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The Third Millennium



January 2000

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From the Village Desk

Where does the time go? It hardly seems possible that this is the 14th issue of the magazine that we have produced since taking over from Mike and Val Scott. We have received many kind comments and we find it very encouraging that so many readers seem to like what we are doing.

Of course it's not possible to please all the people all the time but we do value your opinions – even uncomplimentary ones!

Please keep popping those envelopes through our letterbox, this is *your* magazine and we want to hear *your* voice.

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VILLAGE DIARY

January

- 5 Jumble Sale for Red Cross, Village Hall
- 7 Bowls Club Bingo, 7pm, Village Hall
- 8 Methodist Church Coffee Morning
- 14 Garden Club, 7.45pm, WI Hut, 'Hardy Bulbs'
- 18 Men's Society, 8pm, Committee Room, Village Hall, Mr R Thomas

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the February Issue is Noon on **Monday 17th January**

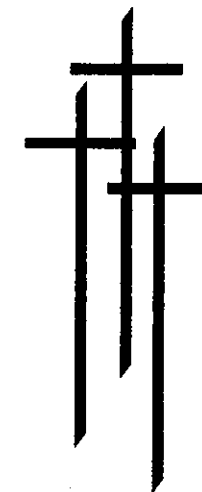
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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Saturday 11.15am	1 January Millennium Service followed by Bell Ringing at St Peter's
Sunday 8.00am 9.00am	2 January Holy Communion at St Helen's Sung Eucharist at St Peter's No evening service at St Peter's
Wednesday 11.30am	5 January Holy Communion at the Manor House
Sunday 8.00am 9.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	9 January – PLOUGH SUNDAY Holy Communion at St Peter's Sung Eucharist at St Peter's Evensong at St Helen's Evensong and Blessing of the Plough at St Peter's
Wednesday 10.00am	12 January Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday 9.00am 10.45am 6.30pm 7.30pm	16 January Sung Eucharist at St Peter's Family Service at St Peter's Epiphany Carol Service at St Peter's Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wednesday 10.00am	19 January Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday 8.00am 9.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	23 January Holy Communion at St Peter's Sung Eucharist at St Peter's Evensong at St Helen's Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday 10.00am	26 January Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday 9.00am 6.30pm	30 January – HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY Sung Eucharist at St Peter's Evensong at St Peter's – Preacher Mrs Christine Russell

Please note three special services – 1st, 9th and 30th January





From the Bishop of Southwell

I want to help and encourage partnership: between the Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod; town and country; Church and community. If we intend the Church to have a real future, we must open the institutional life of the Church for easier access to some of the able young leaders who are coming forward. That's got to begin at grass roots level.

I want us to continue to address national issues: Bishop Alan heading up the Coalfield Regeneration Trust; working with the difficulties of urban deprivation and racism, and the enormous problems confronting agriculture today; addressing such national issues as the impact of globalisation, the continuance of consumerism, secularisation, the challenges of a multi-racial, multi-ethnic society; the future of marriage and the family, the nurture and protection of the young, the care of the elderly.

I want to see at the heart of everything Christ's healing, transforming power, which we know, has changed individuals and communities.... To see it at work in the urban and rural areas of the Dioceses, transforming the very structures of our communities, so that our value systems become the value systems of the Kingdom of Christ.

The future, if we are honest, seems frightening: but in all the enormity of space and eternity there is a centre to turn to, to fall back on, a reference point, a human personal contact... we must never lose sight of this in our messy world, because we live in a COSMOS and not a CHAOS. There is no need to feel intimidated for at the heart of everything is Jesus Christ. The forces and powers do not have the final word: it is Christ who holds all things together, they cohere in Him. He sustains the created order in being.

George Cassidy

Isn't it Funny.....

How a £10 note looks so big when you take it to church,
But so small when you take it to the supermarket?
How long it takes to worship God for an hour,
But how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of football?
How long are a couple of hours spent at church,
But how short they are when watching a film?
How we can't think of anything to say when we pray,
But don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend?
How hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible,
But how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel?
How people want to get a front row seat at any game or concert,
But scramble to get a back seat at a church service?
How we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule,
But can adjust our schedule for other events at the 'drop of a hat'?
How much difficulty some people have learning a simple gospel story well enough to tell others,
But how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip about someone?
How we believe what the newspapers say,
But question what the Bible says?
How everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or think or to say, or do anything.



Those interested in the trip to London including a tour of Lambeth Palace on Wednesday 31 May should contact Mrs Mary Hall or the Rector, after Wednesday 19th January.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Saturday February 12th 10am - 12:30pm

50p including coffee and biscuits

Tombola, Raffle, Craft, Bric-a-Brac and Cakes

Contributions to these would be welcome

Contacts -

Jean Willis - 20480 Mollie Burnett - 20676

Hope and the New Millennium

What are you hoping for in the new Millennium? Perhaps a more challenging question is "What grounds are there for being hopeful?"

The last century was dominated by the belief in progress. Through populist presentations of evolution and political theories, this basis for hope has carried us along. In lots of ways things are better now for most of us than they were in 1899, but we have also seen increases in the tools of torture and destruction. Moreover, millions die annually through starvation and disease as a result of the greed of the Western nations. We are haunted by unpredictable scientific developments, as well as natural disasters.

So, what grounds are there for being hopeful? Hoping is part of what it means to be made in God's image. All the good developments, as well as the kindness, which flows from so many people, are evidence that we are made in God's image. Jesus is our hope incarnate and he makes transparent the total goodness of God, his power and above all, his love; his eternal commitment to stick with us whatever.

As we enter the new Millennium, many people will be searching for some solid basis for the hope they feel stirring within them, which their justifiable fears for the future call in question. I believe passionately that because we have access to the story of the saving grace of Jesus, in the Gospels, on which all valid hope is based, we can help people create a better story by which they can shape their lives.

May a Happy New Year bring Hope to you all.

OUR CHURCHES ARE GRATEFUL

- For the help received in the preparation and distribution of the Millennium Candle packs.
• For the assistance of so many over the Christmas period.
• For the donation of the Christingle oranges.

East Bridgford Drama Group Millennium Members

We are inviting our regular supporters to become Patron Members of the Drama Group from 1st January 2000. The annual subscription will be £10 per annum, which will entitle a member to priority booking and a free seat for each of three plays performed during the year. In 2000 the price of a ticket will be £4. By becoming a Patron Member you would be supporting the Group as well as a making a small saving.

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A Giving Church is a Living Church

This Christmas, St Peter's Parochial Church Council has been privileged to make grants to a variety of village, national and international Charities and Missions. The total, £5,241 represents about 10% of the Church's unrestricted income. A detailed list may be found in the Church porch.

Almost as much again has been donated by means of the collection at special services. In addition we have been able to assist one or two small parishes in the Bingham Deanery with payment of their parish share (quota). I firmly believe that A GIVING CHURCH IS A LIVING CHURCH.

EAST BRIDGFORD DRAMA GROUP



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Jumble Sale



In the Village Hall
on Saturday
5th February 2000

Any jumble
to be collected
Please phone 20412

CIARA FUND

The jumble sale in November raised £530 for our fund. Our grateful thanks go once again to all those who helped in many ways on that day.

We intend to buy 'supports' which go inside Ciara's bed at night to correct her sleeping position.

P West - 20946

100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The second 'Newspaper Night', arranged by the Reading Room Committee was held on December 4th, the Rector being appointed Chairman for the evening. The subject for discussion "Why do the men leave the villages for the towns" drew forth the opinions of a good number of speakers, hardly any of whom, however, seemed disposed to leave East Bridgford at present, we are glad to say. Messrs. S Richardson, Attwood, H Shipman, Covills, T Euerby, J Green, R Morris, J Gregg, Walker and Sharp contributed to the discussion, and the Rector summed up.

The subject is a very wide one, and the fact, which was universally recognised and regretted, seems to be the complex result of so many causes that it is impossible to lay ones' finger on any particular remedy. In the case of East Bridgford so many industries have gone, largely owing to the altered condition brought about by railways, that men for whom there used to be employment in brick-making, canal work, etc., could not stay. The population in 1891 was 857, and we shall anxiously await the census of 1901, which will probably show that it has not decreased since then.

On the whole the discussion tended to show that the excitement of town life was not considered much of an attraction; and that the higher wages obtainable in towns, in the opinion of most speakers, did not altogether outweigh the advantages of the cheaper and healthier country life. The difficulty of obtaining sufficient land for small holdings, which is a very real and serious part of the question, was brought forward but it was unanimously agreed to devote the next meeting to some part of this large question. The want of prospect before the agricultural labourer; and the great desirability of finding means of expressing more clearly the wants that are felt in villages, were dwelt on by the Rector in his summing up.

The next 'Newspaper Night' will be Monday January 15th at 8pm, and the subject proposed is "The best use to be made of small agricultural holdings".

EB Local History Group

Our next meeting is to be held in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th January 2000. We are hoping to discuss the progress being made towards the production of the story of 'East Bridgford 1900 - 2000' and to define the objectives of the group as proposed: -

- Study, recording and preservation of local buildings, institutions, documents and objects which illustrate the life of East Bridgford.
- Publication from time to time, of the results of the research of the group.
- Promotion and/or support of field work either by the group or in conjunction with other organisations or individuals.
- Arrangement of meetings, lectures and visits in connection with local history.

Much excellent work has been undertaken in the past, notably by the Rev. Arthur du Boulay Hill in the 1920s to 1930s, and by the WEA group in the 1980s.

We would like to build on the work of our predecessors and in particular establish a village archive which can be used in the years ahead by those who would like to understand our past.

If you are interested in helping to collect information about East Bridgford 1900-2000, please join us at our meeting on January 26th. You may have photographs or stories to tell of earlier days in the village - if so please bring them to the meeting, or contact Nigel Lawrence on 20619, who can reproduce all kinds and conditions of photographs with great care. We also hope that decisions will be made on how the group is to be established and its long-term objectives determined.

For further details please contact:
Bill Whitaker - 20982

*Life in Old East Bridgford
1918-1940 - by Walter Soles.
£3.95*

Walter Soles, who used to live and work in East Bridgford, spoke at the last EB Local History Group on his memories of the village and how he was about to publish his memoirs. This booklet is now on sale and obtainable from the Post Office and East Bridgford News.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all who contributed or attended their successful Christmas Coffee morning. The Total proceeds were £547 which will greatly help to keep the letting costs down over the coming year. Our thanks to you all.
Margaret Ford

Garden Club

At our December social evening seventy members and guests heard Peter Mallett give some useful tips on the selection, planting and care of newly purchased "Trees and Shrubs for Small Gardens". Pictures of some suitable subjects were also shown.

