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When walking the dog in the woods, I often ponder what to write on this page. And ideas sometimes flow thick and fast. The trouble is, and the younger ones amongst you will probably not understand this, but by the time I get home, I have forgotten them all and finish up sitting in front of the computer wondering if the magazine will ever get off to the printers.

But this month I have a question to which I would appreciate an answer. Some (and then some?) years ago I took the Advanced Driving Test - mainly, I suppose, out of vanity. Well, if that was the reason, it failed because I did too! Not because I drove badly or unsafely, the examiner was kind enough to say - though my children didn't believe that!. The reason he gave was that I used the engine to slow down the car when approaching a roundabout or T junction. This meant that I was guilty of 'double braking'. What I believe I should have done, is applied the brakes just as I came up to the junction and then either stopped or accelerated away, depending on the conditions.

Now when I learnt to drive, almost in the days of the Model T Ford, I was taught to use the gears to slow down because you have better control of the

car especially if the brakes failed - although that is not nearly so likely today. Indeed, on my first car with cable brakes, anything approaching a sudden stop meant that the cables stretched and the brakes needed adjusting *again*.

So what is wrong with using your engine to reduce the car's speed - you don't even have to double de-clutch to change gear these days and if the reason is that it's cheaper to reline the brakes than reline the clutch, that is surely a matter of individual choice. Anyway more clutches are worn out by people keeping the car in gear at red traffic lights so they can be fastest away than by changing down to reduce speed. So what's the answer?

In last month's issue, I wrote that our Community Policeman was being withdrawn and was not being replaced. Wrong! He is being replaced and it may have happened by the time that this is printed and distributed. I am sure that this is not the result of local pressure, although that may have helped. In fact, the Police Inspector in charge at Stamford is an advocate of community policing so the post may be here to stay. Let's hope so. Anyway we should have a contact number by next month's magazine.

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Careby, with Aunby &
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Creeton with Couthorpe
and Little Bytham.**

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Dear Friends,

As I sat in my study, trying to find inspiration for this monthly letter, I allowed my thoughts to wander back over my 36 years in the ordained ministry. Looking back to my time as a curate, and to my religious studies in the late 1950s and early 1960s, I realised just how much the whole ethos of the Church has changed. The 1960s gave birth to what is now called modern liberalism in Christian thinking, prior to that religious debate was dominated by the old divide between 'High Church' and 'Low Church'. The first liked lots of candles, incense and confession, the latter concentrated on preaching, liked rousing hymns and asked everyone they met if they were saved! High Church clergy drank, Low Church ate, and never the twain shall meet! And then onto the scene came the late Bishop John Robinson, Bishop of Woolwich, who published a little book called 'Honest to God', and the Church was never the same again. Like Bishop David Jenkins, the last Bishop of Durham, he questioned many of the fundamental beliefs of the Church in an attempt to make Christianity acceptable to modern society.

Thus the old groupings in a sense ceased to be and were replaced by two new ones, traditionalists, who adhered to the ancient beliefs, and liberals, who wanted to change those beliefs in order to make the faith easier to modern society. And in a sense the Church divided, with bishops, clergy and people in both camps as is shown very clearly in the present furious debate about gay clergy and same sex 'marriages'. I don't wish to comment on this but it illustrates the point, should Christian teaching be set in stone, or should it reflect the beliefs and practices of the age and society it operates in? Those who say the latter believe that by adapting our beliefs more people will feel they can stay in the Church. This though is dangerous. It reminds me of a Jehovah Witness who called at the Rectory, realised his mistake and said, 'Surely what matters is that we all believe in something?' I replied, after a moments thought, 'No, to me what matters is **what** we believe'.

Jesus was fond of telling parables to make a point, so let me try one. There was once four chefs, each an expert in his own field, and as acknowledged experts each believed they had the perfect answer to delight the discerning palate. So a competition was arranged and on the chosen day the four set to work with a will. The first man's speciality was fish and all who tasted his offering agreed it was a masterpiece of its kind. The second produced a salad of exquisite colour and taste while the third presented a fruit dish of perfect balance. The fourth chef kept it simple, he prepared a perfect Yorkshire Pudding, so light it was beyond belief, but wishing not to offend the other three he decorated it with a pilchard, sliced cucumber and strawberries! After the judges had sampled all the offerings and the chefs had sampled each others work there was general agreement on the quality of the first three while the three chefs shared a great mutual respect. But no one believed the fourth man had ever been a genuine chef, and he left in disgrace wishing he'd had the courage of his convictions.

