**St Dunstan’s Mothers’ Union**

A very Happy New Year to you all.

The St Dunstan’s MU Committee would like to thank both MU members and the many St Dunstan’s parishioners who kindly gave Christmas presents for the children of prisoners at Downview and High Down prisons. The children were delighted with your gifts and parents much appreciated your kindness and generosity.

Another big thank you to the parents at St Dunstan’s School who in answer to a plea from MU donated outgrown bikes and scooters to the Sutton Women’s Refuge. You’ve helped make a lot of children very happy this Christmas.

At our last meeting on Monday, 9th January we celebrated the arrival of the New Year by getting together for a catch up chat and then playing Pass the Parcel. Melody Thorpe, on her electric piano, played well known sing-along-songs, stopping suddenly and leaving the holder of the parcel no alternative but to unwrap the paper and do the forfeit that had been hidden between each layer.

It was good old-fashioned fun, followed by the usual MU tea and home-made cakes. The noise level in the hall was high, almost as high as when the children played pass the parcel at the Sunday School Christmas party.

Thank you again Melody for the excellent music and for letting us meet your lovely children, Wesley and Rowan. All agreed Rowan may well have a career waiting for her playing in an orchestra as she certainly has a flair for playing percussion instruments with gusto!

Coming up in our programme for 2017 – on 26th January we’re off out for a buffet lunch at the Prince of Wales in Malden Road, Cheam. Do come along and join us - you’d be most welcome. Time of the lunch 12.00 for 12.30pm and cost £10 per head - drinks are not included in the price but will be available from the bar. However, free tea and coffee will be served after the meal Please speak to Sally Steele or a member of the Committee to reserve a place.

On Monday, 6th February at 2.00 pm in the Church Hall we are holding our Branch AGM followed by a Bring and Buy Sale – proceeds from which will go towards current MU projects. Look forward to seeing you there.

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