

## ***Carol Singing around The Green***

This year, the carol singing by the tree was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, just before Christmas. After a very wet morning, we were lucky, because the evening was mild although damp underfoot.



Nearly a hundred people took part again, accompanied very well by the Victoria High School Brass Ensemble. The way in which the youngsters assembled to make up the Nativity Tableau was in an undoubted highlight. Afterwards, the punch and mince pies were much appreciated and a total of £83 was raised for Cancer Research.

The youngsters' evening was made, though, and that of quite a few adults, by the participation of the donkey and the Shetland pony – both very well behaved and appreciating all the attention that they received! Thank you to Mark and Carolyn Duerden for bringing them to add authenticity to the scene and to all those who made the evening possible.

*Peter Bishop*

## ***Indonesian Disaster Appeal***

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, a coffee morning was held in the Buccleuch Hall, organised at short notice and in aid of this terrible disaster. In spite of the very strong winds, with some people no doubt having to attend to their storm damage, a large number of people turned up to have a coffee and a chat, to see what was on offer on the various stalls and to buy raffle tickets and goods. A lot of very good raffle prizes had been donated.

It was good to see so many youngsters present and participating in one way or another and with a total of £380 raised, this was a successful and enjoyable occasion. The best part of it was, that so many people gave up time and money, out of the goodness of their hearts, to show, that the village does care.

*Peter Bishop*

£200 was also raised from a collection at church with £60 of that coming from Ruth Stubbs' sale of 'Love Token' boxes. This will be sent to the USPG who will see that local communities in the affected areas will have their own choice as to what to do with the money.

*Jennifer Pardoe*

## ***Christingle Service***

Many thanks to all who attended the annual Christingle service, especially the children, in aid of The Childrens' Society. £110 was raised for the work of the society who battle tirelessly to care for children in this country in need or without homes or parents. Without your help, their work could not continue.

*Mary Greenhalgh*

## ***Lindal and Marton Primary School's Chocolate Tombola***

raised £50 for the Indonesian Disaster Appeal at the Buccleuch Hall coffee morning with an additional £40 being raised by individual pupils.