'He who has ears to hear', said Jesus, 'let him hear'. The four chefs represent the four great religions of the world, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. The fourth chef is the liberal Christian, not working to spread the truth of the Gospel as taught by Jesus but rather adapting it to suit the tastes of modern society. Try not to offend anyone, remove all the bits that modern society feels uncomfortable with, then we can all be Christians. But of course it doesn't work as it didn't in the 1960s, for far from making the Church popular and fillings the pews it ends up despised for not having the courage of its convictions. Truth is not pragmatic, it doesn't change with the whims and fancies of society, nor does it cease to be truth when unpopular.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES IN JULY				
	CASTLE BYTHAM	LITTLE BYTHAM	CAREBY	CREETON
July 6th Pentecost 4		9am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	6pm Compline
July 13th Pentecost 5	9am Holy Communion			11am Morning Service
July 20th Pentecost 6	6pm Evensong		9am Holy Communion	
July 27th Pentecost 7	11am Morning Service			9am Holy Communion

PCC MEETINGS IN JULY

Little Bytham 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th July at Mrs Judy Turner's.

CHURCH FUND RAISING EVENTS

Careby Barbecue

This takes place on Friday 11th July and will be at 'The Elms, Careby' the home of Mr & Mrs Robert Creasey. The format is slightly different from previous years, but there is live music plus the usual delicious food. Please support if you can. (For more information - 410420)

Strawberries and Pimms

This event will be at the home of Mrs Pat Bowles on Saturday 2nd August raising funds for Castle Bytham Church. For more details contact Pat on 410908.

DEANERY SYNOD

There is a meeting of the Deanery Synod at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th July at Edenham Vicarage. The subject will again be the new organisation planned for deaneries in the diocese. The Rector is unable to attend but parish representatives are asked to attend if possible to ensure our view is heard.

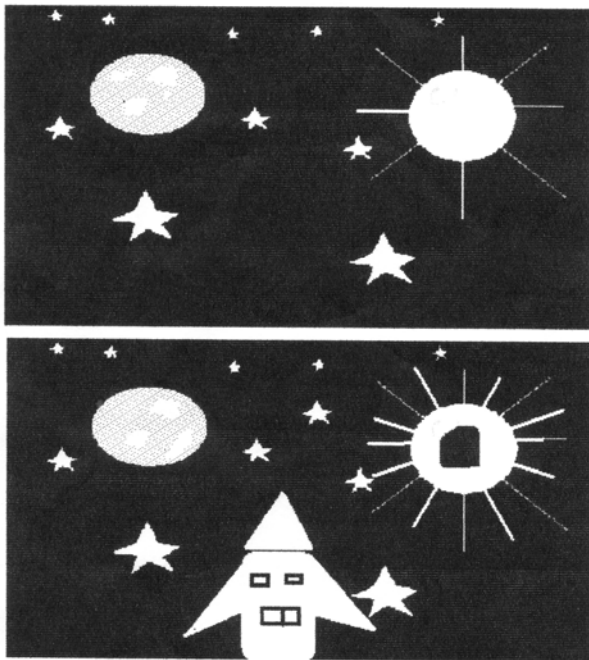
FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival this year will be at Creeton Church on Sunday 28th September at 11am.

Kids page

Adults beware

Colour me in, and a spot the difference! Can you really do it? I bet you can!



Joke Corner

Footballer 1: Sorry I missed that open goal, I could kick myself.

Footballer 2: Don't bother, you'd only miss!

Pupil: Miss would you punish someone for something they didn't do?

Teacher: Of course not.

Pupil: Good, cause I haven't done my homework!

Doctor, doctor, everyone keeps ignoring me!

Next please!

K	I	D	S	D	A	R	T	G	K	H	E	L	P	Q	Words to find
I	C	A	A	I	N	A	W	I	I	E	A	E	U		KIDS
C	E	D	M	M	D	N	O	G	P	P	G	P	A	E	KICK
K	I	N	G	I	M	P	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	KING
T	W	O	Z	K	A	R	A	T	E	O	P	A	S	D	KARATE
G	C	Z	K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	F	G	H	E	KIPPER
A	A	A	J	T	W	E	N	T	Y	X	C	V	B	N	KANGAROO
P	P	P	K	E	L	Z	K	I	P	P	E	R	M	X	KATE

Try and find as many 3 letter words as possible.

A prize for the first person who gets more than 29 and they must be in the English dictionary (the words, not the person)

DIARY

(CBVH = CASTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL) (LBVH = LITTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL)

Women's Institute – First Wednesday in CBVH @ 7.30pm

Badminton – Monday evenings in CBVH– Details 410345

Guides Meeting – Every Monday 7 – 8.30pm LBVH

Chess Monday evenings in Fox & Hounds

Bowls – Every Tuesday in CBVH 7.30 pm)

Water Colour Classes Every Wednesday (during term time) in LBVH 10 am to 1pm.

