

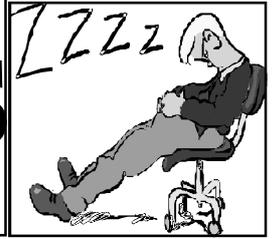
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The Old Year did not finish well for these villages with the sad death of Bernard Johnson of Castle Bytham just before Christmas. This was followed in January with the deaths of Vera Hall of Little Bytham and Tom Williams of Castle Bytham, also sadly missed and we extend our sympathy to all their families. Obituaries have been written about each of them and these appear later in the magazine.

Also later in this issue is the advertisement for the Sponsored Ride. This event is held primarily for the enjoyment of those who take part but also to raise funds for the village churches. In addition, each year, the proceeds are shared with another charity. In the past these have included such charities as the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. This year the chosen beneficiary is Riding for the Disabled, another very worthwhile charity.

Rarely do I get much, if any, response to any appeals I make in the magazine. But there are exceptions. When I asked for help with the distribution, I had two offers. One of them has had to withdraw. He claimed it was because of physical difficulties but I think it was because he was too busy counting our money. I also asked for someone to take over the advertising and, lo and behold, we had a volunteer - and look how the

advertising pages have improved. Last month, I asked if anyone would like to get involved in the editing for when even I realise I am past it and also the possibility of forming a computer club. Hurrah!! Firstly, Garry Jamieson of Castle Bytham with our Advertising Manager, Ian Pollard, have agreed to give the computer club a go and there is an article about it somewhere later in this issue. We also have had someone asking if they could join!! So that's two before we went to press.

Garry has also agreed to help with the editing when required. When required? You've seen the magazine it's probably a full time job correcting my mistakes. But don't get excited, I'm not giving up, yet.

This month's edition is not as big nor, I think, quite as good as usual. There are several reasons. Firstly there are not reports from either Parish Council because their meetings didn't coincide with our dates and there is no Witham W.I. Report because the meeting was cancelled because of the weather. When they should have had the meeting they could not stop the members playing snowballs to come into the hall!! The other problem I had is that my computer and scanner are getting old. Both are now slow and grumpy and, this month, would not talk to each other. But, hopefully, will be friends again by next month and will let me get on with the April magazine.

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Coughs, colds, boiler breakdowns, computer disasters, icy roads, floods, fog typified this winter for me. And I went on holiday on the day of the great snow to find that Morocco was experiencing its coldest, wettest winter ever! Thank goodness for signs of spring, of new life and hope. Thanks to Jackie and Pete Murray, Little Bytham churchyard has a wonderful display of Snowdrops, and if anything can gladden the heart and lift the spirits, it must be those beautiful flowers, true heralds of Spring.

Little Bytham saw the funeral of Vera Hall in February, and Castle Bytham that of Bernard Coupland, just a few days later. Many of you will have known Bernard Johnson, whose tragic death occurred in January, and who was buried at Clipsham, in his family grave. Our sympathies are extended to these three families.

March brings Lent, 40 days of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We mark Lent with a series of Evensongs in various churches around our Deanery, and invite guest speakers. On March 1st, the Bishop of Grantham will preach at Creeton. Details of the other services are on the service rota. Someone remarked to me that they didn't 'do church' after lunch on Sunday. Maybe Lent is the time to change that – many people give up something for Lent; why not take something up instead – attendance at Deanery Evensong?

We also mark Lent by a Communion service each Wednesday at 7.00 – details are also on the service rota. There are no hymns, no sermon and no collection, so it lasts about 25 minutes. If Evensong isn't your thing, maybe these services could be.

The monthly Family Service at Careby has been poorly supported apart from Easter and Christmas, so the PCC have agreed that it should be discontinued. Should there be enough interest, we can always restart it, but at present it seems that families have other priorities on Sundays.

Looking ahead, we shall have another Passover Supper in Little Bytham Village Hall on Maundy Thursday, April 9th. This is a simple meal (lamb casserole with a vegetarian alternative and a pudding – bring your own drinks, plate, bowl, glass and cutlery) during which we celebrate the Feast of the Passover, just as Jesus would have done on the day before he died, and as Jews continue to do. It's very informal, and people always find it interesting and informative. Tickets are £5, and any profit will go to charity. Everyone is very welcome, whether they are church-goers or not.

