

# GLENSIDE NEWS



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It may be a little late to wish you all a happy New Year but we do, nevertheless. By the time this issue comes out we will be halfway to Easter and then we are into the summer—although looking at the weather at the moment, wet and mild, you could be forgiven for thinking that summer was already here.

The year finished with a bang. The children's parties in both Bytham villages were a great success and I am sure thoroughly enjoyed by the kids. The Pensioner's Party (sorry, Senior Citizen's) in Castle Bytham was a wow! It always is good but this year seemed even better than ever. The entertainment was just what was wanted and the dancing - well when you see some of us walking round the village you wonder if we are going to make it and then there they are dancing like teenagers— but quicker and with more oomph and style.

Rather than print letters from individuals thanking all those who worked so hard throughout the year and particularly on the days of the events, it seemed more appropriate to thank them here. So we do. To see all those smiling young faces looking after the children from 0 to 90 was a pleasure in itself - apart from the lovely food and entertainment.. Again many, many thanks from all of us who are young enough or old enough to enjoy it.

On a more sombre note, the Parish Council elections are coming up in May when all residents in Little Bytham and Castle Bytham will have the opportunity not only of

voting but also of standing for your respective council. Interest seems to vary from election to election. For some you do not get enough candidates and you have to accept all those who are nominated whether you want them or not. Other times you get more candidates than there are places on the council and you get an opportunity to exercise your vote. So this time let's have a go. There must be 1000 or more people in the two villages and if a couple of dozen of you put their names forward we can have a proper election. Let's try - but do not leave it to everybody else— put your own name forward or convince someone else to stand. Question if you do not exercise your responsibility by standing or at least voting, do you have the right to criticise the Council for what they do or do not do?

In the last issue there was a letter from two Castle Bytham residents asking if anyone would like to contribute to a gift for our recently retired postman, David Black. £130 was collected in response to this appeal but this is, I understand, in addition to other gifts given directly to him.

Finally, there is an article later from Witham-on-the-Hill W.I. regarding a knitting project for the premature and stillborn baby unit at Peterborough Hospital. From this and other items that often appear in the magazine it is nice to know that people still care.

**For the parishes of  
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Holywell, Castle Bytham,  
Creeton with Couthorpe  
and Little Bytham.**

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**COPY** by 15th day of the month.

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Life in the Church never seems to stand still, and as soon as all the Christmas services are behind me, I have to start planning for Lent and Easter. But it's always good to look back on what has gone and to reflect on the events of 2006 and what we can learn from them.

For so many people, it was a year of relentless suffering; for the people of Iraq, the fear and deprivation they have known since the allied invasion put an end to the rule of Saddam Hussein has continued unabated. Without clean water, power and medicines, their lives must be a continual struggle for survival, quite apart from the daily fear of violence. In Afghanistan, the Taliban maintain their struggle for power and oppression. In many parts of Africa, famine and drought are only a part of the people's suffering; civil war and violence no longer make the headlines here, but still cause untold misery.

In our churches we pray regularly for peace. While we can't put an end to violence by ourselves, we can support those who have to endure it by this regular and ceaseless cycle of prayer. Many people, and most of our cathedrals, set mid-day aside as a time of prayer for world peace. It's a good discipline to pause for a moment at this time each day, and offer the victims of violence and the cause of peace to God in our hearts.

But there were many joys in 2006. Our Candle Service and Midnight Mass were just two of them, where it was standing room only for many. Because Little Bytham church is small, we will give some thought to rearranging and extending the seating for next year, so that you are not forced to stand four deep at the back again. But what a delight it was to see those beautiful little angels, shepherds, wise men and the major characters. Thank you, Judith and your helpers, Jonathan, Hillary and the musicians, for organising this once again and for bringing such pleasure to those who watched it. And how lovely to see so many of my former SHS pupils at the various Christmas services!

Thanks, too, to Angela and her Party Girls, and to Maureen and her helpers, who arranged the over-sixties lunch and the two children's parties at Castle and Little Bytham. All of them take a huge amount of organisation, and do so much to build up our community. They were lovely events, and we owe these community-minded people so much.