The talk was followed by a buffet supper with wine and the usual selection of sumptuous puddings made by members. Our next meeting is on Friday 14th January at 7.45pm in the WI Hut when John Gregory from Hilltop Nursery will tell us about "Hardy Bulbs". Annual subscriptions (£6) are due at this meeting.

David Peto - 20070

Floodlighting Diary

JANUARY 2000

1	New Year's Day
1	Naming of Jesus
2	In loving memory of CLIFFORD DAVIS
3	Loving birthday memories of JACK NORTH
6	Epiphany
10	Baptism of Christ
16	Plough Sunday
25	Conversion of Paul
26	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

The Churchwardens or the Rector will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in February's magazine should be passed to the Churchwardens or the Rector before press closing ~ 17th January



RUSHCLIFFE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION

If you are thinking of volunteering, or need some support or funding for your voluntary activity, or would just like some information then Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service (RCVS) will be able to help.

They produce a bi-monthly newsletter, which is full of useful information containing:

• Outlines of funding and grant opportunities
Examples are - The National Lottery Charities Board and The Nottinghamshire Living History Archive Millennium Awards.

Advertises for volunteers in specific areas

The Animal Accident Rescue Unit are desperate for volunteer help in the West Bridgford area - please phone 0115 932 1555.

Specific projects by the Rushcliffe Youth Action Network

Keyworth K-Café will be a drop in/café centre for local young people. It will have drinks, cheap food and access to the Internet.

General Interest information

Home Improvement Trust - a 'not for profit' registered company established with the aim of helping older people remain safely and independently in their own homes by helping to arrange funding of property repairs, improvements and adaptations for older people.

They provide information on financial options that are available through the release of capital locked up in property.

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RuralNet - Support for Voluntary Groups - This group has funding from the National Lotteries Charities Board to help voluntary groups active in rural areas to:

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- Understand and use computer communications
- Publicise activities and events
- Exchange experiences and ideas
- Join a network of like minded people

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call 0845 300 5480 or visit their website at www.ruralnet.org.uk

see page 17 for contact address and telephone number

Email - a Cautionary Tale

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was away on a business trip but had planned to meet him there next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unable to find a scrap of paper on which he had written her e-mail address, he did his best to type it from memory. Unfortunately he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly rector's wife whose husband had died only the day before.

The grieving widow on checking her e-mail took one look at the monitor and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound of her fall, her family rushed into the room and saw this on the screen.

DEAREST WIFE
JUST GOT CHECKED IN
EVERYTHING IS PREPARED
FOR YOUR ARRIVAL
TOMORROW

PS
IT SURE IS HOT DOWN HERE

EB Care Group

The management committee would like to thank Gloria Hindson and all members and friends who kindly supported her organisation of Webb Ivory charity Christmas card and gift sales. A wonderful £173 was raised for our millennium wheelchair fund.

Thank you also for other donations towards this fund from kind people in the village. We really do appreciate the support you give us.

If you need our help throughout this next year call us on our mobile answer phone number 0976 935476, leaving your name and number only. We will phone you back.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Parish Council News

Sergeant Roberts attended the December meeting to explain that the shortage of officers due to lack of funding was probably responsible for the dissatisfaction with policing expressed in the Village Appraisal. Increased funding next year should help and he outlined proposals for improving the police presence in the villages for which he is responsible.

Following complaints regarding intrusive house sale signs we can now report that all such signs must be within the boundaries of the property for sale and must not obscure sight lines.

The council is grateful to all who helped plant the Millennium Wood and especially so to the scouts and guides who provided the very welcome refreshments.

Springdale Wood - The New Millennium Wood on our Doorstep

Villagers armed with spades, wellies and warm clothing descended upon the site alongside Springdale Lane at the end of last November to plant the trees for the woodland. All age groups, from small children to the older members of the village turned up from early morning to plant over one thousand trees. Instructions on how to plant them were given by Woodland Trust experts and because of the enthusiastic planting, by lunchtime well over half the area had been completed.

It has only taken just over two years from concept to seeing the new wood planted. In September 1997 Mrs Elizabeth Gisbourne and her three sisters approached the Parish Council with the idea for the wood. As they owned the land alongside Springdale Lane, they had approached the Woodland Trust, offering to give and sell part of the land for the creation of a wood for the "Woods on Your Doorstep" scheme.

The Parish Council agreed that there would be interest and negotiations started, and by November 1998 a public meeting was held by the Woodland Trust to begin fund raising. By March 1999 the fund raising target had almost been reached and the Parish Council made up the shortfall of £1472. The design and a millennium feature were chosen after consultation with the villagers during the summer, and on Saturday 20 November 1999 the planting of the wood took place.

LOOPY LABELS

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, in the next few issues of the magazine we will be publishing some examples of *genuine* label descriptions.

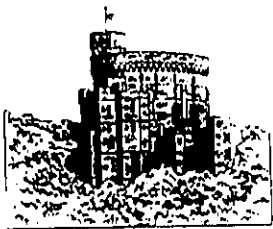
On a Sears Hairdryer -
Do not use while sleeping. (*Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair!*)

On a bag of Fritos -
You could be a winner!
No purchase necessary,
details inside.
(*The shoplifter special?*)

On a bar of Dial soap:
Use like regular soap.
(*and that would be how?*)

Planning Applications and Decisions

99/01197/LBC	Mr J N Richens, 63 Kneeton Road. Alterations to windows, extension to form carport. Council did not object.
99/01196/FUL	Mr J N Richens, 63 Kneeton Road Extension to form carport. Council did not object.



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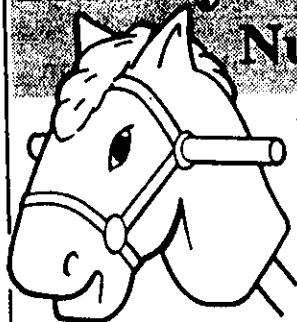


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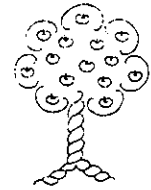
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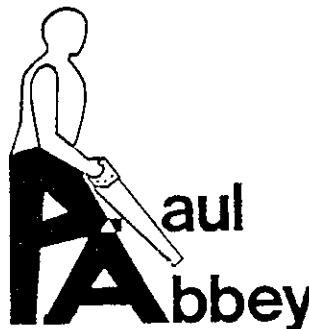
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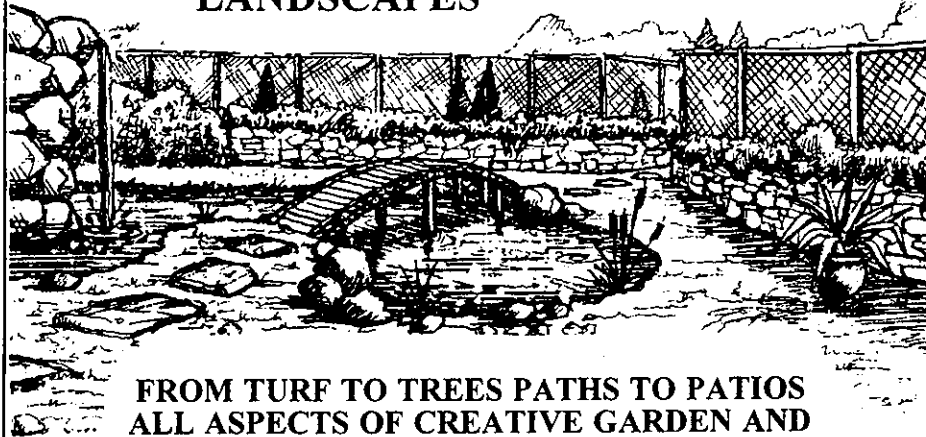
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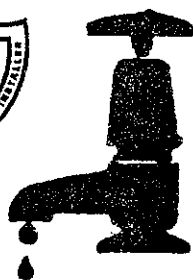


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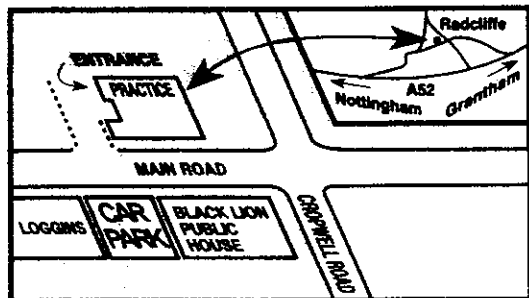
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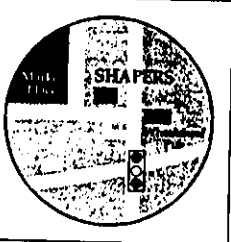
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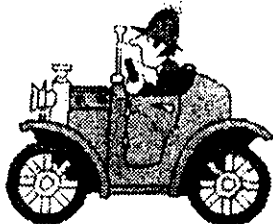
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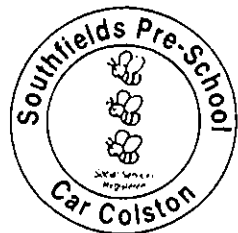
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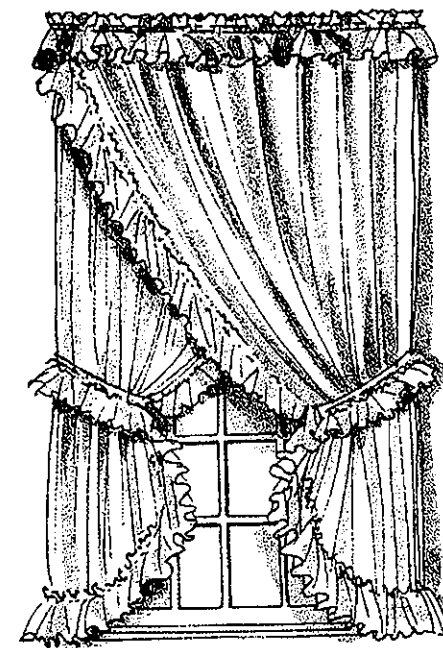
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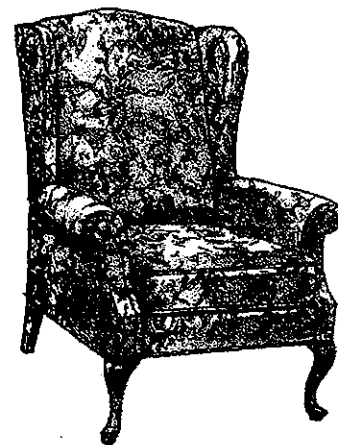
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For a group of villagers and friends, Friday 5th November was not to be a celebration of Guy Fawkes famous gunpowder plot but the beginning of a long weekend in Paris. We left the village at 6 o'clock in the morning and by midday were ready to cross under the Channel on "Le Shuttle" to Calais. After a short break we set off on the next stage of our journey and arrived at our hotel in Drancy on the outskirts of Paris in the late afternoon. We took the opportunity for a "wash and brush up" before setting out on our first trip into the centre of Paris.