Rainbow Guides – Every Wednesday 5 pm to 6 pm in LBVH followed by-

Brownies Every Wednesday from 6.15. to 7.45pm

Keep Fit Classes Every Wednesday (except first in month) in CBVH at 7 pm. Details from Vicky in Castle Bytham Stores

Coffee Morning – 1st. & 3rd Thursday every month in LBVH—10.30am to noon

Parent and Toddlers – Every Friday 10.30 am to noon in CBVH – ring Alison 410480

Youth Club – Every Friday in CBVH at 7.30pm

Bourne Waste Recycling Mays Road - Pinfold Industrial Estate Saturdays & Sundays 8.00 am to 4.00 pm (page 10)

JULY EVENTS

Tuesday 1st Sponsored Ride (Hunter Trials) AGM in LBVH @7.30PM - all welcome (Page 9)

Friday 11th. Careby Barbecue & Hog Roast (see page 6)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 2nd Pimms Party at Pawnbrokers (see page 8)

Saturday, Sept 13th. Jumble Sale in CBVH (see page 6)

WELCOME:-

To Sue, Martin and Abigail Ellison who have moved into Glenside, Castle Bytham from Medbourne.

And to Kerry, Jason and Ben Bullen who have moved into Glen Road, Castle Bytham from Bourne

WEATHER REPORT - MAY

RAINFALL (T.R.R.)

	m.m.	inches
1st - 7th.	12.4	0.49
8th. - 14th.	2.7	0.11
15th. - 21st.	24.5	0.96
22nd. - 28th.	9.7	0.38
29th. - 30th.	-	
Total for Month	49.3	1.94
<i>Total for May '02</i>	<i>58.0</i>	<i>2.28</i>

TEMPERATURES (H.G.B.)

Night-time

Lowest minimum: -1° on the 15th.

Highest minimum: 12° on the 28th.

Daytime

Lowest maximum: 11° on the 16th.

Highest maximum: 26° on the 31st.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA (*and cleaning rota)

	CAREBY*	CASTLE BYTHAM	CREETON	LITTLE BYTHAM
July 6th	Mrs E. Tinsley	Mrs J. Smith	Mrs Z. Samler	Mrs C. Rassel
July 13th.	Mrs M. Hoyle	Mrs J. Smith	Mrs M. King	Mrs C. Rassel
July 20t	Mrs M. Hoyle	Mrs M. Galloway	Mrs M. King	Mrs S. Jones
July 27th.	Mrs M. Hoyle	Mrs M. Galloway	Mrs M. Combridge	Mrs S. Jones

Light Relief (or space filler)

He said, "You remind me of a pepper pot", I said, "I'll take that as a condiment".

So a load of turtles crashed into a load of terrapins, I thought, "That's a turtle disaster."

A priest, a rabbi and a vicar walked into a bar. The barman says, "Is this some kind of joke?"

Castle Bytham Youth Club

Castle Bytham Youth Club has now closed for the summer months but never fear we will be reopening on Friday 19th September at 7:30p.m. On this night we will be renewing membership, which will cost £1.50, and then every time you attend it will only cost 60p. If you do not wish to join it will cost £1.00 every time you attend.

The night starts at 7.30pm. and ends at 10.00p.m. During this time we have lots of fun activities including playing indoor football and snooker. We also have a play station and lots of other games and activities catering for 7 year olds to 15 year olds. In addition, we have a theatre trip once a year, usually in January.

There will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13th September to raise funds for our party and new equipment. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left at the village hall on Friday 12th between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. or call Ann Burrows on 410537.

Summer Barbecue and Hog Roast **with bar serving Real Ale, wines and soft drinks** **and music from "Double Dee"**

Friday 11th July 2003
8pm - 12 Midnight

to be held at The Elms, Careby
by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. R. Creasey

Tickets: £8 per person

(to include Hog Roast and BBQ,

followed by delicious home-made desserts).

Proceeds to St. Stephen's Church, Careby

For further details please contact Judith Smith on 01780 410420



CASTLE BYTHAM & DISTRICT W.I

by Marian Foers

Pat Bowles chaired the June meeting in the absence of Victoria and business was quickly dealt with to enable our speaker for the evening, David Sey, to introduce his subject - 'Behind the scenes of T.V. quiz shows'.

David, an ex-teacher, worked for Anglia T.V. and compiled the questions for many quiz shows over the years. He traced the history of Have a Go, Top of the Form, The Price is Right and Sale of the Century up to the modern style quiz extravaganzas of Who Wants to be a Millionaire and The Weakest Link. It was interesting to hear that the original quiz programmes had many questions to answer, whereas now light flashing and technical effects play as much a part as the fewer questions. Anecdotes of some of the quiz masters, presenters and characters involved as well as the style of questions and programmes added inside personal touches to a very interesting talk.