Looking much further ahead, Castle Bytham PCC under the guidance of Belinda Martin, are planning an Open Gardens day in the summer. David Smith will write about this elsewhere in this edition. Please consider opening your garden, no matter how small or what its state. Other people's gardens are always interesting. I saw one last summer which made mine look positively manicured. On a table was a sheet of paper headed 'Suggestions for improving this garden.' Underneath were lots of ideas, including 'dig everything up and turf it.'

Lent and Easter are when each church holds its annual meeting. All parishioners whose names appear on the church electoral roll are eligible to vote at these meetings, and anyone can come along and hear what the church has been doing. Churchwardens are elected for the next year along with the treasurer, secretary and PCC members. If you are interested in your parish church, come along. Details are on the service rota.

With best wishes

Jo

CHURCH INFORMATION SERVICES IN MARCH

	CASTLE BYTHAM	LITTLE BYTHAM	CAREBY	CREETON
Sunday 1st <i>Lent 1</i>		9.00am Holy Communion		6.00pm Deanery Evensong with Bishop Ellis
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Morning Prayer		7.00pm Holy Communion	
Sunday 8th <i>Lent 2</i>	9.00am Holy Communion		No Family Service	
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Morning Prayer	7.40 AGM in Church		
Sunday 15th <i>Lent 3</i>		No study group	9.00am Holy Communion	
	6.00pm Deanery Evensong at Corby Glen with the Dean of Lincoln			
Wednesday 18th	10.00am Morning Prayer	7.00pm Holy Communion		
Sunday 22nd <i>Lent 4</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30am Worship Together			9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	6.00pm Deanery Evensong at Rippingale			
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Morning Prayer	7.00pm Holy Communion		
Sunday 29th <i>Passion Sunday</i>				9.00am Holy Communion

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

(*including Careby cleaning rota)

	CASTLE BYTHAM	LITTLE BYTHAM	CAREBY*	CREETON
Sunday	LENT		Mrs S. Cooper-Jones	LENT
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Sunday			Mrs J. Machin	
Sunday			Mrs J. Machin	

CASTLE BYTHAM P.C.C. '100 CLUB'

Draw for February

66 Mr M. Wood, 72 Mrs H. Lewthwaite, 76 Mr & Mrs Davies and 69 Mr A. Hopkins

KID'S PAGE

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John , why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn , how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... ;'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Sudoku for children. Every line, column and each of the six blocks of squares must contain the numbers 1 to 6

	3				2
2		1			4
	4				
				2	
1			3		6
3				5	

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

Anyone fancy doing next month's children's page? Give me a ring. Ed



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** - Details 410510 or 410319

Bowls Tuesdays in CBVH 7.30 pm

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

* **Brownies** Details 410510 or 410319

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

* **Rainbow Guides** Details 410510 or 410319

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

Circuit training Thursday 7pm to 8pm in CBVH.
Details Mick Richmond 410500

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)

MARCH EVENTS

Sat 7th Spinney Working Party 10am to 12.30pm

Saturday 7th Jumble Sale in CBVH (P 10)

Tuesday 10th Team Quiz in Willoughby Arms

Tuesday 10th Building a village in the Spinney
(page 9)

Wednesday 18th Computer Club (page 12)

Saturday 21st Prize Bingo in CBVH in aid of Senior
Citizens' Christmas Lunch (page 8)

Sat 21st Spinney Working Party 10am to 12.30pm

If you have new people move in near you and they would like to be welcomed, please let me know their details. Thanks, Ed.

WEATHER REPORT—JANUARY

RAINFALL (T.R.R.)

JANUARY	m.m.	inches
1st - 7th.	4.0	0.16
8th. - 14th.	9.4	0.37
15th. - 21st.	22.7	0.89
22nd. - 28th.	18.3	0.72
29th—30th	trace	trace
Total for Month	54.4	2.14
<i>Total for November, 2007</i>	<i>80.5</i>	<i>3.17</i>

TEMPERATURE (H.G.B.)

