

“AWAY IN A MANGER”!?



Well, actually, it was Easingwold last Saturday morning, when visitors thought that they had been transported back 2000 years in time and by over 2000 miles in space! They were surprised to find that it seemed to have become Bethlehem and that the Nativity scenario was in full swing around the Market Place!

The Angels proclaiming the Good News were outside the **newsagents**; two Wise Men were near the **printers** (the third had stopped to mend a puncture to his camel!); while Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus were **outside** (of course!) the **inn**, with donkeys nearby; and shepherds circulated. Meanwhile, a Roman soldier patrolled the area, ensuring that everybody was kept in order (though on one occasion he was rebuked by his Centurion for checking his mobile abacus while on duty!)



Many people stopped to chat to the cast members and receive, as a reminder of the Christmas story, cut-out angels, which they could colour and display on their Christmas trees.

All the while, the ladies kept a supply of coffee and mince pies going at the “Bethlehem Tea Rooms” (the Methodist Church) to refresh the chilly populace, where there were also crafts for children.

This very successful event was arranged by Churches Together in Easingwold and District (CTED). Our grateful appreciation goes to all the cast members, to the ladies who kept the coffee and mince pies flowing, to all those who cut out the angels, to Peter Snowden for bringing donkeys Bess and Thomas, and to the Galtres Centre and the Town Council for letting us stage this interactive event! M.W.