David rounded off his presentation with a twenty question quiz for members, the prize being a brand new Mini car. Members Sue Horton and Marian Foers tied with top marks so a tie breaker was called for, which resulted in Marian winning a lovely red Mini - toy version! So an enjoyable evening was rounded off with excellent refreshments.

Next month's meeting is a visit to the Duchess' garden at Belvoir Castle assembling in the North Terrace Car Park at 6.15pm. From there the Head Gardener will escort us round. So, if you would like to join us - further details can be got from Victoria on 01780 410354

Within ten minutes of my arriving home from sailing in the Windward Islands, the phone rang, Mike B. Could I help? His son Nick, a yacht delivery skipper, had been deserted by his crew, after hitting bad weather and was now stuck in Oporto, after leaving Les Sables d'Olonne in Brittany en route to Croatia, in a new 50 foot Beneteau.

Naturally, I said 'No', but Yvonne said work on the house could wait and we couldn't let a friend down. Changing tack, I protested I had been away from Dower Datech for too long, but my colleagues declared they got on better without me. So unloved and unwanted, I found myself once again in the departure lounge at Heathrow, sitting alongside Mike B.

Boarding 'Cedar' for the first time, I realised had Mike not been an architect, he would have made an equally successful Estate Agent. Yes, she was 50' long and had five heads (toilets) and could sleep ten and came comprehensively equipped. The debit side was, being a future charter boat, this equipment in multiples of 10 was under no circumstances to be used by the delivery crew and had to arrive in pristine condition. So secreted and boxed up in the forward cabin were 30 sheets, 20 blankets, 20 pillow cases, 10 life jackets, 10 knives, 10 forks, 10 table spoons, 10 dessert spoons, 10 tea spoons, 10 tea plates, 10 dinner plates etc., etc. The inventory of equipment filling 3 closely typed foolscap pages even down to 10 sets of flippers and snorkelling gear and in total weighing some ½ ton. On the rest of the boat all the fabric and soft surfaces, mattresses, seat cushions had been wrapped in plastic and all the wooden surfaces were covered in taped up cardboard with the edges protected by foam pipe insulation.

Sheltering from the rain, Nick explained to us the unfortunate incident of how the furling genoa (sail) had been torn along the luff, how the main internal halyard had chafed through because of a defective casting at the top of the mast, how a badly erected bimini (fixed sun awning) was rubbing against the backstays, how he had been trying to find out why 15 gallons of water an hour were leaking into the boat when she was underway. (No it wasn't through the skin fittings or stern gland) and why the automatic bilge pump and the main bilge pumps persisted in 'tripping' out the electrics after 15 seconds of use and why the manual bilge pump wasn't working at all.

The repaired genoa was re-rigged. Nick was hoisted to the top of the mast and an external halyard reeved and the bimini dismantled and re-erected. We couldn't resolve the electrical fault on the pumps, but consoled ourselves with the fact that frightened men can shift a lot of water in buckets and set sail.

That evening as we put on our fifth layer of clothing, Mike and I reached the conclusion the previous crew had deserted because of the absence of a spray hood. When close hauled, the wind sliced over the deck and off the main and sitting under the bimini was akin to sitting in a wind tunnel with someone

throwing the odd bucketful of water for good measure. Fun at noon in the summer in the Adriatic, but not at midnight in April in the Atlantic.

Underway at night we kept a solitary watch whilst the other two slept - keeping warm by topping up our daily calorific intake to about 5000, and when sailing on auto-helm rushing up and down the companion way and flicking the main and automatic bilge pumps on for 10 second bursts to avoid fusing the electrics. The skipper had made it blindingly clear that should the water level reach the boxed equipment the watch responsible would be paying.

Shivering down the coast of Portugal, I started to feel extremely guilty at having persuaded Mike Gill, the fourth crew member, to leave his wife who was about to have a hip operation and meet us in Gibraltar but this evaporated when I recalled his culinary prowess. Sitting in a café, in Gibraltar Mike Gill was clearly not impressed and we spent a lot of money on drink and promised a lot more if he would provision ship.

The day was saved when another delivery skipper, a fine seafaring man, came into the café off a very expensive, immaculate, Swedish yacht, followed by three agile, bronze limbed, well muscled, high testosterone, crop haired, young men with a combined age of about 70 - his crew, on their way to the Balearic Islands. Greetings were exchanged. They seemed genuinely surprised that our young skipper with three slightly deaf rather inebriated O.A.Ps of combined age pushing 210, were on a similar mission.

A westerly gale was forecast so we cleared Gibraltar, the Swedish boat staying in port. We dropped the main, and under reefed genoa, to our delight, reeled off slightly over 200 miles in 24 hours.