So what will 2007 bring? A Temple Safari, to start with! On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, we are going to Leicester to visit a Mosque, a Synagogue, a Sikh Gurdwara and a Hindu Mandir, with lunch at an Indian restaurant. Members of each place of worship will be there to explain their faith and to show us around. I have been several times, and have always been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome and the genuine openness and friendship shown - a small but significant contribution to mutual understanding and the quest for peace. The coach will leave Castle Bytham at 9.00, returning at about 5.00, and the total cost is £15 (it may be less if we fill a few more seats.) It's by no means confined to 'church people' - anyone and everyone is welcome. If you would like to come, please phone or email me to book a seat.

You may remember that last year I asked if there was anyone interested in forming a choir to sing at major festivals. I had only two offers at the time, but since then one or two more have mentioned it. I wonder whether there may be a few more still, who would be willing to come along with a view to singing at Easter - or even to sing at the monthly Communion at Castle Bytham? No auditions, no need to sight-read music, no forcible attendance at other services ... so how about it? Young and old will be very welcome indeed.

We have a number of toys to amuse smaller children at our family services in Careby and Castle Bytham, but could do with lots more. If your children or grand-children have grown out of toys or books, and you could spare them, we should be delighted to receive any offerings (though preferably not very noisy ones, or those needing batteries.) If you would like me to fetch them, please let me know.

It has been our practice during Lent to have a Communion service on Wednesday evenings at 7.00, These will begin on Ash Wednesday - details on the list of services.

Our Evensongs at Little Bytham have a discussion in the 'sermon-slot' and we shall be following the Radio Lincoln Lent Course which focuses on the environment. All are welcome, either to take part or just to listen.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy 2007, and leave you with some words which I was asked to read recently at a service.

I said to the man  
Who stood at the gate of the year,

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely  
into the unknown."  
And he replied,  
"Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the hand of God  
That shall be to you  
Better than the light  
And safer than a known way!"  
So I went forth  
And finding the hand of God  
Trod gladly into the light.

With every good wish

Jo

# CHURCH INFORMATION SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

	CASTLE BYTHAM	LITTLE BYTHAM	CAREBY	CREETON
Sunday 4th <i>3rd before Lent</i>		9.00am Holy Communion		6.00pm Compline
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Morning Prayer			
Sunday 11th <i>2nd before Lent</i>	9.00am Holy Communion		11.00am Family Service	
Wednesday 14th	10.00am Morning Prayer			
Sunday 18th <i>Last before Lent</i>		6.00pm Evensong	9.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 21st <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer 7.00pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday			
Sunday 25th <i>Lent 1</i>	11.00am Family Service			9.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th	10.00 Morning Prayer	7.00pm Holy Communion		
Sunday March 4th <i>Lent 2</i>		9.00am Holy Communion		6.00pm Compline

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

(\*including Careby cleaning rota)

Sunday	CASTLE BYTHAM	LITTLE BYTHAM	CAREBY*	CREETON
February 4th	Mrs S. Grayson	Judy Turner	Mrs O. Theobald	Anne Garbutt
February 11th	Mrs W. Lovell	Judy Turner	Mrs O. Theobald	Anne Garbutt
February 18th	Mrs W. Lovell	Maureen Ward	Mrs O. Theobald	Anne Garbutt
February 25th	LENT			

The Kingdom of Heaven is like.....?

A Celebration of Parish Ministry  
May 12th 2007 at 10:30am  
Lincoln Cathedral

A date for your diary

All are welcome to attend this celebration of  
Parish Ministry

Further information will follow shortly

## 'TEMPLE SAFARI'

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> we are going to visit :

- A Mosque
- A Hindu Mandir
- A Sikh Gurdwara
- A Synagogue

- And have lunch at an Indian restaurant

Travel by coach from Castle Bytham, leaving at 9.00 and returning at 5.00.

Cost will depend on numbers, but will be about £12, £15 which includes lunch.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come. Jb Saunders 01780 480479 revjbsaunders@aol.com

## DIARY

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

**Taekwondo** - Monday evenings in CBVH  
6.15pm to 7.45pm Details ring 410189

**Badminton** - Monday evenings in CBVH—  
8pm—10pm Details 410441 or 410235

\* **Guides Meeting** - Every Monday 7 – 8.30pm  
LBVH

**Bowls** Tuesdays in CBVH 7.30 pm

\* **Water Colour Classes** Wednesdays (during  
term time) in LBVH 10 am to 1pm.