Our courier, chauffeur and guide Malcolm had thoughtfully arranged for those of the group who wished, to have dinner at a restaurant on the other side of Paris near Les Invalides. The whole group accepted the offer and en route were treated to a tour of famous landmarks. Our route took us to Montmartre and a tantalising view of Le Sacre Coeur, on to the Place de Concorde, where we encountered the unique French rush hour, and into the Champs Elysee.

It is almost impossible to describe the scene we witnessed with vehicles cramming into this area at rush hour, their side and tail lights twinkling in the darkness like a giant fairylight display as they fought their way through an unimaginable tangle of traffic. Malcolm persevered and after a slight brush with a Parisian motorist, somehow managed to allow us the time to glimpse the Trocadero and the Eiffel Tower. We arrived safely at "Le Verban" and enjoyed an excellent meal in a dining room overlooked by the magnificent golden dome of Les Invalides.

The following morning we partly retraced the steps of the previous night to view the sights in daylight. This time the tour was extended to include the

Place de Vendome, the Tuileries, Ile St Louis (where the city of Paris was originally founded), on to Notre Dame and finally the Louvre. We were then given the opportunity to make our own individual exploration of the sights of Paris before being picked up at pre-determined points during mid-afternoon.

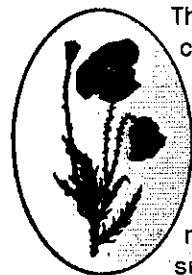
In the early evening we made a welcome return to Le Verban before setting out on one of the highlights of our visit - a trip on the Seine on board one of the famed Bateaux Mouches. The trip allows the visitor to see the sights of Paris from a different viewpoint, illuminated not only by their individual spotlights, but also those of passing river traffic. One cannot fail to be impressed by the scale and grandeur of these magnificent sights, and despite the chill night air we all agreed that this was indeed a memorable trip.

We followed a slightly different route for our return journey, travelling to Lille then into Belgium. We passed through Poperinge, the home of the famed 'Toc H', before making our way to the chocolate factory and then to Calais to board Le Shuttle for the final leg of our journey.

Our unreserved thanks are due to Mary, Sandy and Malcolm who once again did the impossible by providing us with a trip that exceeded its predecessors - a task we thought could not be achieved. Once again we owe particular thanks to Mary, without whom none of these memorable trips would be possible. We must not forget the "Spice Girls" who throughout our trip kept up our spirits with a constant supply of beverages, supported and assisted by two gentlemen christened by our courier Malcolm 'The Chippendales' - or did he say 'Chipped Males'?

Keith Cottee

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1999



This year with the loss of collectors in both Screveton and Car Colston villages, I thought the Poppy collection for East Bridgford and District might turn out substantially below the amounts we have achieved in previous years. However, my fears proved groundless and we collected the splendid total of £2,042.83, the best since 1995.

Thank you everyone who collected and contributed together with the help of the local businesses and churches - the Legion is most grateful.

First, as always I must record my personal thanks to my door-to-door collectors who, in some pretty abysmal weather, were out on collecting duty. They are:-

Huntham	Mesdames: Jean Woodhead and Joan Fitzpatrick
Hawksworth	Mrs Sonia Dorward
Newton	Mrs Doreen Corcoran
Thelford	Mrs Dora Fisher, Mr G Atkin and Mr L Silk
Kneeton	Miss Ann Romalla
St. Bridgford	The Ladies: Finch, Curtis Case, Barclay, Glover, Seel, Whitehouse, Tutin, Wheeler, McCullough, Brennan, Peto, Clarke, Barnes, Pearce, Beves, Francis, Cox, Marczak and their 'leader' Jay.

Secondly, proposals have been forwarded to Legion HQ for Awards to:

Mrs Hilda Pearce
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Mrs June Peto
(10 year Certificate)

Finally, this year I am now entering my fifteenth year as the Poppy Appeal Organiser. Originally I agreed to serve for five years, then 'volunteered' for a further five years as nobody else would, and with the disbandment of the village RBL Men's Branch, I continued for a further five years in the hope that the branch might reform.

Now I wish to retire, therefore is there a VOLUNTEER somewhere out there in our village, willing to take over as PAO? If needed, I can give that volunteer a year's dual tuition of 'on-the-job' training (should he/she so wish) - but a volunteer is required now, if collections for the annual Poppy Appeal are to continue in our district of eight villages into the new decade.

John Wheeler
District Poppy Appeal Organiser - 20405

NEWS FLASH

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Saturday 8th January

This is the final pudding recipe for the moment but we thought we would finish off with a real mouth-watering corker of a pudding sent in by Jackie Wheeler. If you have any mincemeat left over from Christmas celebrations you now know what to do with it.

New Year's Eve Tart

Almond Pastry

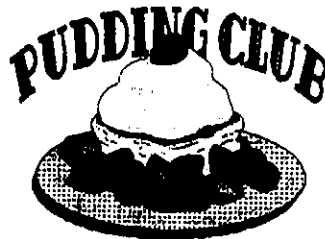
- 6oz (175g) plain flour
- 4oz (100g) unsalted butter
- 1½oz (35g) ground almonds
- 1½oz (35g) caster sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon cold water

Filling

- 2 medium cooking apples roughly chopped
- 1lb (450g) mincemeat
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- A squeeze of lemon juice

Glaze

- Egg white
- Caster sugar
- Apricots



Method

- Sieve flour and ground almonds. Rub in unsalted butter, mix in caster sugar, and bind together with egg yolk and water.
- Lightly knead pastry into a ball, cover and chill for ½ hour.
- Mix apples and lemon juice in saucepan and bring to boil. Simmer for 1 minute then drain and cool. When cool mix with brandy and mincemeat.
- Set some pastry aside for lattice decoration. Roll remaining pastry and line 7½" flan ring and bake "blind" in oven for 15 minutes. 190C, 375F, Gas Mark 5.
- Fill pastry case with apple/mincemeat mixture and arrange for pastry lattice on top. Place half apricots into each square of lattice.
- Glaze top with egg white and sprinkle with caster sugar.
- Return tart to oven and bake at 200C, 400F and Gas Mark 6 for 10-15 minutes.
- Serve hot or cold with whipped cream.

A Prayer for the Millennium written by 14 year old Anna Crompton

Dear Lord, our heavenly Father,
At the dawn of a new millennium
In a world of darkness, give us your light;
In lands of war and prejudice, grant us peace;
In a world of despair, give us hope;
In a world of sadness and tears, show us your joy;
In a world of hatred, show us your love;
In a world of arrogance, give us humility;
In a world of disbelief, give us faith.
Give us the courage to face the challenges of
Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,
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Give us the power to make a difference in your world
And to protect your creation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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John Latham
Head Co-ordinator - 21092



Best New Building in Rural Notts

Doctors from the new Medical Centre in East Bridgford received an award on November 25 for the best new building in the Nottinghamshire countryside. On behalf of the practice, Dr Andy Harrison accepted the Harry Johnson Award from the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Basil Nicholls. The two architects David Meylan and David Atkins, responsible for the design and management of the project, were also there to receive recognition for their work on this project.

The Harry Johnson Award is given annually by the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust and the Council for Preservation of Rural England. There are two categories for the award; one for the best new building; and the other for the best restored old building. A newly restored museum in Flintham was the recipient of the other award.

On receiving the plaque Dr Andy Harrison said, " We are proud and delighted to have won it. Six years ago we knew we needed to move. When it was realised that there was an envelope in the village and that it would be necessary to apply for planning permission on green belt, we didn't take it lightly. We hoped that what we did would be environmentally friendly and it now does seem to fit in with the village."

Dr Harrison went on to say that they had received many community and private donations, which made an enormous difference. It had enabled them to have a garden (landscaped by Liz Meylan) in the centre courtyard of the building, a specially designed wrought iron screen and trees planted outside the centre.

The design of the building was the brainchild of David Meylan, but as he had retired from architectural practice, he enlisted the support of David Atkins, who is in practice with The Howitt Partnership, to see the project through.

David Meylan first had the concept for the Medical Centre six years ago when the Doctors realised that their surgery on Main Street could not be expanded to meet their needs. Although there was considerable delay before a suitable site could be found, once the

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Karen Winyard
01949 20738



Drs Rob Scaffardi and Andy Harrison

building work started, the centre took just over six months to complete and was opened in March 1999.

This is the second Harry Johnson Award David Meylan has received. The first was for the design of the WI Hut. David has also designed private houses, including his own, and early in his career was involved in the "Crisis School Development Plan" to provide extra schools to cope with the post war baby boom in the 50s.

Although the Harry Johnson Award is the first for David Atkins, he has in the past received a Civic Award for the Pearson Building in Long Row in Nottingham. Although David has been involved in projects with private homes, recently he has been engaged in the alterations to the Methodist Church in the village, the sister Church in Bingham, and a new church in Rotherham.

The new Medical Centre now offers better facilities to patients. On an average day approximately one hundred and twenty patients go to the surgery to visit one of the six doctors' or nurses' surgeries. In addition there is a constant flow of patients coming in to collect prescriptions or make appointments. In total the practice has six thousand patients, two thousand in the village, and covers an area which includes, Gunthorpe, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Bingham, Elston and Elton.

Rushcliffe Help

The Rushcliffe Help directory has just been updated and re-printed. It is available free of charge from Rushcliffe CVS. The directory or information about the newsletter can be obtained from: -

Rushcliffe Council for
Voluntary Service
Park Lodge
Bridgford Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 6AT

Tel: 0115 981 6988

Fax : 0115 974 8097

E-mail :

admin@rucvs.demon.co.uk

Philosophic Thought

Trust is one of the golden words, which must dominate social life in the future; love, for the thing one has to do, is the other golden word. And in the future only work, which is done in the spirit of all-embracing charity, will be socially good work.

Rudolf Steiner,
Philosopher

Sent in by Di Shouls

With Gratitude

The family of Bessie Makin are most grateful for the loving care that was given to their mother Bessie during her illness, particularly by Dr Harrison, Sister Jackie Wheeler, Nurse Dawn Brownlow and the team of nurses and staff at East Bridgford Medical Centre. We are especially grateful to Rev. John Hudson, Rev. Graham Coleman, Canon Alan Haydock, members of the East Bridgford Methodist Church and friends and neighbours for their support, love and care given to Bessie and to all the family. Thanks also for the many cards and letters of sympathy that we have received.