Mike B., the architect was particularly anxious to remain in touch with his office, so it was agreed we would travel along the North African coast keeping about 8-10 miles off so that he could remain in contact by mobile phone. Sometime after midnight sailing down the Algerian Coast we were all below asleep, with the exception of Mike Gill who was on watch, when we were awoken by him shouting. A boat that had been several miles astern of us for some time, had suddenly increased speed, passing down our starboard side and had stopped ahead of us and the crew were blinding Mike with a search light.

My immediate reaction was that these were pirates, an occasional occurrence off the African Coast and very common in the China Seas. I yelled at Mike to take avoiding action to give us time to try and send a message.

Nick and Mike B., with the aid of our 1,500,000 candle power torch and shaded binoculars, tried to see through the blinding glare. Nick said quietly, "We are not going anywhere, it is an armed vessel and there are men lining the deck with rifles pointing at us." (To be continued).....

HMP Stocken (continued) *by Mary Hoyle*

During a prisoner's sentence, much time is spent preparing for release. The newly opened wing at Stocken plays an important part in resettlement issues.

Probation workers, both inside and outside the prison are involved in the arrangements for release and there is a new resettlement programme to prepare the men as much as possible for return to life "on the out". In a new initiative, families of prisoners have recently been involved in a Resettlement Day at Stocken.

Every prison has an Independent Monitoring Board which represents a cross section of the community, offering their services on a voluntary basis. Each Board is totally independent and answerable to the Home Secretary.

The Board has no power to alter decisions made by prison authorities, but there is considerable discussion with prison staff and easy access to Governors. If a decision were considered unjust, then the Board's ability to question could bring about a reconsideration. Principal duties are laid down by the Home Office. Members should satisfy themselves as to the state of the prison premises, the administration of the prison and the treatment of prisoners, direct the attention of the Governor to any matter which calls for his attention, inform the Home Secretary of any matter considered necessary to report, maintain an interest in the welfare of the entire prison community

(prisoners, prison officers and administrative staff) and, in the event of a serious incident in the prison, observe proceedings and record what happened.

One way in which this is done is by weekly visits to the prison on a rota basis, usually unannounced. Members have access to all parts of the prison and converse with inmates, in their cells, at their places of work and in their leisure time. They also hold weekly sessions for which individual prisoners can make an appointment. Board members may be able to help men who have just arrived for their first sentence. They can be involved with queries about transfers to other prisons or about property which may have gone missing in such transfers. Late decisions about Parole can be followed up. Help can be given with prison paperwork and sometimes it is necessary to help prisoners to understand the prison system. Regular attendance in the prison for other reasons means that members see staff on an informal basis and can support and represent them, as well as prisoners, as necessary.

Members feel that they can make a difference by their contributions. It is very interesting and, although regular commitment is necessary, there is some flexibility. There are vacancies on the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Stocken at present. If anyone thinks he or she might be interested in being involved, more information can be obtained by ringing the IMB number 01780 485207.

You are invited
to a

"PIMMS PARTY"

with

FRUIT PUDS AND CHEESE

Saturday August 2nd 2003 at 7-30

at

Pawnbrokers/ The Bytham Stud, Castle Bytham.

Raffle

Duck Race

Tickets £10

Proceeds to

St James' Church and The Caspian Horse Society (Reg Charity no 1076026)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the
Bythams with Careby & Creeton
Hunter Trials Committee
will take place at

LITTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st July 2003

when the accounts for this year's Sponsored Ride will be available

ST. JAMES' CHURCH - update as promised.

Derek Cox has relocated the flag pole on the tower, to a corner position in order to erect a reclaimed, refurbished (thanks to Geoff Hix) weather vane. The members of the P.C.C. are, I am sure, joined by many villagers in saying thank you to both Derek and Geoff. Their interest, expertise and hard work is very much appreciated.

SDR

Little Bytham Village Hall 100 Club

The Little Bytham Village Hall 100 Club will resume in July. If no one has been in touch with you yet about renewing your membership, or you are looking to join in for the first time, please contact Ron (410400) or Isobel (410740) for more details.

CASTLE BYTHAM P.C.C. 100 CLUB DRAW for JUNE

WINNERS

79 A. WADDINGTON	68 E. HOPKINS
13 E. BENNETT	14 S. HILL

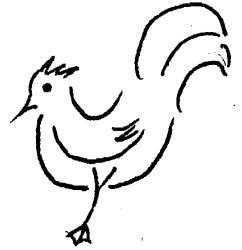
A CURE FOR BALDNESS?

Walking round the village, one can hardly fail to notice large areas of baldness. No, I'm not talking about the gentlemen, hirsute or otherwise, but lawns. Most of our lawns comprise a mixture of plants (some might say weeds) of which the grasses are frequently the weakest. And since few of us have lawns that would rival a golf tee, cutting very short leads to further weakening of the grasses, which often in turn leads to yellowing, thin or bald patches. Check your mower and adjust the cutting height to between 20mm and 30mm (about an inch). Grasses can thus be encouraged and weeds, to a certain extent, discouraged. Yes, you might just have to cut more often, but by the end of the season you will have a stronger, healthier lawn that looks the part.