\* **Brownies** Wednesday from 6.15. to 7.45pm

**Keep Fit Classes** Wednesdays in CBVH at 7  
pm. Details ring 01778 425392 or  
01476 861683

\* **Rainbow Guides** Thursdays 5 pm to 6 pm in  
LBVH.

**Coffee Morning** - 1st. Thursday every month  
in LBVH—10.30am to noon

**Darts Match** in Sproxton League in Fox &  
Hounds Castle B. alternate Thursdays

**Parent and Toddlers** Fridays 10.30 am to  
noon in CBVH – ring Alison 410480

**Day Nursery** Monday to Friday - pre-school  
care 0 to 5 years. Details 410055

**Bythams After School Club** Monday to Friday  
Primary School Care & Holiday Cover.  
Details 410055

(\*In term time)

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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Cathedral (page 3)

June 17th Little Bytham Summer Fete

June 24th Castle Bytham Midsummer Fair

### WEATHER REPORT—NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

#### RAINFALL (T.R.R.)

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#### TEMPERATURE (H.G.B.)

#### November

##### Night-time

Lowest minimum: -3° on the 3rd, 4th, 8th & 10th

Highest minimum: 9° on the 5th, 16th & 25th

##### Daytime

Lowest maximum: 7° on the 2nd, 18th & 19th.

Highest maximum: 14° on the 15th.

#### December

##### Night-time

Lowest minimum: -4° on the 20th

Highest minimum: 10° on the 11th & 14th.

##### Daytime

Lowest maximum: 2° on the 21st

Highest maximum: 12° on the 4th & 14th.

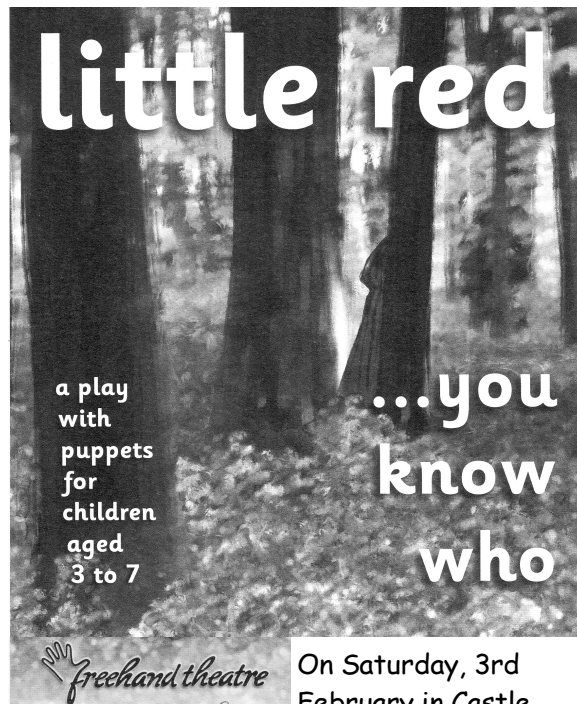
## Letter to the Editor

*Thank you from Kath Broadbent of CB*

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness after my recent burglary.

I have now tried to put the whole episode behind me and try to forget this dreadful night. The care and concern shown by friends, neighbours, villagers and even total strangers has been overwhelming and I cannot begin to thank all of you enough for helping me through this difficult time. I hope that eventually these people are brought to justice for their crimes.

With all my regards,  
Kath Broadbent.



**little red**

a play  
with  
puppets  
for  
children  
aged  
3 to 7

**...you  
know  
who**

*freehand theatre*

On Saturday, 3rd  
February in Castle

Bytham Village Hall at 3.00pm. Tickets £4  
each from castle Bytham Stores or phone  
01780 410421

**FORTHCOMING EVENT**  
**CASTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
**FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> 2007**  
8 PM

**ROCK'N POP NIGHT**

60's to present day  
**Featuring**  
**Top Local Band**

**GENERATION**  
**GAP**  
**AND**  
**DISCO**

**Let's Party**

**Tickets Available from Castle Bytham Post Office**  
**£6.00**  
*Including the first Hot Dog of your supper*  
**LICENSED BAR**  
Chev's @ midnight

**WELCOME:** to Rick and Denise Stevens who with their daughter Daisy, son Louis and dog Rufus have come to live on Station Road, Little Bytham

to Glen and Julie Sharp who, with Beck and Sam, have moved from Oakham to Glen Road, Castle Bytham.