January

Night-time

Lowest minimum: -7° on the 7th
Highest minimum: 7° on the 12th & 13th

Daytime

Lowest maximum: -2° on the 10th.
Highest maximum: 8° on the 12th, 13th, 17th &
22nd

With 16 nights of frost and two days when the temperature didn't rise above freezing, this January was rather colder than last year

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd Careby with Holywell and Aunby
PCC.AGM in St. Stephen's Church (page 11)

April 16th Careby with Aunby and Holywell Parish
Meeting (page 14)

April 18th *The Lover* Play in CBVH (see page 15)

May 1st Fashion Show in CBVH (page 8)

May 4th. Sponsored Ride (page 7)

May 16th Plant Sale in LB in aid of St Medards
Church

June 14th Little Bytham Fete (page 11)

June 21st Castle Bytham Midsummer Fair (page 10)

June 28th Little Bytham Car Rally (page 8)

June 28th Castle Bytham Open Gardens Display
(page 11)

New welcome to Leigh and Selina Taylor who with Leigh's two children, Savannah (4) and Byron (2) have moved into High Street, Little Bytham with and their dog, Daisy. *(I hope I have got it write this time! Sorry for the 'mess up' last month.)*

BERNARD A JOHNSON
BORN JULY 9TH. 1944 - DIED DECEMBER 2008

Bernard Alfred Johnson arrived in this world on July 9th 1944 in Monmouthshire, Wales, as at that time his parent's, Bert & Mable lived in Herefordshire. Bernard was six when the family moved to Clipsham. This included his brother Des, and his sister Dorothy (Dot). Robert and Christine, being the youngest were born after they had moved to this part of the world.

Bert, Bernard's father then got a job in the quarry in Clipsham and worked there until he was 70 – this was in the days when work meant a day's work and was, probably, why Bernard had such a fantastic work ethic until the day he died.

In the meantime Bernard was sent initially to school in Clipsham and then moved to Casterton Primary for the last years of his education. Bernard, by all accounts, hated school especially when he moved to Casterton as he got home too late to help John Groves milk his cows!

Leaving school at 14 having told his Dad that all he wanted to do was work on a farm, he was soon working on farms in the area – the longest stretch being 23 years working for the Featherstones in Clipsham. Whilst working for Ralph Featherstone he met his future wife Sharon in 1979 and they were married in 1981 at Oakham Registry Office. That year their first son, Ashley, was born. In 1983 Michael was born. In 1986 Bernard was made redundant by Featherstones and decided to become self-employed and the family moved to Holywell Road, Castle Bytham. In 1988, Jonathon (Jonjo) was born and they moved to Regal Gardens.

One interlude in the late sixties that emerged about Bernard was that he was not only hard working outside but also inside – he was a disc jockey! Firstly with Trevor Wilkinson when they were seen in village halls and pubs in the area and guess what - they wore matching gold lamé suits - Bernard also had lots of hair ! Indeed, it was while 'disc-jockeying' that he met his wife Sharon. It has been suggested that if he had gone onto Mastermind and chosen as his subject "music released in the 60s and 70s" he would have got all the questions correct!

Martin Thompson said at his funeral,

"So many of you here today have employed Bernard as I did." "Whatever the weather Bernard would be there on time putting in the hours – hard working to the end and I would have trusted Bernard with the Crown Jewels." "Everyone who came into contact with him always got a welcome, young, old or the dogs!" This exemplified his character, his work ethic, his friendliness and his honesty.

Bernard enjoyed the company of everyone! Nothing he enjoyed more than an evening in the pub with his friends and a game of darts though I suspect it would inevitably get competitive as that was in Bernard's nature! A great countryman in every respect; his genuine excitement when he had seen something special such as a woodpecker or a kingfisher during his day's work was endearing.

Bernard and his wife, Sharon, parted in 2005 but remained good friends to the end. They still enjoyed their family together, the boys and their families and children.

Bernard leaves behind three young men Ashley, Michael and Jonjo who will greatly miss their dad but all three can be assured he was a fine man and everyone who knew him will have wonderful memories to cherish.

His funeral at Clipsham, where he was buried alongside his parents, was well attended in atrocious weather and the collection raised £600 for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance, the Macmillan Nurses and Clipsham Church.

Sharon has asked us to thank all those who attended on her behalf and also on behalf of their three sons, Ashley, Michael and Jonjo.

VERA HALL 1916 2009

Vera Hall was born in 1916, the eldest of four children. After leaving school at the age of fourteen she went into service until 1934. She then met George Hall and they were married on Boxing Day 1936.

Her main hobby was gardening where she spent many happy hours until severe arthritis forced her to give this up. She then turned her interest to knitting and sewing until arthritis again won the day. It was only will power that kept her going over the past few years.