MGF

THE LITTLE HALF CHICK (as told to me on my first day in school)

A little chick was born in the farmyard but he only had one leg, one wing and one eye. In fact he was only half a chick. All the other chickens in the farmyard made fun of him and so he made up his mind to leave and seek his fortune. Next morning he got up early and hopped off through the gate and down the road.



As he crossed a little bridge, he heard a voice. "Little Half Chick, please help me. I'm in terrible trouble." He looked down and saw that the Sun had dried the river up to a tiny trickle. "Oh no, Mr Water," he said. "I haven't got time. I'm going to seek my fortune." And off he hopped down the road.

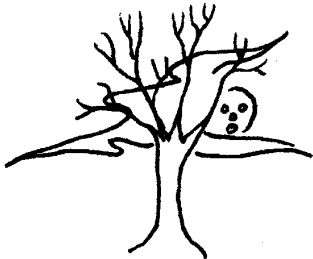


In a little while, he heard another voice. "Little Half Chick, please help me I'm in terrible trouble." The Little Half Chick saw a little fire which was going out for lack of wood. "Oh no, Mr Fire," he said. "I haven't time. I'm going to seek my fortune" And off he hopped.

Before long he heard a third voice. "Little Half Chick please help me. I'm in terrible trouble" looking up he saw that the wind was caught in a big tree and couldn't get free. "Oh no, Mr Wind," he said "I haven't got time. I am going to seek my fortune."

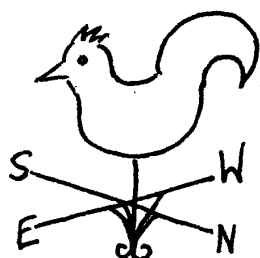


The Little Half Chick continued on his way until he came to a rather nice farmyard and he hopped in through the gate. The window of the farmhouse suddenly opened and the farmer's wife, who was cooking dinner, scooped him up and popped him in a pot of water. The Little Half Chick spluttered and coughed "Oh Mr Water, please



don't drown me." "Oh" said Mr Water, "You didn't help me when I was in trouble so I won't help you now" and the water got higher and higher. Then the Little Half Chick shouted "Oh Mr Fire, please don't get so hot. I'll be cooked" But Mr Fire said, "You didn't help me when I was in trouble so I won't help you now," and the water got hotter. Just when he felt he couldn't stand it

anymore, the farmer's wife came back. "What a scraggy chicken" she said, and grasped him by the neck and threw him out of the window. He went up into the air where the wind caught him and blew him hither and thither. "Mr Wind" he shouted "Please don't blow so hard" But Mr Wind just laughed and said "You didn't help me when I was in trouble so why should I help you now" and blew harder.



Suddenly he stopped. He was caught on the top of the weather vane on Castle Bytham Church, and there he stayed. He rather liked it. When the wind blew he turned round. When the sun shone he looked golden. He could see everyone pointing and admiring him. He had a flag for company and the birds came to say "Hello". Look up and you can see him too.

J.W.

CASTLE BYTHAM CRICKET CLUB - JULY 2003

by Pete Kiely

Since the last report we have played four games and had one cancelled due to rain. We managed to win three of the games, two friendlies and one league, whilst losing a league game away to Allington.

Our first win of the season came as we visited Ashton Wold, near Oundle. They won the toss and batted first but only totalled 79 on a slowish wicket. Chief executioners were John Lamin (4 for 14) and James Hutchinson (2 for 15). We knocked the runs off in about thirty overs, winning by four wickets; John Lamin with 25 was well supported by Russ Fenn and Michael Wright.

Then came our first home win when our visitors were Witham-on-the-Hill who won the toss and decided to bat. They started extremely slowly, due to good accurate bowling and some good fielding. At the end of their allotted 40 overs a total of 133 for 6 was achieved. Aggressive batting from James Hutchinson (77) and Phil Abbott (27) saw us quickly home and dry on 138 for 4.

The next day saw us away at Knipton, where Allington are based. With only 10 men we struggled in the field, in spite of some good bowling, and faced a total of 263 - very formidable in anyone's book. James Hutchinson (64), John Lamin (24) and Phil Abbott (25 not out) saw us reach respectability with 180 for 5. How we missed that eleventh man!

On June 8th. came our first league win, at home to Woolsthorpe by Belvoir. Losing the toss, we had to bat on a very damp wicket, playing tricks, and against some very accurate bowling. After ten overs a heavy shower stopped play for about an hour and we resumed on a still difficult track. Our batsmen all contributed to a meagre total of 120 for 8. Ralph Bradley (19), Phil Abbott (23), John Lamin (25) and Robert Edwards (28) were the main scorers.