To Sophie and Neil Revell, their children Corey and Thea, together with Sophie's mother Jan Revell, who have moved into Mallard House, Little Bytham.

And to Jill and Tony Carter together with Mrs Carter (senior), who have moved into Station Road, Little Bytham

### LIVING WILL

Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room talking about many things.

The idea of a living will came up and I said to her, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle...If I ever come to that - just pull the plug.

So she got up, unplugged the TV and then threw out my beer.

**Prize Bingo in aid of Senior Citizens Christmas lunch**

There will be a prize bingo on Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm in aid of Castle Bytham Senior Citizens Christmas lunch to make a donation or to donate a prize please call Angela on 410629 or 410153, Everyone welcome.

Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2007

An Evening of Fine Music in Careby Church featuring Oakham School Big Band

Oakham School Chamber Choir  
(Finalists in BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year)

Limited availability  
Tickets £10 to include supper from  
Mary Hoyle 01780 410305

## Spring is in the Air

So do join us for at  
**Hatchers Barn, Careby**  
(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Cooper-Jones)

## Cheese & Wine

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**7.30pm**

**Tickets £8**

**From:- Sarah-Cooper Jones 411291, Marjorie Bradshaw 410718. Margaret Creasey 410324, Peggy Greaves 410295, Mary Hoyle 410305**

### **FOX & HOUNDS PUB QUIZ**

The quiz on 4th January was again well attended by no fewer than eight teams, one of which came all the way from Carlby. There were some 'watchers' as well.

The next quiz will be on Sunday 11th February at 8.30 pm

The Friends of the Bythams School  
are organising a

### **Valentine Disco**

for any primary school children in the area  
It will be held at Castle Bytham Village hall on  
**9th February - 6.30pm until 8.00pm.**

Entrance is £2.00 which includes drinks for the night. Snacks will be available to purchase during the evening. Contact details for the event are Jane King 01780 410575.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Lincs CC have written to say that the **B1176** will be closed to through traffic from **CAREBY to AUNBY FORD** From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb for approximately 5 weeks to allow essential maintenance to take place.

The 'official' diversion route envisages using the A6121 through Ryhall and Carlby. The contact at Lincs CC is Will Suttill on 01572 782070

If I can be of help please call Andrew Hoyle (Chairman Careby Parish Meeting) on 01780 410305

### **THE CASTLE INN ENTERTAINMENTS STARTING SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

The Castle Inn is launching an Entertainments evening on Sunday Nights starting from Sunday 4th February. The first act is our very own Charlotte (previously known as Charley T) who has been persuaded to come out of singing retirement (er no pressure!) one last time to entertain us all with her vocal ability. We also have lined up a live acoustic set with a local guitar genius. It will almost certainly be a fun filled and highly entertaining evening. So do come and join us.

Later dates for entertainments include jazz, blues, rock, karaoke, pop and modern classics and quiz nights with prizes. So watch this space and get ready to end your weekends with something a little different.

Looking At Nature is the title of my occasional article in 'Glenside News'. I am not an expert in this field; neither do I have any of the qualifications that perhaps I should to write on the subject. But enjoying the natural world is not about being clever or qualified, it is something much more important, it is about being alive, feeling part of the natural world and seeing for yourself our fascinating wildlife.

Recently I have been recording any wildlife I see and sending my observations to The Lincolnshire Wildlife News Bulletin. This is a part of the Lincolnshire Naturalists Union, I quote from the Bulletin "The purpose of the Bulletin is to encourage biological recording in Lincolnshire, using information and communication technology"

Every week this information goes out to 670 email addresses across Lincolnshire the recipients are the recorders themselves and readers who are interested in wildlife; the information collected helps to see how our wildlife is getting along. English Nature, The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and local authorities all use it to help with conservation, so if you take part you are actually helping wildlife yourself.