Special thanks are given to those, who in lieu of flowers, have sent donations towards the East Bridgford District Nurses' equipment fund. The total sum raised will be announced later when all contributions have been received.

Dorothy, David and Elizabeth

News from St Peter's Primary School

Voices of Promise

St Peter's Primary School was among the top three in a song writing project at a concert at The Albert Hall in Nottingham on 2 December.

This charity concert, sponsored by Marks and Spencer, featured songs from thirteen schools in the East Midlands region. Pupils at St Peter's, who had already been selected from five hundred schools in the region, reached a further semi-final stage and were then allocated a professional songwriter to help them prepare for the concert at the Albert Hall.

Their song, 'The Year 2000' was composed by:

Laura Cooper	Brooke Shipstone
Lara Hammond	Rebecca Shortley
Samantha Hammond	Lucy Smith
Charlotte Jewsbury	Kim Watkins

And performed by:

Kim Watkins	Charlotte Jewsbury
Laura Cooper	Lara Hammond
Samantha Hammond	Lucy Smith
Rebecca Shortley	Brooke Shipstone
Tom Beardmore	Ray Alsvsag
Matthew Brown	Danny Smith
James Blackwell	Emily Daniell
James Haslam	Gemma Smith
Tom Kindell	Freya Orley-Simmon
Natasha Castell	Paul Lupton
Naomi Moss	James Ross
Thomas Moreland.	

The winner, a secondary school in Leicestershire, will have their song with other regional winners included on a special "Voices of Promise" CD, sold in M & S stores across the country. The Voices of Promise plus the Millennium Promise charity is raising funds to support well-known children's charities.

Brian Clough - Manager for the Day: St Peter's Football Team.

On a quiet Wednesday at the beginning of December, Brian Clough, plus television cameras and crew came to film at St Peter's School. Keen footballers from the school prepared their questions and then interviewed the famous ex-Nottingham Forest Manager for the cameras.

After filming the interviews, the girl and boy football players arranged to play a match, with Brian Clough as the "Manager". He insisted that the players called him 'Boss', as *Mr Clough* was too formal and *Brian* was too informal. He 'kicked off' the game and then shouted encouraging words from the touchline!

The result of the filming was shown on Central News just before Christmas.

Primary League Tables

Well Done, St Peter's Primary School

St Peter's has come eighth from over 200 schools in the Nottinghamshire Primary Schools league table, producing a well above average performance for the whole of the country.

David Maddison, Headteacher said: "I want to be able to say to parents that this is a school where your children can achieve. Not only by good teaching but also by other things around the classroom which are very important - the ethos, drama, extra-curricular activities, etc. All this helps to make children confident and gives them the greatest chance to get the best grades."

Eleven-year-old pupils are required to sit tests annually to see if they have achieved Level 4 in the National Curriculum. English, maths and science subjects are tested and St Peter's School achieved 285 - the maximum score being 300.

Message to Parents of Children Under 5 Years of Age

If your child was born between 1.9.95 and 31.8.96 and he/she doesn't go to East Bridgford Pre-School, please collect your 'Admission to School' forms from the school.

Church flowers for the Year 2000



Very sincere thanks to all helpers and contributors, who throughout 1999 have helped to maintain a weekly arrangement in the church.

There are flowers every week in church apart from lent and advent, although discreet arrangements can be placed in the Nave for special reasons.

The rota for 2000 is now on the notice board in the Porch. Anyone is requested to add his or her name to the list, or speak with me, the rota organiser.

Thank you in
anticipation.

Barbara Mallett - 20828

The Feelgood Files

The Flesh is Weak

Sunday

Not feeling too good after last night's Christmas celebrations. Rejected full fried egg and bacon breakfast as per advice from doctor in magazine. Thinking about New Year resolutions - have decided to have no resolutions this year - just going to let it happen. Husband has resolved to 1) complete cryptic crossword in ten minutes and 2) throw away his slippers.

Monday

Again affected by SAD (seasonal affected disorder) as have been sitting by window looking at grey, cold, miserable day thinking about all the jobs to be done. Actually managed to put heater on, got wrapped up in blanket and read six glossy magazines with problem pages. Really amazed by some of the problems, especially the one where a man rigged up a waterfall in the bedroom, because the sound of it sent him to sleep. Unfortunately his wife started suffering from waterworks problems and it kept her awake and on the edge of the bed all night.

Tuesday

Visited dentist - just the thing to do around Christmas. Especially irritated because dentist is always so bright and cheery and takes great delight showing you tooth that is crumbling on his new hi-tech mouth video camera. Noted that Dentist gets rapturously happy when handing over the bill.

Wednesday

Decided to go whole hog and get body completely tested over next month. Eyes tested today, another bit, which is failing - gone up a plus or two on prescription. Might buy two or three cheap pairs of specs from supermarket, as keep on losing them around house. Won't have cord around neck to hold spectacles, someone once thought it was a hearing aid. Now start to think hearing is getting dodgy must get hearing tested.

Wondering which part of body to get tested next. Could go for bunion and corn test on feet, or for all over quick diagnostic test like they do with MOT cars. Husband not sure - says that with cars you have always got the option of scrapping them.

Saturday

Feeling better today, must have been a spell under the sun lamp and a small win on the lottery. Going to spend my winnings on a pizza and a book on how to do cryptic crosswords for husband. Husband is really quite cheery - managed to do crossword in 2 hours 17 minutes 39 seconds. Hasn't thrown away slippers yet.

Inertia Feelgood



Drama Group

A Month of Sundays

The group's next production will be in the Village Hall, 7.30pm Tuesday 22 - Saturday 26 February 2000. Tickets will be £4 with concessions of £3 on Tuesday and Wednesday. There is every indication that they will sell out very quickly and with this in mind, they will be on sale earlier than usual, from East Bridgford News, The Post Office and the Rectory. Those who are Patron Members or who wish to become Patrons should obtain their tickets from the Rectory.

The play is entitled "A Month of Sundays" by Bob Larbey, the writer of television comedies such as "Please Sir", "The Good Life" and "Ever Decreasing Circles". The cast consists of Alan Haydock, Ella Ross, Molly Wood, Len Jackson, Jean Starbuck and Michael Clarke, under the direction of Kate Thornburrow.

The setting is a Midlands Nursing Home and the play is extremely humorous, whilst also portraying a theme of triumph in the face of frailty. Whereas personally, I do not believe that the content of the play is unkind or lacking in respect for the elderly, but rather the reverse, nevertheless, it is just possible that some, with close links with nursing homes, might find it insensitive.

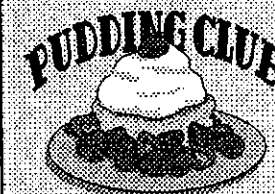
If further information is required, please ring 01949 20218.

Alan Haydock



Perfect Puddings

£2.50



This booklet contains all the recipes featured in this magazine over the past year, plus extra favourite puddings.

All proceeds from the sale of the book are going to the Millennium Millions Appeal - a new Breast Cancer Centre at the Nottingham City Hospital.

If you would like a copy of the Perfect Puddings recipe book, please contact:-

Rita 21297
Sue 21311
Jackie 20460
Sue 20552

United Nations 1999 Year of the Elderly

Five residents from East Bridgford were nominated to attend an award ceremony in recognition of their services to the community. During October Felicity Jay, Jessie Shephard, Tony Ford, Fred Hunt and David Meylan went to the council chamber at Rushcliffe along with other nominees from the borough. They each received a certificate and were photographed with the Mayor.

Mens' Society

Salutations as we enter the 21st Century. On Tuesday January 18th we have an interesting talk on 'far off lands' called "TRAVELS OF A TEACHER AROUND THE PACIFIC RIM".

Mr Richard Thomas of Straws Lane has kindly agreed to talk about aspects of his world tour investigating different educational methods and standards. However, this talk which will be illustrated by slides will identify the cultural differences, with an educational emphasis.

As usual the venue will be the committee room of the village hall on Main Street. All males will be welcome and as there is no subscription, we have requested a charge of £1 each for adults (50p for boys and students) towards expenses.

Any suggestions of places, which you would like to visit, will be welcome. By the way, after the above meeting I will have looked after the Men's Society for ten years. It is often a good thing to have a change, so if any male might be interested in a small, interesting and worthwhile job please contact Canon Alan Haydock or myself.

Tony Ford - 20932

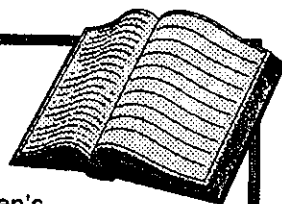
From the Registers

Holy Baptism

11 December Aidan Peter Graham BROOKS at St Helen's
19 December Emily Rosetta ULEBERG-SMITH at St Peter's

Funerals

3 December Dorothy Bessie MAKIN 89 years
at East Bridgford Methodist Church
10 December William GALE 79 years



East Bridgford Parish Council 2000

Keep this page with the Village Directory for quick reference

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**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Peter Golightly, Tel: 20528 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist - 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

Good Grief! – The calendar says it's February already. Wasn't Christmas the day before yesterday? Looking out of the window the primroses are already showing and there are buds on the wisteria, but the goldfish are still hermetically sealed under 2" of ice. What a strange time of year this is. You get a bit of sunshine, you think spring is just around the corner, next day it's either pouring down with rain, or there's a howling nor'easter fit to flatten you. Never mind, think how boring it would be to have totally predictable weather. Wouldn't it? T & S

VILLAGE DIARY February

- 4 Bowls Club Dinner, 7pm, Village Hall
- 5 Red Cross Jumble Sale, 2.30pm, Village Hall
- 11 Garden Club, 7.45pm, WI Hut
- 12 MCCC Coffee Morning, 10am – 12.30pm, WI Hut
- 15 Men's Society, 8pm, Committee Room, Village Hall
- 16 Mother's Union, 2pm, WI Hut

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the February Issue is Noon on Monday 14th February

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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Wednesday 1 February: Candlemas
11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House

Sunday 6 February
11.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.30pm Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 9 February
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

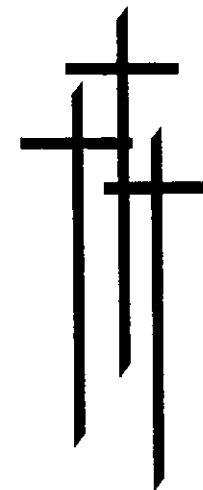
Sunday 13 February
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
11.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
10.30pm Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 16 February
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 20 February: Education Sunday
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am Family service at St Peter's
10.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
– Preacher the Revd. Anthony Shaw
No Evening Communion

Wednesday 23 February
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 27 February
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
3.00pm Founder's Day/Thinking Day Service at St Peter's
10.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
No Evensong at St Peter's



100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

A large meeting of mothers was held in the Temperance Hall, on Jan 25th. The meeting was opened after tea by the Rector, who pressed home the point that heart and home form the core of life; and as a healthy heart kept the body strong and well, so a healthy home was the spring of all that was good and pure and strong in human life. Mrs Wodehouse of Gotham, then gave an address on the subject of responsibilities of parents in training up their boys and girls, the future fathers and mothers of England; after pointing out three of the most sad and awful enemies to the purity and happiness of home life, immorality, intemperance and irreligion. She held out the hope that a Union might eventually be formed here called the Mothers' Union, with the special object under the grace of God, of stamping out these terrible evils from among us, and of helping parents to lead their families in purity and holiness of life. An after meeting of churchworkers was held, during which the Misses Fox and Miss Sharp entertained the rest of the party with music and songs, and Miss Ellis gave an amusing recitation.