Her son, Renfrew, would like to thank family and friends for their support during a difficult time.

THOMAS STANLEY WILLIAMS

Born 16th. March, 1927 - died 29th. January, 2009

Tom was born in 1927 in Bootle, Merseyside to a Salvation Army family with Welsh roots. On leaving school he joined an Accountants firm and learnt how to audit accounts. At the age of 18, just as the Second World War was coming to an end, he was called up for National Service and joined the army. He spent some of his time in Germany doing duty at the Nuremberg War Trials after which he returned to work in Liverpool and to marry and soon his daughter Jennifer was born.

After spending two years in Burnley, he returned to Liverpool and, in the early days of computers, managed an accounts department in a Liverpool firm. During all this time he remained in the Salvation Army playing first the cornet and then the tuba in the band and for some of that time was band master. He only left with the break-up of his marriage.

He also used his accounts experience for the Salvation Army and audited accounts for a Northern Amateur Football League, football being his other love having played and refereed in his younger days.

In 1975 he joined the Skelmersdale Brass Band, playing the tuba. Also in that year he met and married Joan and they set up home in Birkdale where they stayed for three years. After Tom took voluntary redundancy from work, they moved to Market Overton taking over the Post Office and shop for six years. He completed his working life as Secretary of Rutland Sailing Club retiring at the age of 66 to life in Castle Bytham.

SPONSORED RIDE

Will take place at Grimsthorpe Park on Monday 4th May 2009 - start time 10am.

Want to help with Marshalling ring Penny on 410468

Want to help with raffle (donate prizes etc) ring Andrew on 410305

Want to help with Homemade cakes, refreshments etc ring Susie or Jonathon on 01778 590637

Entry details ring Rosemary Player on 01778 590350



LITTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

It's all systems go for Little Bytham village hall this year. By the time you read this our Quiz night will have come and gone and, as with last year, all tickets were sold well in advance. Thank you to everyone who came and we hope you enjoyed the evening.

Below are some dates to put in your diary:-

On **28th June** we will be holding our ever popular Car Rally followed by a delicious cream tea in the village hall.

6th September sees an Art Exhibition in the village hall. This free event will give you the opportunity to see the original paintings that are featured in the Little Bytham (and surrounding area) 2010 calendar. As with all of our events there will be mouth watering refreshments on hand.

A family disco will be held on **Saturday 3rd October**. This is aimed at families with children of any age.

Following the success of our (grown-ups) Christmas party last December, we will be having another this year. Because we do not want to clash with Castle Bytham's Bingo Night, our party will be a week earlier this year - on **28th. November**.

The children's Christmas party will be on **Saturday 12th. December**.

Finally, there will be carol singing around the village on the evening of **Friday 18th. December**. The money raised on this evening pays for the children's Christmas party. Not only is it a good cause - it's good fun. Please feel free to come and join us, we always end the evening in the village hall supping hot mulled wine and munching on mince pies and cakes.

We have tried to organise something of interest to everyone and hope you will continue to help us in our fund-raising efforts by supporting our events. Thank you.

The Village Hall Committee

BURNS NIGHT

The Village Hall Committee can report that a most successful Burns Night was held at Castle Bytham on January 24th. This is only held every second year, and the demand for tickets was such that the event was sold out a week before Christmas.

Guests made their entrance through 'Scotch mist' provided by Chris Wright's smoke machine and were greeted by bagpipes played by Kevin Trevor of Peterborough. Kevin started the formal proceedings by piping in the haggis which was addressed in traditional form by Duncan McSporran. The company then sat down to the main course of haggis (from Scotland), Lincolnshire sausages, 'neeps and tatties'. The toast to the Immortal Memory of Robbie Burns was proposed by Philip Considine and to Tam o Shanter by Mary Hoyle. 'The Lassies' were toasted by Robert Brownlow, and Vicky Dennis responded brilliantly in verse.

A tremendous selection of puddings, provided by committee members and friends were then enjoyed, followed by dancing to Bodgers Mate. Della Mellors again sold tickets for the raffle, as only she can, raising about £250. Jacqui Wade of Trinity Conferences donated an auction prize of a weekend for two at a four star hotel, and this was bought by Alan Thomas for £320 after spirited bidding.