It is not only birds or mammals that are recorded but also butterflies, moths, reptiles, insects and spiders to name a few, in fact any wildlife. Wildlife recorders are always needed and you do not have to be an expert as beginners are very welcome. If you would like to receive the report each week or become a recorder please email Roger Parsons at [rparsons@enterprise.net](mailto:rparsons@enterprise.net) You are not expected to send in reports weekly (although

that is welcome) just whenever you have the time.

If you are interested in wildlife then I can recommend the Bulletin even just to read as I think you will be surprised at some of the sightings right here in Lincolnshire. Recently a Sperm Whale was beached on the Lincolnshire coast and I learned about this from the bulletin and not from the TV news, every week there is something unusual or extremely rare reported that you would not usually hear about. So if you are into wildlife I cannot recommend it enough! I must say thank you to Barrie Hunt of Castle Bytham for showing me this in the first place, it has added a new dimension for me in 'Looking At Nature' and I hope it can for you too.

I am trying to check out local House Sparrow populations, we have quite a thriving community in our street along with a pair of sparrowhawks, so I think our balance is about right. We have several nestboxes up along with a few missing tiles on some houses so nest sites are not a problem and along with myself many of my neighbours feed the birds regularly but we seem to be bucking a national trend here with reports of dwindling house sparrow numbers, so if you have the time I would appreciate any information you can supply on house sparrows on your property or in your neighbourhood.

Please email me at [david.clarke27@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.clarke27@ntlworld.com) or if you do not have a computer my phone number is 01476-419202. If I am out please leave a message and I will phone you back.

Any information will be appreciated and locations treated in confidence. Thank You.

#### **WI KNITTING FOR PREMATURE BABIES**

Witham-on-the-Hill WI have so far handed over 113 items of knitting for premature and stillborn babies to Peterborough Maternity Unit, with lots more either completed or in the pipeline. The knitting has been done by WI members, the WI craft group, friends and relations. Other knitting and crochet groups locally have also very kindly given donations.

The tiny knitted hats and cardigans are needed by the Midwives and NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) staff, to warm up premature babies whose parents are caught out with no baby clothes small enough when going into premature labour. These items are also needed for full term new born size babies, who are cold at birth and need warming quickly. Knitted and crocheted stillborn snuggle wraps have also been given to the PMU, which midwives use when parents have a last cuddle and their photograph taken with the baby, providing a keepsake with the babies hand and foot prints.

More knitting is still being done by Witham-on-the-Hill WI and friends in this ongoing community project.



## PAST TIMES

*By Judith Stafford*

A great place to visit is the museum at Oakham and the little dark corner depicting past years has always been my favourite area. The low ceiling blackened with age, the homemade rag rug, the warped old parlour chairs, the scrubbed pine table and the huge black range are of a different age to our modern homes. No PCs, VCRs, DVDs, TVs, ITs, IPODs, MPs, laptops, digital radios or microwaves, today's youngsters might consider the past dull and so lacking in modern delights. It was lacking, but I remember those days when the old range gave off comforting warmth at the end of a tiring day. (no cars)

Heavy blinds, left from wartime days, shut us in as we sat in our favourite wooden chairs in a vague semi-circle round the fire listening to the old bakelite radio. The freshly scrubbed table probably meant Mother had rolled pastry on it and had an apple pie in the side oven. The old range was the centre of our life, pride of place and Mother blackened it religiously every week. It was decorated with holly above the mantel for Xmas and we children hung our four small mesh stockings in a row ready for Father Christmas to fill.

The museum makes one very nostalgic and in some areas I've resisted moving on. The brown earthenware pots are still the best for pickling onions in and my modern Kenwood mixer plus attachments cannot mince meat anything like my old Victorian mixer screwed to the kitchen table.

There are huge wooden carts and threshing machines etc in the museum courtyard reminding me of an incident in my youth. As a child and always horse mad, I latched on to our Co-op milkman plus horse and cart as he did his rounds. For several years I would seek him out, help with the deliveries and, as a special reward, he would let me drive the cart a little way. The very last Christmas I went with him he was offered a glass of sherry at nearly every house. His blue eyes grew ever redder and finally he climbed up behind the drivers wooden seat and collapsed in a deep sleep. So it was at 12 years of age I drove horse, cart and dead to the world milkman from the north side of Northampton to the Co-op dairy about four miles away. I only panicked going downhill towards the traffic lights as my small hands tried desperately to heave up the huge steel hand brake to slow down the cart. We got there safely much to the amazement of the dairy employees who made a story to talk about for many a year to come!