The Rector's Pages

Education Sunday

Sunday 20th February is Education Sunday. For more than a hundred years there has been an annual Education Sunday in England and Wales. Since 1978 it has been celebrated on the Ninth Sunday before Easter (Septuagesima). It is an opportunity for all Christians to pray to God for everyone involved in education and to dedicate ourselves afresh to our own teaching and learning.

Challenge and change are at the heart of Christianity and education. Today we have new teaching syllabi and methods across the curriculum, new forms of assessment and appraisal, new ways of governing schools and new structures for further and higher education. These changes call for great personal commitment from those involved directly in the education of our children and young people, and it is right that we should not only be interested, but involved.

The Christian tradition of service to others has, for many years included education. The 5,000 Anglican schools and 13 colleges in England and Wales are a living monument to their 19th Century founders, who, often in the teeth of opposition, were determined to make it possible for children and young people to have a full education, rather than a minimal training. Education Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for those pioneers and for all who have recognised that education in the fullest sense is every person's due.

At St Peter's we shall be doing this on Sunday 20th February, when the Revd. Anthony Shaw, the Senior Diocesan Inspector for Schools, will preach at Evensong. I invite everyone to come along and support all who are involved in the education of our children.

"It was Christ who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up." (Eph. 4.11)

Alan Haydock

Christmas at St Peter's

On Christmas Eve it is estimated that over 700 people attended the Christingle Services and nearly 200 attended the Midnight Mass. In all we were able to give £1,150 to Emmanuel House, the Macedon Trust, the Salvation Army, Save the Children and the Children's Society. We at St Peter's are deeply grateful for all this support

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Romans 15: 13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

GOD, the source of hope...

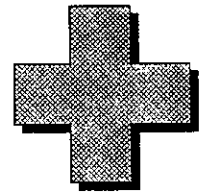
Who our future God advances ahead of us.
That is what makes the future bearable, inviting,
full of possible meaning.
The presence in the future gives us Hope.
For our life and the life of mankind He is preparing
something good -
not just a future which will happen,
but a future we can help to fashion
with Him and for Him.

Prayer

Lord God,
Your word says you make all things new.
Give us such hope in you
that we become optimistic about everyone
and everything else.
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of the future,
lead us forward with a light step and a
courageous heart;
to your honour and glory,
and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
Your Son, and our Saviour.

Mair Bowen
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Jumble Sale



In aid of the
Red Cross
in
the Village Hall

2.30pm Saturday
5th February

Donations of cakes,
jumble etc., gratefully
accepted

Please deliver to
Village Hall from
9.00am on 5th February
or
Mrs Jum Brooks (20412)
can arrange to
collect if necessary

Common Worship 2000

A look at the changes to the services of the Church of England.

What is happening?

From 1st January 2001 the Church of England will have only two permitted prayer books. These will be the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship 2000, a new and comprehensive liturgy which looks afresh at all the services, and which will replace the Alternative Service Book (the 'little red book' or ASB).

Why?

The material in the ASB, published in 1981, was not expected to last as long as it has. Delegates to the General Synod, the governing body of the Church of England, felt that much of its content was inappropriate for today's congregations.

Through expert committees a new liturgy has been devised which preserves the best of the ASB, takes account of the rapidly changing world, in which we live and yet, it is hoped, will stand the test of time.

How will this affect us in East Bridgford?

As a worshipping church we are already using the new Calendar, readings and prayers in our services. New forms of service are available for baptism and confirmation. The marriage service and the service of healing and wholeness are nearing completion, but the contentious issues of the precise wording of the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed are still being debated. These items are

expected to be published later this year. It is encouraging to know that the liturgical material was well received during trials in about 1,000 parishes throughout England.

The Rector and the Church Council will decide later in the year, which of the alternatives for Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer will be used at each of the main services. The Rector alone is responsible for the form of baptism, marriage or funeral services to be offered. These are usually chosen in consultation with the families involved.

How will it affect individual believers?

As decision time approaches there will obviously be anxiety. God is timeless; but patterns of worship have to reflect the needs and aspirations of believers in this century. After all there have been great changes in the past. For instance in 1500 AD, the services would have been in a foreign language (Latin) with no service books or bibles for most of the worshippers.

Please approach these changes prayerfully, asking that those who have to make the decisions on our behalf may do so in the truth that in Christ Jesus we are all one. Common Worship 2000 is an attempt, albeit imperfect, to find a voice for all of us so that we may continue to worship Him who is the one true Lord of all.

I am grateful for the helpful comments of fellow Christians in preparing this summary.

Hilary Geisow

Mens' Society

All Hail. On Tuesday February 15th at 8.00pm we have an interesting talk to rival the TV programme called "HOUSE DETECTIVES".

This talk which will be illustrated by slides, will be given by Mr Adrian Henstock of Bingham, who is Head of the Nottinghamshire Archive Office and a good speaker, who has talked to us before. He will talk on the dating of houses, tracing the history of smaller buildings in Nottinghamshire.

As usual the venue will be the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Main Street. All males will be welcome and there will be a requested charge of £1 per head (50p schoolboys and students) towards expenses as there is no subscription.

Tony Ford - 20932

NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Open Meeting

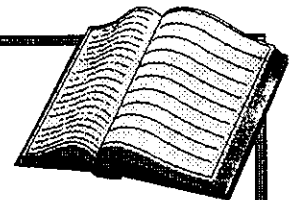
Village Hall

7.30pm

Monday 14th February

Rushcliffe Borough Council will explain the new Development Plan as it affects East Bridgford

From the Registers



Funerals

20 December	John Francis RUFF	79 years
21 December	Ernest Hilton Walter SUTTON	92 years
29 December	Thomas James GEE	82 years
30 December	John Aidan MUNDAY	82 years
30 December	Charles Sydney CLARKE	87 years
30 December	Gordon NIELD	88 years
11 January	Jane Elizabeth HAMPSON	38 years
13 January	John Ellison PRESTON	69 years
14 January	John William TAYLOR	91 years
14 January	Hilda May CHAPMAN	92 years
15 January	Victor Bernard HOUSEGO	80 years
19 January	Norman JACKSON	77 years

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford, December 1999

Date	Offence	Location	Property
18.12.99	Attempted burglary	Browns Lane	Removed cat flap
18.12.99	Theft from vehicle	College Street	Not indicated
31.12.99	Burglary	Kneeton Road	Fruit machine attacked

This is a much lower level of incidents than December 1998. The reasons for this may be many, but we did have a Neighbourhood Watch Theme, which was to alert residents about the risks in the holiday period and suggest they take sensible precautions to protect their property. I hope this played a major part in reducing the incidents. I think residents can take credit for their contribution and perhaps realise what Neighbourhood Watch can contribute in the village.

John Latham

Table Top Sale

The Village Hall will hold
A Table Top Sale
(Indoor "car-boot")
on
Sunday 12th March
from
10.30am - 3.30pm

Tables are £5 each

Should you wish to book a table, please
ring Marian Wheeler on 20405.

*Book NOW before the rush
and make sure of a table!*

2nd East Bridgford Brownies

East Bridgford Brownies is
in danger of closing down.
We desperately need
another Guider.

The Brownies is an excellent
group full of lovely girls. If you
are interested in getting
involved in a leadership capacity
with children (doing crafts,
games, outdoor activities etc.)
then please get in touch with
Brenda Graham on 20328 or
Cathy Hodgson on 21329 - we'd
love to hear from you.

Garden Club

At our January meeting John Gregory gave an illustrated talk about "Hardy Bulbs". In the wider context of bulbs to include corms and tubers, he told us about the many varied species, their period of flowering and any special soil or planting requirements.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 11th February at 7.45pm in the WI Hut when Robert Hawkesworth's talk will be "in search of Wild Orchids". New members and visitors will be very welcome.

David Peto - 20070

Date for Your Diary

Annual Parish
Meeting

*Open to all on
electoral roll in
parish*

7.30pm
in the WI Hut
Tuesday 18th April

Planning Applications and Decisions

99/01259/FUL Mr & Mrs Shacklock, 24 Kneeton Road.
Two storey and single storey extension.
Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

99/01078/FUL Mr & Mrs Quine, 65 Kneeton Road.
Ground and first floor extensions.
Grant permission, with conditions.

99/01083/LBC Mr T Kluge, Manor Rise.
Demolition of lean-to building.
Grant permission, with conditions.

99/01196/FUL Mr J N Richens, 63 Kneeton Road.
Extension to form car port.
Grant permission, with conditions.

99/01197/LBC Mr J N Richens, 63 Kneeton Road.
Alterations to windows, extension to form
car port.
Grant permission, with conditions.

Drama Group

Presents

"Month of Sundays"
by Bob Larbey

Tuesday 22nd
to
Saturday 26th February

A few tickets are still
available
From the Post Office
or East Bridgford News



Marie Curie
Cancer Care

COFFEE
MORNING

Saturday 12th February
10.00am - 12.30pm
in the WI Hut

50p including coffee
and biscuits

Cakes, Raffle, Tombola,
Crafts and Bric-a-Brac

Any contributions
welcome

Jean Willis - 20480
Mollie Burnett - 20676

East Bridgford's Big Shot

Parish Councillor John Higgs is representing Great Britain in the World Shooting Championships in Australia later this year.

John, who has been shooting since boyhood, has won many national and international competitions in the past. This time he will be representing Britain in the Antique Weapons class for original guns, and will be shooting on a British service rifle - a flintlock made in 1800, and a military match rifle made in 1845.