A wonderful evening - thought by many to be the best Burns Night to be held at the Hall - finished all too quickly, but with proceeds of over £1100 to Village Hall funds. Many thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes - providing 100 people with an excellent meal and clearing up afterwards is not easy - and many thanks to all who came

RB

Castle Bytham Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

Prize Bingo

We will be holding our annual Easter Prize Bingo in Castle Bytham Village Hall on Sat March 21st @ 7.30pm in aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. Everyone welcome. If anyone would like to make a donation or donate a prize please call Angela on 01780 410 629 or 410153.

Fashion Show

Come and beat the credit crunch. We will be holding a fashion show in Castle Bytham Village hall on Friday May 1st @ 7.30pm. Fashion brands from High Street stores and catalogues at greatly discounted prices. Tickets £3 each available from Castle Bytham stores or Angela on 01780 410629 or 410153



The Bythams Primary School

Snow, snow, snow –the beginning of February brought some of the worst snow conditions that we have had in 18 years. This meant that the school had to close

for several days; there was some confusion around why the school had to close or why the bus was not running, so the purpose of this article is to highlight the decision processes that take place to decide if the school is open or closed in severe weather conditions.

However, it is important to understand that if at all possible, the school will be open; closing the school is the final option. In fact whilst most schools in Lincolnshire shut for the whole week of the bad weather, the Bythams managed to open for two!

The decision to close the school is ultimately the decision of the Headmaster and the governors, and this is based around several factors; the main one being that of Health & Safety –is the school environment a safe place for the children and staff who work there? Staffing - are all members of staff able to travel to school? This leads onto the pupil/staff ratio -if there are not enough members of staff to numbers of children present then the school cannot open.

We also have to think about the end of the day and ensure that both children and staff are able to travel home safely. The bus company make their decision to run independently and not a decision that the school is involved in.

New Building for The Bythams. Through the hard work of the staff and governing body, the Bythams has secured funding from Lincolnshire County Council to build an additional block onto the side of the school for the provision of extended services.

What this means is that there will be facilities at the school for an on-site children's club (before and after school, holiday club), any club in the community will also be able to use the facilities in the evenings, it will also be an extra space for the children to use for one-one sessions, music lessons and so on.

Now in the planning process we expect to have the building ready for use by March or April of next year. As you can imagine this is a very exciting project and we are all looking forward to the extra space.

Niamh Tye (Parent Governor)



Building a village in The Spinney

10th- 14th March 2009

Bythams school, The Woodland Trust and Children's Links, a Lincolnshire based childrens charity, are planning a week of free play activities that are open for the whole village to enjoy.

The project will use artists and playworkers to create a temporary, memorable play environment within The Spinney that has been designed and built by children and young people. There will be opportunities to design, build get messy and make things, cook or just join in the fun and all ages are welcome.

Children from the school will be playing and working with artists and playworkers in the woodland during this week.

The project will be open to the community from 3pm every day with a public event on Friday afternoon and on Saturday.

We are looking for clubs in the village who would like the opportunity to be part of this project and contribute to the finished event, and we would also be keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering some of their time to support the project.

**For more information please contact:
Clare Bryan Play Development officer
Children's Links 01507 528300 or 07930
473234**

The event is organised by Children's Links a children's charity based in Horncastle in partnership with South Kesteven District Council. We are providing free, creative play opportunities for children and young people, their families and community members in rural village over the next three years .

ZIMBABWE

The collections at the carol service at Holywell Hall Chapel on 19th December and at the 'Fifth Sunday' Communion Service held at St. Stephen's Careby on 30th November amounted to £372. This amount has been sent to the Revd Lesley Marshall for her orphanage in Zimbabwe. Congratulation and thanks to all involved.

Letter from someone who grew up in the village

The recent "bout" of snow that has hit our villages over the past couple of weeks has brought to my attention that "Castle Hills" which was always known as this has been renamed "THE MOUND" by our younger members.

This seems very sad to me (and many others) I would think, as many hours were spent in my childhood searching for buried treasures that lay beneath The Giants grave, and the Giants table, my son laughs when I tell him these memories, I really did think there was "A Giant" that lived up there (honestly) !!!!

Not only have "place" names changed but our younger members are not quite so gullible (and stupid) as their mums were !!!

Oh well it will always be known to me as good old "Castle Hills"..... but I never did manage to dig that GIANT up !!!!!