So a lot of time is spent by us elders comparing past days and the rushing pace of present times. We soon realize.....there is no comparison.....of turning back.

## ANYTHING GOES.

The Annual Christmas dinner was held at Greetham Valley Golf Club and twenty members and guests enjoyed a very good dinner.

On Dec 9<sup>th</sup> we had "The Night of 100 Culinary Tips" presented by Garry Jamison. This was a very entertaining evening attended by over 30. We only got through 50 tips so we are all eagerly awaiting the second instalment to be held later in the year. One tip I have found saves a lot of walking is to take the saucepan or bowl to the food not keep going backwards and forwards and another good one for crispy bacon is to put a metal plate on top of the bacon in the frying pan with a weight on it and this keeps the bacon flat. We were also shown how to make a really good pizza, and enjoyed these with excellent cheeses and super wine for supper. Thank you Garry for a lovely evening.

The members meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan when we have a good get together and people volunteer to put on events of their choice, this is how we get such a varied programme to suit all tastes and pockets and makes it such a friendly band that is constantly increasing in numbers. We now have men who want to join so - Anything Goes,

The evening at The Olive Branch on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is now full.

On March the 9<sup>th</sup> Jean Marshall is repeating her successful "Crafty" evening in Castle Bytham Village Hall. Anyone wishing to go should contact Jean on 01780 410467 members £3 and visitors £5 plus a plate of savouries or a bottle of wine.

Please note the change of date for "The French Evening" to Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Muriel Cooke is organising this with food and wine from France, her Tel number 01780 410502. Members £15 and Visitors £17 all inclusive. Last year this was fantastic evening.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Pat Bowles 01780 410908 or Sue Horton 01780 410666. The subscription is £10 and there are only two rules 1). You enjoy yourself 2) No one is left on their own.



## **Bythams Woodland Trust**



### **THE BYTHAMS WOODLAND TRUST – THE SPINNEY**

2006 ended on a high note for the Spinney and 2007 has started equally well.

During 2006, we were successful in applying for £7,000 from the Waste Recycling Environmental Network (WREN) which operates out of the land-fill scheme at Colsterworth. The £7,000 will be used to improve the play provision for the under 5s and consultation is underway with the Bythams School, the local Mums and Tots and Playgroups to find out what they think should be put on site. We plan to have this all in place for early summer.

However, as part of this award, we also needed to raise what is called a Third Party Payment and I am delighted to say that following a series of meetings with Careby, Aunby and Holywell Parish Meeting and the Parish Councils of Castle Bytham and Little Bytham, all three agreed to help with some funding towards this cost.

So, a very big thank you to all the local Councils for their help and assistance. We really do appreciate it!

But on top of this, Lincolnshire County Council also agreed to pay a grant towards the third party payment. So, while we wish to give thanks to the County Council for its contribution, it means that the support given by our local Parish Councils can be used for other purposes.

The BWT was also successful in obtaining £1,000 from The Woodland Trust, a national woodland organisation, that just happens to be based in Grantham. We have used this

grant to purchase a metal storage container, currently coloured blue, but soon to be camouflaged to blend in with the natural environment.

We are very grateful to Guy and John Turner who installed the container just before Christmas. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Creeton Quarry who donated the hardcore on which the container now rests. Without the support of individuals and local businesses, a project like the Spinney, which is there for all of us to enjoy, simply would not happen.

Our first working week-end of 2007 started on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> and a group of some twenty adult and young volunteers spent an enjoyable afternoon planting 200 new hedge plants. We will be planting the next 200 during the coming week-ends.

The BWT has a regular weekend working session at the Spinney to which all are invited, young and old. Managing a wild woodland takes a lot of time, especially when the recent high winds have blown down some of the older trees, so all help is welcomed for whenever you can make it.

The dates of our sessions leading up to April are:

Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

For further details contact: Judith Smith (410420), Patrick Candler (410435), John Turner (41055), Sam Adams (410623).