When asked about his chances of winning a medal, John said, "The competition is quite tough. The size of the bulls-eye at a 100 yards is 1" across and the calibre of the rifle is 3/4". The best ten shots from thirteen are counted and the highest score is 100. You have to get 99 or 100 to do any good."

Thirty-two countries will be taking place, and there will be about two hundred and fifty competitors in each class. In all Great Britain is sending twenty-eight shooters to compete against teams from Germany, France and America.

LOOPY LABELS

These are a few more examples of actual instructions on Consumer goods:

On some Swann frozen dinners:
Serving suggestion: Defrost.
(But it's just a suggestion)

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on the bottom of the box): Do not turn upside down.
(Too late! You lose!)

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding:
Product will be hot after heating.
(Are you sure? Let's experiment)

On packaging from a Rowenta Iron:
Do not iron clothes on body.
(But wouldn't that save more time?)

Soups and Starters

No more puddings! Time for something different - so as the weather is still cold and the summer a little way off yet I thought we would put in a favourite recipe of ours. Something to warm you up on a frosty day, and so easy to make. Sue and Terry Laver.

Leek and Potato Soup

2 medium sized leeks
1 medium sized potato
1 medium onion
1 oz of butter
1 pint of water
Vegetable or chicken stock cube
(If you make your own stock the soup will be better still)
1/4 pint of milk
Salt and pepper

Method

- Peel potato and dice. Prepare leek by removing unwanted outer leaves, wash well, then slice. Peel and slice onion.
- Melt butter in large saucepan. Add the prepared potato, leek and onion and sauté these vegetables until they are soft.
- Add the water and the stock cube. Bring to the boil and simmer until the potato is cooked.
- Once cooked remove from heat and, using either liquidiser or hand blender, blend soup until smooth. Check for seasoning and add salt and black pepper to taste.
- Return to heat, add milk but just bring to simmering point - do not let it boil over.
- Serve with bread rolls.

If you have a favourite soup or starter please send your recipe to us. Happy cooking. The Editors.

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The Churchwardens or the Rector will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

*All requests for floodlighting to be included in March's magazine should be made in writing or by phone (20528) before 12 noon
14th February*

The Feelgood Files

SALES SLUMP

Thursday

Went to the Sales today. Amazed husband by not buying anything. Certain that sales are not very good nowadays. Suspect stores buy in clothes from charity shops for sales rails. Tried to buy sweater for husband, but couldn't find one that didn't look as if it had been put together for a long armed midget with a barrel chest. Want to know why shops put jumpers on clothes hangers - who wants to buy a long and thin knit with little lumps on the shoulders?

Friday

Tried to buy a pair of shoes. Certain that shoes are hidden away for a year then brought out again for winter sale. Take size 6 in shoe - average size - but could only find nice looking shoes in size 3 or 10. Didn't really want thick-soled black lace-ups or suede court shoes with six-inch columns for heels. Husband resumed search for slippers without success - specification very precise. Have to be comfortable, hard wearing, waterproof, unobtrusive and cheap. Any suggestions gratefully received.

Saturday

Can never get matching sets in sales, unless you're the type who wins competitions and the lottery. Spent forty minutes searching through mammoth clearance pile for two matching pillowcases that weren't decorated purple with orange flowers. Definitely losing stamina for sale shopping.

Sunday

So depressed by sales have decided to reject consumerism and seek inner child - to live in a completely sustainable, environmentally friendly way - to practise meditation to cleanse mind - and to eat a fat free, organic wholefood diet to obtain perfect function of body.

Wednesday

Received expensive box of chocolates from husband as early Valentine's present. Think it's true what they say about chocolates having a chemical that makes you feel good. Good job husband doesn't like truffles, nuts and coffee creams - will postpone diet until spring. Friend told me about a good shop near Grantham - lots of bargains there.

Inertia Feelgood



A LESSON IN LIFE

A child came home from his first day at school.

His mother asked: 'Well, what did you learn today?'

The child replied: 'Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow.'

Bowls Club

Christmas Bingo Evening

A great evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Christmas Bingo evening on December 3rd 1999. The committee would like to thank everyone who supported not only the bingo evening but also the grand Christmas draw. A holiday voucher for £350 was kindly donated by Bingham Travel and won by Christine Spigiel of East Bridgford.

Mike Parker

TEA WITH JESSIE

Jessie Shephard is a much loved and well-respected resident of the village, who, as many will know, reached her ninetieth birthday last year. A few weeks before Christmas, Jessie had tea with her friend Enid Green at the Manor House. One or two of us also went along and persuaded Jessie to tell us about her life.

Jessie, how old were you when you first came to the Village?

I was born in Screveton and came to East Bridgford in 1929 when I was 20 years old - same house as my father was born in.

What brought you to the village?

The work - I came to work at the Old Hall near the school. Dr Duff owned the Old Hall and sold it to Mr Farmer, who owned a lace factory in Nottingham. I went to work for Mr and Mrs Farmer for the first three months at their house in Nottingham, because they were having the Hall altered and it wasn't ready to move into. I worked there for 30 years, eventually as cook/housekeeper. When I started, there was a girl who also worked in the house, a charlady who came twice a week to do some scrubbing, a chauffeur, a gardener and a gardener's boy.

How did you know about the job at East Bridgford?

I left school at 14 years of age and started work at the age of 15 at a vicarage for a Doctor at Car Colston for five years, who was an eye specialist. When the Doctor and his wife moved away, Mr Farmer's brother who lived at

Car Colston knew I was looking for a new position and told his brother I should be leaving.

Did you have many days off?

We had alternate Sundays and a half day a week. I used to cycle to visit my parents at Screveton and get back by ten o'clock and never met a soul from Screveton to East Bridgford. I wasn't frightened, although it was dark and four miles or so. First of all I had a paraffin lamp for my cycle, then an acetylene lamp, and from that I went to a battery lamp - the easiest of all.

How did you learn to cook and what did you cook on?

I learned at home, and when I went to the Hall I cooked on the first of the Agas - a 'Cook's Joy'. It was like an Aga with two big ovens. The fire was closed in and it was kept going night and morning. It was one of the slow burning ones and used anthracite. I had to cook for a lot of people especially at Christmas time. Mr & Mrs Farmer had visitors and quite a few dinner parties.

When Mr Farmer died in 1959, I went to work for Mr & Mrs Fletcher at Gonalston for fifteen years, until I retired. At the house at Gonalston they had an Aga.

How did you meet up with your friends?

I went to the GFS (Girl's Friendly Society) at the Hall. The Misses Fox and Mrs Cartwright ran that. We did all sorts of craft things, leatherwork, made purses, knitting and sewing. The Misses Fox started the WI. Most of the women went to the WI but not as many as now. I remember it costing half a crown a year.



A portrait of Jessie taken in 1931

I couldn't get to Nottingham for nights out, but went to Newark on my bike. I didn't go to dances, but there were dances and concerts in the village when there was a full moon, that was because there was no street lighting.

Did you have many celebrations in the village?

We had a pageant at the end of the war, because I remember I had to dye some white stockings red for Mr Farmer to wear. They all dressed up but it was a very wet day.

Enid will remember the "Living Whist". This was special to East Bridgford as Miss Fox made it up. People dressed up as playing cards. Four people were the players and the dealer stood in the centre of a field and dealt the "cards" to each corner of the field. There was a joker that was 'played', quite how I'm not quite sure. The costumes are still stored

somewhere, and there is a picture of it in the WI hut. One year we went to Flintham Hall to play it.

What was it like during the war?

I was responsible for the ration books at the Hall. We had two evacuees, a mother and her son from London. The mother as an evacuee, was expected to feed herself and her son, but Mr Farmer said that he would provide for them, if the mother did some work in the house instead.

It was difficult getting food 'off-the-ration', but we had our own eggs from the fowls we kept and I could get oxtails from the butchers. We grew all our own vegetables to cook and Enid worked at the Hall as a gardener (part of war work) when the old gardener was 'called up'.

A bomb blew the staircase window out at the Hall. This bomb landed on Kneeton Road near Neale's land. Every now and again, at night two of us had to sit up at night to watch for bombs. All the windows were blacked out at night and we had to draw the black curtains before switching the lights on. Various men, in turn, patrolled East Bridgford to make sure this happened. There were a lot of Air Force people at Newton and some of them used to come to the Hall to swim in the pool. I spent a lot of my time sewing cushion covers, tray cloths, chair backs, and remember carrying my sewing machine on the back of my bike to do this.

Were you able to travel?

I only went to Screveton and Newark on my bike. If I had a holiday I went to Skegness with my mother. I used to walk to the Red Lodge, got picked up by bus which took me all the way there. A lot of people didn't get a holiday at all.

When I was still just a girl, we used to go to Newark on Wednesday, which is market day. There were no buses so my mother and I used to cycle and my sister, who was 2 years and 3 months younger than me, used to go on the carrier's cart. When my mother and I got to Newark we parked our bikes at the Saracen's Head, paid a copper or two, and met my sister off the cart. After shopping we left at 3pm to put my sister on the cart and we cycled home.

Did you do all the shopping in the village?

Every Friday I used to go shopping in Nottingham. I went with Mr Farmer who travelled to work in his chauffeur driven car. I used to buy fish and other things I couldn't get in the village.

There were a lot more shops in the village then - two butchers, two boot repairers, a post office and haberdashery shop on the corner of Kneeton Road and Main Street. Also three or four grocers' shops, a bakery, a sweet shop and a fruit and vegetable shop. Travellers came in from Bingham and Nottingham to take your order then deliver groceries or bread.

Do you remember gas, electricity and water coming to the village?

Electricity came about 1930. We couldn't see well at night before it arrived as we only had Aladdin Lamps. Before the mains water came, every morning and afternoon the gardener's boy used to pump the water by hand into tanks from a well. Later we had a petrol engine to do this. It was very good water. We had a hard water pump and a

soft water pump and the tanks were up in the attic. In all there were three bedrooms in the attic, a store cupboard and a tank room. Because of the tanks in the attic we were able to have running water through taps.

What has been the greatest change in the village?

All the little old houses have been pulled down and new houses built. There were no houses on Cross Lane, just fields - and a footpath running through a field full of artichokes, from Cross Lane to Straws Lane. The footpath came by the brick buildings called the Gawp shop - this was where the men used to sit to get away from the women. There were four pubs, the Mason Arms, The Reindeer, the Plough & Harrow and The Royal Oak. Ladies didn't go into pubs then - they didn't do meals in pubs, you had to do your own cooking. There are no orchards or farms left in the village now.

Do you think life is worse today?