CASTLE BYTHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

From time to time the Trustees like to publish a report in the Glenside News to keep people up to date with our activities. Like all charities the Foundation faces the possibility of reduced levels of income in the wake of the turmoil in the financial markets. Although we cannot anticipate what effect this will have in the next couple of years we are having to approach our task more cautiously.

In 2008 we made grants to twelve young people totalling £1,915. Our income was £1,595. Our reserves now stand at £839. The trustees have decided that they will continue to respond to requests as they have in the past, however we are aware that our ability to meet requests may be more restricted until the financial outlook improves.

Peter Martindale (Chairman)

JUMBLE SALE

ON

SATURDAY, 7TH MARCH

IN

CASTLE BYTHAM VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 1.30PM

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

If you have any suitable jumble (i.e. **Not** electrical goods) the hall will be open on Friday evening (6th. March) at 7.00pm. If you need the goods collecting ring Ann Burrows on 410537.

Castle Bytham
Midsummer Fair



by *Peter Hinton*

As one of the many people stuck in the Village during the snow during February I was definitely not one of those moaning about "chaos on the roads" or "we are worse off than Albania when we get a bit of snow". Oh no, no no! Let's have more severe weather if it can bring out the Dunkirk spirit that was very evident in the pub one lunch time. Families out with sledges, folks having fun, Pub profits up despite the credit squeeze, people actually talking to each other; bring it on I say. When we were young we dug our way out thru six foot of snow, cut off our own toes when we got frost bite and still went down mine or up to the iron foundry for us lunch. The kids today don't know they're borne. I have waited 17 years to get trapped in the Village and unable to go to work – more of it I say!

What we need now to compliment a "proper winter" is a "proper summer" – especially on 21st of June.

The Fair Committee is happy to report that the injection of new blood into its ranks will ensure that the Fair this year will be better than ever. The basics are already sorted out and all we have to do now is make sure we tell all our friends and family to make sure they have the date in their diaries. We are still open to suggestions for anything we can put on show that would be of interest to our visitors. Old machinery, classic cars or your amateur juggling act will all be welcome. If you want to book a stall get in touch with Pat Beese on 01780 410595 or to our new e-mail address: midsummerfair@googlemail.com

ST JAMES' CHURCH OPEN GARDENS DAY

St. James' Church Council is considering holding an Open Gardens Day to raise funds for the Church. The proposed date is Sunday 28th June from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

An invitation is extended to all residents to open their gardens, whether they are formal gardens, cottage gardens, courtyard gardens with pots, planters and tubs, nature's gardens or gardens extending over several acres.

As we have never done this before we would also welcome ideas as to what other attractions we could offer, such as the sale of tea and cakes, ice-creams, plants etc. and also, if anyone has previous experience of promoting similar events, if there may be any drawbacks.

Please contact members of the Church Council to let us know if you would wish to take part or have any views or ideas as to how we should proceed by 'phoning 410784, 410322, 410957, or 410753.

In order to allow time to make all arrangements please reply by the 15th March 2009.
St. James' Church Council



LITTLE BYTHAM FETE SUNDAY JUNE 14TH STARTING AT 2.00PM.

An important date for your diary as our fete just gets better every year. We have approached another Personality to open this year's fete and this will be confirmed in April, so watch this space. We shall have the usual flypast of World War 2 aircraft and Annabele Murcott will bring her pupils to give us a superb Tae Kwon Do display. There will be all the usual attractions with teas and real ale, loads of stalls and of course the unique and hilarious raft race.

A full fete committee has met to start planning a really wonderful day at our traditional village fete complete with ancient canvas tent, which takes ten men to erect! We feel that our venerable old tent sets the tone for our traditional fete. Do not miss this event, entry and parking is free and there are plenty of activities for all ages, the Mini Olympics keep the youngsters happy whilst the older visitors are sampling the teas or real ale.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE AGM OF CAREBY with HOLYWELL and AUNBY PCC

Will be held in ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
CAREBY

On
THURSDAY 2ND April, 2009

AT
7.30PM
ALL WELCOME

LITTLE BYTHAM 100 CLUB

WINNERS OF THE FEBRUARY DRAW

C. Richards, S. Stevenson and J. & R. Burrell

FOX & HOUNDS QUIZ

Even snow and ice didn't stop them coming (what will?). Prizes were won by the Landlady and Malcie, the Blue Tractors, the Hazelnuts and the Snow Queens.