When our visitors batted the wicket had certainly not improved and our bowlers bowled very sensibly and accurately. John Lamin (3 for 18), Phil Abbott (2 for 20) and Rob Edwards (2 for 22) all backed our

star man, John Hutchinson, who bowled his allotted 10 overs for just 4 runs, taking two wickets in the process. To cap his day he also took two important catches as we dismissed our opponents for exactly 100 and earned ourselves a welcome 18 points.

Cricket has not always been a nice gentle game you know! On 19th. July, 1762 a match between Surrey and Kent at Carshalton was abandoned as fighting took place between both sides. The report says, "This match ended abruptly owing to a dispute about one of the players being 'caught' out when Surrey were 50 ahead from the first innings—from words they came to blows, which occasioned several broken heads, as likewise a challenge between two persons of distinction; the confusion was so great that the betts (their spelling) were all withdrawn!"

The Riot Act was read on September 10th. 1726 at Writtle, Essex on the authority of a magistrate - 'obsessed with the idea that such games as cricket etc. were only pretences to collect a crowd of disaffected people in order to raise a rebellion.' So cricket was not all peace and quiet - was it?

Home Fixtures - July

July 20th.	Bottesford (League)
July 26th.	Stragglers (Friendly)
July 27th.	Ashby Carrington (League)

WANTED



Gardener for one day a week for whole year

No mowing

*Please telephone
07765383305*

REPORT ON LITTLE BYTHAM ANNUAL PARISH/PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 15TH. MAY'03

(The full minutes of these meetings may be seen by application to the Parish Clerk)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Parish Council Report.

A special meeting took place on 17 May 02 to discuss an application to site a travellers and caravan site at the old Station Yard in Little Bytham. The application was opposed and subsequently was filed as not determined. An application for development of houses is now being considered.

The Parish Room is no longer used for meetings and is solely used for storage. Utilities to the room have been closed off and the District Council informed of the change of use.

For the Queens Golden Jubilee, the Council ordered spoons with free ones for children who were aged 11 and under at the end of 2002, and who were living in the Little Bytham Parish.

Mrs Ward resigned as Clerk in Jul 02 and a new Clerk, Mr Childs, was appointed in Sep 02. His appointment is temporary, as Mrs McFarlane will take on the duties in Sep 03.

The deeds to the Village Hall have been lost and action to obtain information concerning copies with solicitors or the Land Registry is ongoing. The Model Code for Freedom of Information adopted by the Parish Council has been approved until Feb 07.

County and District Reports

Mr Trollope-Bellew presented the County Report. The modernisation programme recently introduced was giving problems, as the Cabinet system was not comparable to the previous Council organisation. The Government had forced the change on the County Council. Council Tax had increased by 9.6% and the Government had provided additional grants to the sum of £25M. The result was £33M to the education budget but this did not represent an increase in year with higher costs. The County Council was not holding back government funds, and indeed the cost per pupil at £26 was the lowest among the Shire Counties. PC Ian Hender had replaced PC Reg Burrell and a 5-shift system had been introduced instead of the previous 4 shifts. The result was a reduction in police officers on patrol.

Mrs Ibis Channel introduced the District Report. The Stamford lorry ban has had a detrimental effect on local villages, with an increase in HGV traffic. The Stamford East/West bypass continues to be unresolved. A new

Chief Executive will be appointed later in the year and the new Cabinet system is also proving unsatisfactory at District level. Individual councillors/committees are unable to make decisions and can only make recommendations to the Cabinet.

Responses from the Public.

Mr Johnson asked what progress had been made to determine ownership of the Parish Room, which is adjacent to his property. Although there has been some correspondence on the matter which recommends that the Parish Council seek Adverse Possession, it was explained that no action had been taken. The Parish Councillors believed that the Parish Room belonged to the Parish as reference to the Room dated back to 1897. As to the future of the Room, it was explained that the Brownie's no longer met there and the Room was solely used for storage. Utilities to the room had been cut off and the Room was still insured. Post the 15 Jun Garden Fete, it was proposed to store tables and chairs from the village hall in the Parish Room. The issue of cleaning out the room was discussed.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Election of Officers:- Chairman Mrs Bowen, Vice-Chairman Mrs Murphy.

Mr Alan Knight was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 3rd. April:- 1) Brownie Hut - date for cleaning not yet arranged. Unless a date was agreed the Parish would remove all the equipment presently there. 2) Deeds to Village Hall - Mrs Fane's solicitors believed it unlikely that any records were still available. Lincolnshire Archives to be asked for assistance. 3) Planning permission granted for new Post Box by Willoughby Arms.