My father, who was a farmer worked really hard - there was no let up, even on Sundays he had all the animals to feed. He never ever went away. The boys worked in the fields and the girls went into service, there was no choice, you knew what you'd got to do. We didn't know what was going on outside the village. The Nottingham paper was our only source of news - a morning and evening paper, I think they were the Evening Post and Nottingham Journal.

Life is much easier today, but I think people were happier without much money.

SJL

WI Report

At our December meeting, Pat Pring's demonstration of how to make and wrap last-minute Christmas presents, could only be described as 'inspirational'! It ensured a more artistic class of gift - from this member at least! Apparently, Pat has lots more ideas and we look forward to another session in the future.

Nigel Kirk of the Nottingham auction house Mollors and Kirk staged an impromptu 'Antiques Road Show' at our January meeting - without the benefit of reference books or slick editing - and provided a most entertaining and informative evening.

Our speaker on 8th February will be Carol Collins from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

Rachel Barclay

Jumble Sale

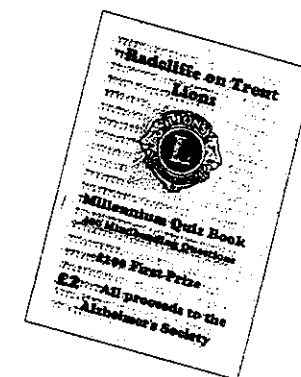
Saturday 4th March
2pm to 4pm
Village Hall

Raffle, Cakes and Refreshments

Proceeds to:

Kamuli Orphanage, Uganda
Contact: Linda Oliver - 20297

QUIZ BOOK



ALZHEIMER'S

Radcliffe-on-Trent Lions Club has produced a special Millennium edition of their Quiz Book - the proceeds of which will all go to the Alzheimer's Society.

The Quiz Book contains 400 questions - some general knowledge, some cryptic, some fairly easy, some rather difficult. There are prizes on offer (including a top prize of £100) to those getting the most right.

The Quiz Books cost £2 each and can be obtained from: -
Mal Fairy, 1 Crossways Drive, East Bridgford - 20489

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

This year MBE awards have been made to one resident of East Bridgford and two people with very strong connections in the village. We would like to send our congratulations to them for all their hard work and the contribution they have made to our community.

Felicity Jay MBE

No-one was more surprised than Felicity at receiving an MBE for services to East Bridgford, but when you hear about her achievements over the past forty years since coming to East Bridgford, you will understand why.

One of the first things that Felicity became involved in was a physiotherapy service for the village. Dr Brooks, who needed sometimes to refer patients to a physiotherapist, approached her, and as Felicity had been trained to do this, she readily agreed. Over a twenty-five year period she treated patients, always on a voluntary basis, making only a nominal charge to cover lighting expenses. Treatment took place in the 'old hen house', part of the Old Egg Farm and despite the fact that the surroundings were very primitive, she was able to give radiant heat and short-wave treatment and massages.

As Felicity's late husband served in the Royal Navy, she was interested in helping ex-servicemen and so joined the British Legion. Over the past thirty-five years Felicity has helped to raise a great deal of money through selling Poppies, last year receiving a British Legion Award - "A 35 Year Emblem with 1 bar"

for her work. In addition to this she has also been Secretary, Chairman and President of the women's section, further contributing to the aims of the British Legion.

Many past and present members of East Bridgford WI will know that Felicity has made a great contribution to this organisation. As past WI President and working with the voluntary county organiser, Felicity has helped not only with county policy, but also the day-to-day organisation of the local branch.

Because of her husband's naval career another interest was that of helping the Royal National Institute for Lifeboats (RNLI). With her husband, Felicity started up a sponsored walk in 1970. The walk (organised on alternate years, without a break) is circular and takes a great deal of organising. In total she believes around £50,000 has been raised for the RNLI and the last walk in 1998 raised over £7,000.

As if her commitments weren't already enough, Felicity was a bell-ringer at St Peter's for over fifteen years; something that she really enjoyed, although she confesses to only managing some of the less intricate bell changes. All in all, a great contribution to village life.

Betty Cheetham MBE

Although Betty Cheetham lives in Shelford, it hasn't stopped her from becoming a well-known figure in East Bridgford. She will be best known for running the East Bridgford Guide

Betty started in the Guides when she was nine years old, and when she reached the age of seventeen she was awarded a warrant to run a pack, and later gained a licence to take brownies and guides to camp. This she did for twenty-seven years until she retired.

When Betty's husband was alive, he took great interest in the Scout movement, and together they started up a Cub pack in Shelford, which has now transferred to East Bridgford. Prior to this Betty had run a Children's Club in the village for four years.

Although Betty has retired from running the Guides and the Cubs, she still has an involvement as Chairman of the 1st Shelford and East Bridgford Scouts, and is the District Scout Secretary.

The MBE was awarded to Betty for her services to the community in Shelford and Newton, the Guides and Scouts representing only part of her voluntary work. She has been an elected member of Shelford & Newton Parish Council for twenty-five years. Thirty years as the secretary of the Shelford Entertainment Committee (they organise the annual Feast Fete) - A Sunday school teacher and organ blower - A member of the Shelford WI for thirty-six years, and during that time she held office as treasurer and secretary, recently becoming its President.

Not as active these days in the guides and scouts as she was, Betty still has many commitments and continues to serve the community.

Marjorie Arnfield MBE

Marjorie spent only four years in East Bridgford, but her name is well known among artists in the village. Despite her relatively short stay, moving to Southwell in 1972, Marjorie had already started an art class in the WI hall. This class became so popular that eventually she ran two classes, one during the day and the other in the evening, for over twenty years.

Because of Marjorie's connections with the village, she also donated a 'Rose Bowl' award for the art section in the Annual Flower Show. The winner retains the Rose Bowl for one year, and in past years Marjorie has been asked to judge the competition.

The MBE was awarded for services to art in Nottinghamshire, and although Marjorie has undertaken a lot of teaching in the county and has had numerous commissions and exhibitions, one of her main interests has been depicting the lives of miners and their communities in her art.

Originating from Sunderland, as a child Marjorie became fascinated by miners, homeward bound from night shift as she travelled to school. She sensed their weariness and fortitude, and their tremendous comradeship. This fascination has continued throughout her life; at every opportunity she has painted miners and has as a result compiled a valuable social documentary, depicting such subjects as brass bands, whippets, miner's wives washing - and of course, the pit heads.

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Celebrating Being a Church School

At St Peter's our partnership with the Church is very precious. How nice it was therefore for the Church to mark this by presenting every child with a special book. This is to mark the Millennium as the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the coming together of people the world over. Hopefully it will also act as a future reminder of this special time. Because the books are full of good quality, interesting material, and because every child possesses a copy, we will also be using them in the school to support our literacy and R.E. work.

DM

Date for Your Diary

Royal National
Lifeboats Institution

Sponsored Walk
Sunday 30th April

More details next
month

Parish Council News

A good portion of the meeting on 10th January was taken up by a discussion of possible "Gateway" schemes to try to control traffic flow through the village and improve safety, particularly for schoolchildren. Traffic congestion around the school at peak periods continues to cause concern as well as inconvenience to other road users. Parents are urged to consider the possibility of walking to collect children or car sharing with neighbours.

As part of the campaign to brighten up the village, the Council is awarding three vouchers of £25, £15 and £10 for the best displays of hanging baskets, tubs or window boxes. The only stipulation being that they must be visible to passers-by. A further £25 voucher will go to the holder of the best-kept allotment in the village. Judging will take place in August to coincide with the Best Kept Village competition.

The council send their congratulations to the local people who have been awarded the MBE in the Honours list and their thanks to all who helped make the village so festive over the Christmas period by means of outdoor illuminations and decorations.

The Rushcliffe Community Quiz will be held on Wednesday 25th February. A team of three is required and must enter by 14th February. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk. (Angeia Higgs on 20406).

Rushcliffe Borough Council is organising an open meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th February to explain the new Development Plan as it affects this village. There will be an opportunity to question the officials and a good attendance is anticipated.



"Miner '95", by Marjorie Arnfield

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As her collection grew, Marjorie was asked to exhibit her work. She has shown many examples of her work publicly, including exhibitions at Nottingham, in South Wales and at the National Coal Museum for England.

Many who know Marjorie will be aware that she has suffered from arthritis since childhood, and sheer determination has made her live life to the full. This determination has also helped her become an accomplished artist, who has also taught many people to enjoy art to the full.

Anyone interested in Marjorie's work can see her French landscapes currently in the 'Lavender Yard' shops in both Southwell and Oakham. In July 2001 Marjorie is holding an exhibition of her work to celebrate her 70th Birthday at the Djanogly Arts Centre, Nottingham.

SJL

The Family of Gordon Nield would like to express their grateful thanks to all the staff at the East Bridgford Medical Centre who helped care for him; to all his friends who attended his funeral service at St Peter's and to those who kindly sent Olive and the family, cards and letters of sympathy. Their gratitude is also expressed to Canon Alan Haydock for conducting the funeral and for all his kindness and words of comfort at this sad time.

*Thank
you*

Connie and Morris Hampson would like to extend their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and business colleagues for their messages and expressions of sympathy on the loss of their dear daughter Jane, and for the very generous donations received for the British Kidney Patients Association.

They are also extremely grateful to the Rev. John Hudson, Canon Alan Haydock and the East Bridgford Methodist Church and all its members for the beautiful service in the chapel and for the buffet afterwards. They appreciate what this involved and it evoked universal admiration from all who attended and was a most appreciated tribute to their daughter which they will long remember.

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Peter Golightly, Tel: 20528 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist - 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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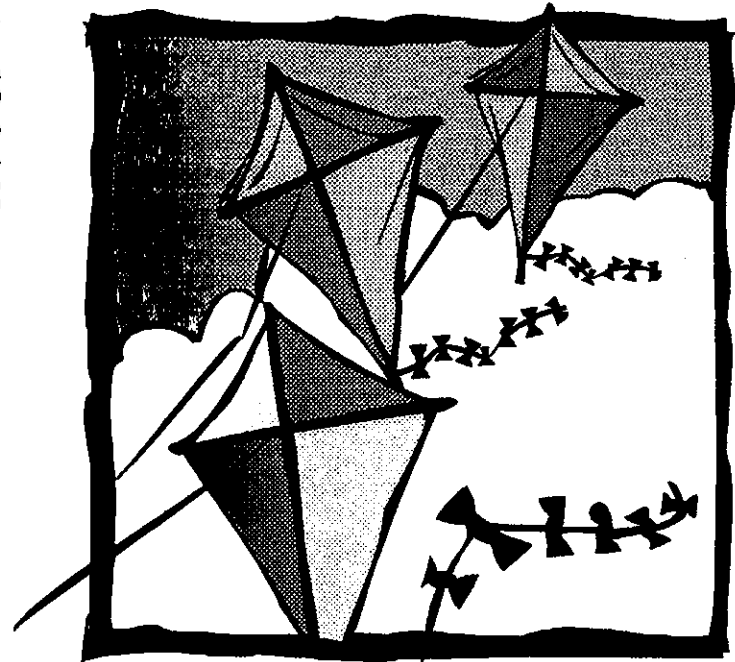
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From the Village Desk

Such was the interest generated by the recent Public Meeting (reported on pages 12 & 13) attended by the top planning brass from the RBC, that many people found themselves locked out of the Village Hall. It is understood that another meeting is to be held in the near future to accommodate those residents who were unable to attend.