Next quiz will be on Sunday 8th March at 8.30 pm

LITTLE BYTHAM PCC

extend their very sincere thanks to everyone who helped keep St. Medards churchyard so well mown last year.

Unfortunately the grass is already starting to grow again and we would be extremely grateful for any offers of help - the more volunteers we have means that fewer people have to mow it twice! For anyone who wonders what is involved, the mower and

petrol are provided, the job takes 1 1/2-2 hours according to your energy levels and you get a 'slot' of ten days, during which time you mow the front of the churchyard once. Do please contact me if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Judy Turner Tel.411105.

New Computer Club Started

By Garry Jamison

Following February's plea (from Peter Cox) to see if people in the surrounding villages might benefit from a local computer club, I am happy to organize our first pilot session - starting with 'Basic PC House-keeping' on 18 March. (See feature on this page). From experience, the first session will be a useful way of demonstrating all the things that they never tell you when you buy your new computer. It's a bit like buying a lawnmower; they sell you the machine but fail to show you the best way to cut your grass. And when it comes to your computer - the number of people who don't know how to 'defrag' their system is amazing! The informal evening will feature a hands-on demonstration using computer projection on to a screen and supported by a few useful fact sheets for you to take away.

If the first evening is a success, then (with some help), I plan to organize more sessions which focus on specific components and software including; Microsoft Word, Excel Spreadsheets, The Internet, Graphics Packages, Digital Photo Editing, Recording Music and much more besides. If any other highly PC literate folk are happy to volunteer their skills to help their local community, then drop me an e.mail with a list of your specialist computer areas. Who knows, someone out there may teach me how to use 'Mail Merge' (which stumps me every time!)

What to do

So, for those of you struggling with your PC's and want to come along to the first pilot session - even if you think you already know some of the basics - then please reserve your place by e.mail before 10 March so that I can gauge general interest. See you on the 18th.

GJam@myepost.com

Glenside Computer Club



PILOT TRIAL

Wednesday 18th March 2009

7.30pm until 9.30pm

Castle Bytham Village Hall

SESSION 01

Basic PC Housekeeping

- Quick PC Overview
- Making a slow computer spring to life again
- Essential maintenance tips
- The best use of your PC desktop & workspace
- Freeing up vital memory
- Organising your data using Windows Explorer
- Clearing 'temp' & history files
- Backing up files

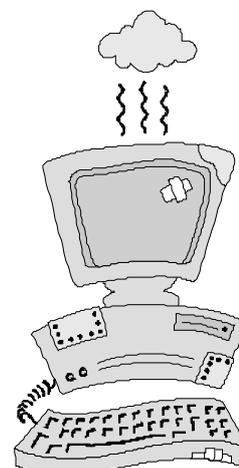
£ 1.00 admission on the door
(to cover refreshments, hire costs)

This first workshop is a pilot to see how much interest we can generate in the area for a future club.

The informal evening will include hands-on visual demonstrations supported by useful factsheets for you to take away.

If you have a laptop, you're welcome to bring it along - but please ensure that it's well charged - as there are limited power sockets at the hall. Thank you.

ORGANISER: Garry Jamison GJam@myepost.com
Please e.mail me before 10th March to reserve your place



Letters to the Editor

From Robert Brownlow, Castle Bytham

I was fortunate to attend two events in February at the Castle Bytham pubs.

The first was a 'Plough Boys Play' held at the Castle Inn on Sunday evening February 1st. This was a wonderful revival of an annual event held in villages for two centuries, when farm hands went round the homes in costume performing a simple play. Plough Sunday was traditionally the first one after Twelfth Night and the play was performed on the following days by plough boys, who had some free time since they were not able to do much work at this time of year, and also needed to augment their meagre income. The custom died out before World War II and it was great to see it revived, in costume and with such gusto. Can this be an annual event?

When I went to see the Play I did not realise that it was also 'Folk Music Night' at The Castle. Around 15 musicians gather there every month to play and sing just for the love of it. This is a remarkable opportunity to hear this wonderful music which can usually only be found in a theatre or folk club. Yet here it is - in our village - every month - and free. Don't miss it.

The second event we have been lucky enough to attend is Harry Bakker's monthly quiz night at the Fox and Hounds - held on the second Sunday of the month. This goes from strength to strength and is increasingly well attended. Another splendid evening.

How often we hear that there is nothing to do in the village, but where else would you find these attractions. I think we are very lucky.

