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Welcome to the third 'Moresby Matters' issued by your Parish Council. The parish council meets on the first Monday of each month at the Rugby Club. There is a public participation item on each agenda which allows any resident to have their say.

Christmas tree

St Marks and the Parish Council are arranging for a Christmas tree to be erected on St Marks land. The tree will be switched on at 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th December 2017. See the Parish Council website and Facebook page for more details.

Ward Boundaries

A review of the ward boundaries in the Copeland Borough is being undertaken by the Boundary Commission. The Parish Council aim to ensure that the whole of the parish is within one Copeland ward and not as at present where part of Moresby Parks is within the Bransty ward.

A595 Moresby Embankment

Highways England has identified serious concerns with the embankment south of the Howgate roundabout which will require a complete road closure for an extended period to repair. The Highways England are considering options to reduce traffic chaos whilst the works to stabilise the embankment are undertaken which include a new road from the Howgate roundabout to re-join the existing road on the Parton Long mile. The Parish Council are in discussions with Highways England with the aim of ensuring the works are well designed and help to solve existing traffic issues in Low Moresby and access onto the A595 from Rosehill Brow.

Defibrillator

There have been problems to the power supply to the defibrillator in the disused telephone box on Moresby Parks Road. We are working with BT engineers and the Community Heartbeat Trust to rectify the issue. The defibrillator is checked on a regular basis. The cost of installation was met by Cumbria County Council through their member's scheme.

St Bridget's Church

New bells are being installed at St Bridget's Church and the group at the church who are overseeing the work are looking to recruit bell ringers.

Parish Precept

The precept is the payment made by householders to the Parish Council to allow the council to meet the cost of local projects as well as payments that have to be made to the District Council for work they undertake on our behalf in the parish. The Parish Council purchased a motor mower two years ago and in the last year the whole of the play area was recovered with bark. In the past we have had road signs erected and new benches. The planters in various areas of the parish were paid for from the Precept. This year the council have decided to increase the precept by 2%. This will result in a payment by band D residents of £24 over the year about £2.00 each month.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

The website contains information which the parish is by law required to publish on a free to use website. These are mainly financial matters such as the annual accounts and a record of all payments made. We are also required to publish details of councillor's entries in the register of member's interests. The minutes of meetings and the agenda for the next meeting are posted on the site together with any information that the council believe is of interest to parishioners. The Facebook page is to used to advise parishioners of social events and the Facebook manager will share matters of interest. The website is www.moresbypc.org.uk and contains a link to the

Facebook page.

A polite reminder! Dog walkers – please always bag and bin – keep Moresby tidy.

What's on:

Moresby School Christmas Events

Christmas Fair 2.00pm 8th December 2017 Nativity Performances 13th December 2017 10.00am and 2.00pm All take place at the school and all

are welcome

St Marks Christmas activities

Time for everyone Christmas soup lunch Thursday 7th December 2017 12 noon

Moresby Sparks Toddler Nativity play Tuesday 12th December 2017 10.30am

Toddler Group restarts on 9th January 2017 10.00am

Party in the Parks Christmas family disco Tuesday 19th December 2017 5.30pm

St Marks Christmas activities (cont)

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Christmas Family Carols Saturday 23rd December 2017 3.00pm Arrive at 2.00pm for nativity walk

County Councillor

County / Ward Councillor Martin Barbour will hold a surgery on Saturday 16th December 2017 from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Moresby RUFC Trudy Harrison, Copeland MP will also be present

Rugby Club Christmas activities

26th December 2017 Concert Stuart Michaels vocalist

31st December 2017 West Coast Entertainment 6.00pm onwards

Getting in touch with your Parish Council

Tel: The Clerk Mr. C Shaw 01946 695701 Go to the Moresby PC website: **www.moresbypc.com** and facebook page Here you will be able to access council details and minutes and be able to comment via facebook or email to: jcshaw@talk21.com

A polite reminder! Please put all litter in the bins provided or take it home – keep Moresby tidy.