Planning applications not yet resolved:- 1) Residential Development, Old station Yard 2) Springfields Farm (Mr Johnson), 3) Grange Lane (Mr. Reeves), Telecommunication mast (Orange)

A.O.B. Mrs Channel (District Councillor) stated that SKDC were taking action on the complaint about rubbish on Creeton Road and, also, the long delay in renovating a house in Glen Close.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Matters Arising from the minutes Footpath 13. No progress has been made to improve the difficult situation. County Councillor Mr Chapman will continue to try and help and resolve it.

Correspondence

It was agreed that in an attempt to reduce the time it takes to consider correspondence, in future it would be dealt with in two piles. One to be considered at the meeting and the other pile for information only

1) Environment Agency. Plan of the floodplain. and Guidance notes on drainage & defence responsibilities. It was decided that a copy of the 'Living on the Edge' booklet and a copy of the map should be given to all householders who live on the floodplain. 2) Dr P Candler. The Bythams Woodland Trust. Councillor Webber agreed to be the Parish Council representative. 3) Quentin Davies MP. Response to copy of letter to Minister of Education and Department of Education & Skills and reply to letter about 11 plus exam. After discussion it was decided that no progress could be made under the present Government but a letter be sent to the County Council recommending that they means test for all those 11 plus places that are funded by them. 4) Midsummer Fair Chairman. Hand over of Village Sign Chairman to be there at 10am, as invited. 5) The Countryside Agency. Parish Plans. To be circulated. 6) Lines County Council. Potential Local Nature Reserves. Councillor Bakker agreed to read it. 7) Lines CC. Regional Planning Guidance for the East Midlands plus Structure Plan Review. To be circulated. 8) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Amendment to the Regional Assemblies Bill. To be circulated. 9) Highways. Footpath requested in Holywell Road will be constructed before March 2004. 10) SKDC. Police Community Support Workers. Lincs Police have received Home Office funding for 32 community support workers. A 2nd round of Home Office funding provides only 50% of costs so suggested that communities may levy their share of costs set against council tax. Possibly a district-wide meeting to be arranged. Clerk to write to Inspector Howell about lack of local community policing since PC Burrell left and his replacement moved on. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme be revived. Volunteers will be required. An incentive is 10% off house insurance may be obtainable. 11). Draft Bus Timetable Information Strategy. To be circulated. 12). Lines Police visit to village on June 2. Suggested that everyone went to discuss lack of community policing. Details on notice board. 13). Bythams School Governors. Thank you for Parish Council support and the valuable contribution that Peter Webber has made to the Governing team over the last 4 years.

Planning

1) Planning permission has been granted to Mr J Lawrence, 3 Glen Rd. for an upper floor extension to

the annex provided that it does not become an independent dwelling. 2) Planning permission has been granted to Mr and Mrs Hunter-Coddington, The Old Forge Glen Rd for a change of use to residential provided there is no alteration to the external appearance of the building without written permission from SKDC. 3) Notice from M Crookes Arboriculturalist SKDC informing that 6 conifers on land opposite 16 Water Lane to be felled. 4) Planning application from Mr and Mrs R Hix, Ash Tree Lodge, Glen Rd. for an upper floor extension. Recommendation will be made to accept this application as there were no objections.

Cemetery Matters

Mr Paul Watson from the Lincs Probation Service came to look at the work required to the Cemetery with Councillors Hamblin and Cox and the Clerk. He agreed that his Community Service clients would repair the graves and remove the anthills that damaged them provided that the Parish Council pay for the materials, estimated at £800 It was proposed by Councillor Douty and seconded by Councillor Webber that £400 should be allocated to start with. Paul Watson also said that his clients could repair the kissing gate and the lid to the water tap if required. They would come one day a week and be supervised at all times.

Bus Shelter

It was proposed by Councillor Douty and seconded by Councillor Felton to accept the quotation from G and GR Abbott for £700 +VAT to demolish the existing bus shelter, remove the old base and construct the new one.

Any Other Business None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 9th JULY.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Mrs F. Broadbent, Mrs V. Dennis, Mr H. Bakker and Mr P. Douty were co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancies resulting from the rejection of their nomination papers on a technicality.

Election of Officers: Chairman, Peter Cox; Vice-Chairman, Phillip Doughty.

Village Hall representative - Councillor Dennis

Playing Fields - Councillor Full

Burial Board - All Councillors

Hannah Mills Trustees Councillors Cox & Allsopp (and the Rector)

Water Committee - Councillors Allsopp & Bakker

Bythams Woodland Trust - Councillor Webber

Honorary Water Bailiff—Councillor Bakker

The Hannah Mills Charity Assets at 31/12/2002 amounted to £864 and the Chairman confirmed that it was the intention to combine this charity with the Castle Bytham Education Foundation.

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