Letter from a concerned villager (name and address supplied)

You might feel it is worth mentioning the problem of the endless litter out of car windows onto the verges. In addition, there are one or two regulars who dump their garden waste. Often just grass cuttings or hedge clippings in black bags into the edge of hedges or woodland. They do not even bother to empty the bags out!

In our little corner of South Kesteven there are several villages linked to each other, the roads not being through routes for the outside world, for example, Swayfield, Castle & Little Bytham, Careby, Holywell and Pickworth. There are teams of local people who accept the responsibility of clearing up the litter. On a regular basis they collect plastic bottles, empty food packets, catalogues and worse.

From Tony Collison, previous owner of Castle Bytham Stores

Dorothy (Dot) Porter

I was interested to read the article in the February Glenside News about Dot.

When we took over the 'Shop' (Castle Bytham Stores) in October 1984, I can remember asking Dot if she would be willing to stay on to help us 'greenhorns'. Fortunately I did not have to go on bended knee to persuade her and thus started sixteen happy years with Dot being the 'anchor person', particularly with her local knowledge, experience in the shop and smiling countenance.

There were similarities in the appearance of Dot and Sheila (my late wife) as they found out when weekly visitors to the Shop passed information to one of them and could not understand why the other did not remember the remark.

Dot was very supportive when Michelle was taken seriously ill and enjoyed having to help look after baby Lynn from birth. Although, I am sure, Dot enjoyed being at the shop, it always took second place to her family. She was happy to help out in an emergency as long as it was understood



she would have to drop everything to attend a sick member of her own family.

I miss Sheila and Dot and wonder if St Peter has a problem sorting out one from the other.

Dot with baby Lynn 1990

This rubbish is, in the main, thrown out of car windows or sometimes chucked away by those on organised runs or bicycle trials - I have seen them do it. Complain to the organisers and they think you're a joke.

Frankly it is all disgusting and totally thoughtless. It is most likely that you and I are living next door to these people, rubbing shoulders with them when buying your daily paper.

Children need educating on this subject at school at an early age. For sure their parents don't help, they are the people most likely committing the crime. That is just what it is, I think the maximum fine is £1,000.

Careby with Aunby and Holywell Parish Meeting Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2009 at 8 pm
at The Willoughby Arms

Nominations are invited for the following posts:-

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Planning Committee members

All residents of Careby, Holywell and Aunby are invited to attend this meeting.

For details please contact the Chairman: Dick Turpin (01780 410978)
or the Secretary, Judith Smith (Tel: 01780 410420).

ANYTHING GOES MARCH 2009.

We had to cancel the Wine Tasting at Hay Wines and Hampers which was not surprising as the only time we were offered was 10am on a Saturday morning which was not popular also there was also a minimum number. However, it will be taking place in the new programme on Sept 18th in a member's house at Swayfield with a Ploughman's supper.

The Spanish Evening on February 11th was a great success. A giant paella was cooked before our eyes with masses of ingredients being added over a period of an hour and half. The result was delicious and there was a really good atmosphere throughout the evening. Our thanks go to Diane Morrow and Cheryl Morgan who organised the evening.

We had a successful members evening with over 40 attending enjoying a social evening with wine, pate and cheese. A lot of ideas came up for the coming year and we are hoping to have the new programme out at the end of February.

One of the new ideas is to have a bimonthly Fish and Chips evening at The Castle Inn which although catering for all our members will enable people on their own to go out for a drink and meal

in congenial company. The alternate months will be Pub Walks with walks being arranged to finish at a pub with an optional lunch. Members can either walk and lunch or not and others can just go for the food. These used to be popular with the WI in the past.

Apart from the above we have 18 other events all suggested and organised by different members to cater for all tastes. We have several talks on various subjects. Visits to Long Close Gardens, Heckington Mill, Cogglesford, Duxford, an Ascot Lunch and lots of other social events both large and small.

Subscriptions of £10 are now due so if you wish to renew or join please send your cheque/cash to Sue Horton, 12 Cumberland Gardens Castle Bytham NG33 4SQ or Pat Bowles, Pawnbrokers Potters Hill, Castle Bytham NG33 4SP. Everyone is welcome and remember there are only 2 rules 1) you enjoy yourself and 2) no one is left alone. The average attendance is between 20 and 30 so people mingle well and more gentlemen are joining us.

Pat Bowles