Patrick Candler

Chairman, Bythams Woodland Trust

#### **CASTLE BYTHAM P.C.C. '100 CLUB' DRAW**

*For December 2006*

11 Mr A. Robins

5 Mr & Mrs R. Creasey

81 Mrs J. Dooley

100 Mrs L. Green

*January 2007*

66 Mr M. Wood

89 Mr J. Gascoyne

24 Mr G. Hix

93 Mr P. Hamblin

Many thanks to all who support the '100 Club'. We still have a few numbers to sell - only £1 per month and a draw each month. Please contact Sheila Robinson on 410322

#### **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS BINGO**

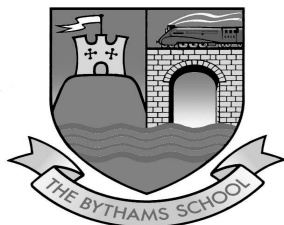
Many thanks to all who came and supported the bingo or gave prizes or donations in aid of this very worthy charity. Altogether we raised £1130 plus another £90 from the sale of stars. Many, many thanks.

#### **CASTLE BYTHAM JUMBLE SALE**

Our first Jumble Sale of 2007 will be on **Saturday, 24th February** in the village hall. Doors will open at 1.30 pm and refreshments will be on sale.

All bric à brac, spare or unwanted Christmas gifts, books or anything else suitable for selling (but not electrical goods) will be most welcome. They can be brought to the hall on Friday 23rd between 7pm and 9pm or, if necessary, can be collected. If you need this, please ring Ann Burrows on 410537. Donations will, of course, also be most welcome.

Many thanks.



## THE TALE OF CHRISTMAS PAST AND PRESENT AT THE BYTHAMS

Happy New Year and again in September. The numbers that to you all! Christmas have selected the Bythams as their first choice seems to have been for a place in Reception in September are and gone a long time anticipated to be over our published now and those bright admissions number of 12 such that we may lights and Christmas have to take up special measures to make trees a dull blur, but it sure that everyone gets a place.

would not be fair to talk about what 2007 brings without at least mentioning the Christmas activities of the school.

To sum up, it was busy! The children were involved in carol services both at school and in the community, singing carols from a range of different countries; there was a nativity play from the younger members of the school all about an inn called the 'Camels Arms'; there were visits from Father Christmas and visits to see Aladdin in Nottingham - in fact there was so much to do it took the activities well into the middle of January!

There was an environmental angle to Christmas too, with every child at the school planting a Christmas tree to take home and tend for in their own homes in the hope that in a few years they can put some lights on that very same tree and call it their own. Our thanks go to Rasell's Nursery for supplying so many young trees ready to plant.

Academically the successes at the school definitely need highlighting; 13 children were entered by their parents for the 11+ in September, of these 11 passed, and have been able to select which Grammar School they would like their child to attend. Placements will be known later in the spring - good luck to all concerned.

There are new children joining the school in January, they are the first of many throughout the year with an intake at Easter

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January Anita Fountain, from Cummins Generator Technologies (Newages), came to school to hand over a cheque for £500. This is a community grant for use in the Foundation Stage of the school. New equipment will be purchased which will enhance play facilities for the children.

On the sporting front, the school has achieved many successes in the past academic year, notably winning the Stamford and District rounders tournament and remaining unbeaten in the football league - which, for a small school, is a remarkable achievement. Currently, the netball team is at the top of the league and the football team are preparing for their forthcoming league campaign. In addition, the school will be entering teams in cross-country and other athletics events, tag-rugby festivals, cricket tournaments and dance festivals.

It looks like 2007 is going to be another busy and challenging year! The Spinney will be used increasingly as an outdoor teaching resource, the winter programme continues with new trees and shrubs going in and looking after the 'old', volunteers are always welcomed!

Of course it does not need mentioning but without the children and all the support from the community and staff none of this would be happening - long may it continue!

Niamh Tye (Parent Governor)

The Bythams Primary School now has hot meals - supplied by Rumble Busters. We need a food server during lunchtimes (term-time only). Are you interested in earning a little extra cash whilst helping children to learn to eat good food instead of junk? Please contact Helen Lockham (Headteacher) in the first instance: 01780 410275

