delivery Service'

Now, please pin on your Notice Board at home the 'green' insert in the middle pages, which has the details of all (well, most!) of the Christmas activities in the Parish of Malew; but also pull out the four 'white' pages underneath: you will be reminded of how a soldier long ago looked at a pack of cards, but you will also be reminded of what the 'average British soldier' is doing abroad, whilst we, at home, enjoy all the aforementioned Christmas activities.

And why do we do all this? Matthew: chapter 1; verse 23 (which is quoted above) has your answer. Michael.

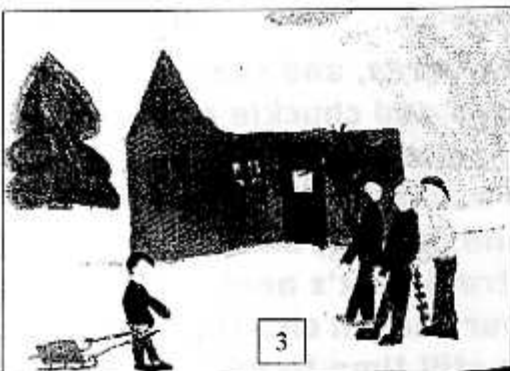
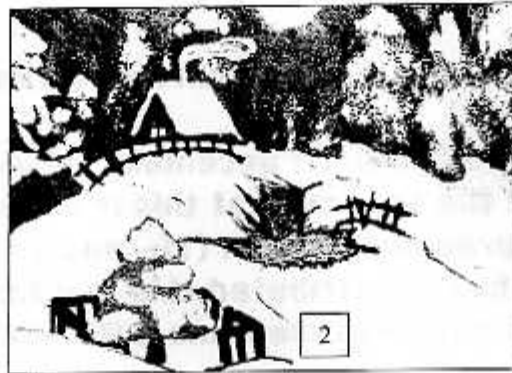
P. S. We also received two lovely 'thank-you' letters.



RO-MAN-AID

IOM registered charity .no. 541

Christmas cards 2009



Pictures

1-3: Paintings by Renata a Roma pupil at Giriş school who has won awards for her art work. She hopes to study art when she is older but cannot provide her own art materials or transport to school. Proceeds will help to sponsor her.

4: Painting by Paula Vancea from Giriş village school.

5: Chickens in the snow, Romania.

6: Wall painting from Giriş Orthodox Church.



Greeting (Please specify either A or B with order).

A.

Season's greetings

or B

Wishing you a Merry

Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

Size of cards: approx. 6" x 4" (15 x 10.5 cm)

Price: £4:00 for 10, p&p free

Order : by post to 50 Malew Street, Castletown, Isle of Man IM9 1AF
email to romanaid@iom.com
or telephone to 01624823065

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All proceeds will go towards helping disadvantaged people in Romania