The entire population of Newton appeared to have turned up, indicating their presence in no uncertain manner, and not surprisingly a good deal of time was taken up with the proposals to build 3,000 new dwellings at RAF Newton. However, it appeared by no means certain that this site would, after the necessary consultations have taken place between the various interested parties, turn out to be viable.

This begs the question: As all the other possible sites have apparently been ruled out, where could the 3,000 additional homes go?

VILLAGE DIARY March

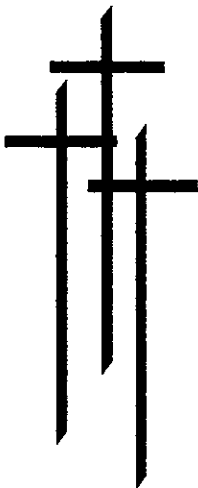
- 4 Kamuli Orphanage Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
- 10 Bowls Club Bingo, Village Hall, 7pm
- 10 Garden Club, WI Hut, 7.45pm
- 11 Scouts Soup 'n Spud Morning, Shelford, 11am - 1pm
- 11 EB Young Musicians Concert, St Peter's Church, 7.30pm
- 12 Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am - 3.30pm
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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

- Wednesday 1 March**
11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House
- Sunday 5 March**
9.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
9.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
- Wednesday 8 March: Ash Wednesday**
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
- Sunday 12 March**
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
9.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
9.30pm Evensong at St Peter's - Michael Clarke
- Wednesday 15 March**
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
- Sunday 19 March**
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am Family service at St Peter's
9.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
9.30pm Evening Communion at St Peter's
- Wednesday 22 March**
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
- Sunday 26 March**
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
9.00pm Evensong at St Helen's - Patrick Mackie
9.30pm Lessons and Carols for Lady day and Mothering Sunday at St Peter's



Confirmation Groups

Confirmation Groups will be starting at the beginning of March. So far, eight adults and five young people have indicated their desire to be confirmed in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm Thursday 1st June. If there are still others, who are thinking of exploring the possibility, I should be grateful if they would have a word with me without too much delay.

AH

Churchyard Working Party

The first working party of the Spring will take place on Saturday 1st April 8.30am - 12noon.

Holly wreathes and other remaining Christmas tributes will be removed from graves and the garden of Remembrance at 9.00am.

I am as usual appealing for lots of help.

AH

The Rector's Pages

A Thought for the Season of Lent

March 8th sees the beginning of Lent; not a season of inward-looking despondency, but a time for spring-cleaning our lives. At the same time we shall be walking with our Lord through the lanes that lead to Calvary and beyond; through death to Resurrection. We may find help by attending the Lent Course on Mondays or Wednesdays, by obtaining a suitable book from our church bookstall, by attending the Eucharist every Sunday for the next six weeks, by setting aside half an hour a day for quiet contemplation.

There does appear to be a growing hunger for knowledge of God rather than knowledge about God in today's world. The quickening interest in this area, traditionally known as *spirituality*, is a healthy and encouraging sign; a desire to draw resources from the deep well of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sadly, some people think efforts to grow spiritually - Prayer Groups, mid-week Communion, Bible Study, Retreats, "all that kind of thing" necessarily implies a drift away from engaging with and witnessing to the real world through social action and political involvement. In my view that polarisation is false and unhealthy! I believe we cannot get away from issues and concerns in the church nor in other areas of life - whether parochial matters such as paying the bills and keeping the show on the road, or wider political and theological concerns, such as matters of social justice and church order.

Such issues arise out of our primary need, which is to recognise the reality and splendour of God and to worship Him with awe, wonder and adoration. Spirituality is about our relationship with Him, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The concerns of the church and world must be God's agenda.

The rich tradition of Christian spirituality helps us to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Spirituality encompasses all that God is doing for us individually and corporately. It involves living out the Gospel. It is about the pilgrimage of God's people towards "becoming what we are"; towards that full maturity, which is measured by "the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). It's worth thinking about in Lent.

Alan Haydock

OUR CHURCHES ARE GRATEFUL

- For a book case/cabinet in memory of Jack Lawson, made by his son, John
- Donations to St Peter's in memory of Gordon Neild and Vic Houseg.
- Various other donations
- Two stoles for use at St Helen's
- The restoration of the "Wing" High Altar candle sticks

Church News

A date for your diaries May 27th & 28th

Mr Lance Pierson will be visiting us again on this weekend. On Saturday evening his topic will be 'The Time of Your Life' - an entertainment with a serious twist.

On Sunday morning he will present a 'Sixty Minute Bible' - the highlights of the Bible in its own words, a talk suitable for all ages.

Look out for further details in the April and May editions of the magazine.

A Prayer for Lent

*Lord, teach us today to
rely on your strength,
Learn from your
wisdom,
Walk in your light
and enjoy the company
of your Spirit.*

*Thus, though citizens
of earth
May we live as
the commonwealth
of heaven,
For your love's sake.
Amen.*

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday March 18th
2.30pm
in the Village Hall

Proceeds for
Methodist Church
funds

Ring 20390 for
jumble collection

Thanks - C Atkins

St Peter's Bellringers



A quarter peal of Single Oxford (720 changes) and Plain Bob Minor (540 changes) was rung before Evensong on Sunday 30th January.

Congratulations to Mrs Felicity Jay on being awarded an MBE.

Ringers:

Valerie Allen - Treble
Ann Moore - 2
Matthew Dawson - 3
Susan Dawson - 4
Clive Allen - 5
George Dawson (C) - Tenor

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the February issue is Noon on Monday 20th March

The Young Musicians of East Bridgford

present

A Concert in aid of The Imperial Cancer Research Fund

Featuring music from the Baroque to the Beatles

at St Peter's Church, East Bridgford
on Saturday 11th March 7.30pm

£4 Adults - £3 Senior Citizens - £1 Children
(Glass of wine included in ticket price)

Tickets available from the Church,
East Bridgford News and the Post Office

The performers include:

Samantha Shaw - piano
Eloise Marsden - sax
Anna Quine - violin
Sally Brook - flute
Rebecca Clarke - flute, guitar and vocals
Claire Marks - guitar and vocals
Katie Graham - guitar and vocals
Laura Bambury - flute.

Sponsored by Windblowers

WI Report

At our February meeting we had a very informative talk from Carol Collins about the work of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, a body whose aims are particularly relevant to our village at the moment, given the impending plan to randomly sprinkle new homes around Rushcliffe.

March brings round our Annual General Meeting with the election of committee members and officer bearers, as well as reports from groups within the Institute. All members of our present committee are willing to serve for another year but we would welcome nominations to boost our numbers - I know it is a well worn cliché but 'many hands make light work'.

Rachel Barclay

News from the Medical Centre

Changes

Dr Kate Jackson has now completed her one month stay as Registrar at the Medical Centre, and has moved on to her next post in the paediatric department at the City Hospital.

Dr Karen Harley, who has been holding three weekly surgeries for about a year, has left to continue locum work in the Nottingham area.

For the next six months, the Registrar will be Dr Alistair Brown. Dr Brown came to Nottingham Medical School in 1991 and is just finishing his three-year GP training. During this time he has worked in paediatrics and gynaecology.

Dr Janet Angus has recently joined the Centre to assist Dr Andy Harrison this year. Qualified in 1991 from Manchester, Dr Angus has spent a period working in Accident and Emergency in Sheffield before deciding to take up general practice.

Rushcliffe Primary Care Group

From January 1, Dr Harrison was elected as the Chairman of the Rushcliffe Primary Care Group. As this role is more time consuming, Dr Harrison has recruited Dr Janet Angus to help maintain the same level of medical service to the community.

The Government's idea in setting up Primary Care Groups was to get GPs and nurses along with Social Services and Voluntary Agency representatives, to work more closely together to influence how the resources are spent.

On the board of Rushcliffe Primary Care Group, there are 7 GPs, 2 nurses, 1

Social Services representative and 1 lay member who represents the voluntary sector. Also present at the meetings are members from the Health Authority Board and The Community Health Council.

Rushcliffe Primary Care Group has a Chief Executive, a Development Manager and some administrative support. It is responsible to the Nottingham Health Authority, but as time goes by, it is expected that more power will be delegated. If the Primary Care Group becomes sufficiently successful then it can apply to be a 'Primary Care Trust', which means it would be more independent from the Health Authority and as is the Government's intention, take on most of the work that the Health Authorities used to do.

The Department of Health has a budget of almost £40 billion a year, funded by the Treasury from taxation for healthcare. The country is divided into ten Regional Health Authorities and Nottingham is in the Trent Regional Health Authority with headquarters in Sheffield. Within the Trent region, there are 10 District Health Authorities, which has a budget of around £400 million annually to deliver the 'Community and Hospital Health Services'.

The functions of these District Health Authorities are being divided up into smaller units called Primary Care Groups. Nottingham has six of these and the Medical Centre is in the Rushcliffe Primary Care group. The budget for healthcare in Rushcliffe is nearly £60 million per year.

100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

Snow fell on several days in February, and on the 15th especially a very severe storm occurred. The rapid melting of the snow and the rain which followed has caused the Trent to rise and flood the valley to a considerable extent.

"Newspaper Night" at the Reading Room on February 19th was occupied with a discussion on "The Progress of the War". Mr W F Fox took the chair, and the relief of Kimberley on February 15th with the prospect of rapid development of the advance of our troops gave a cheerful tone to the discussion. The subject of the next Newspaper Night will be "How to provide men for our National defence", on Monday March 12th at 8pm.

Mrs Bouverie desires to thank those who have helped her to send out a box to her brother's Company, Capt. W C Lascelles, Durham Light Infantry. The box contained 102 pairs of socks, 41 caps, 100 2oz packets of tobacco, 200 packets of notepaper and envelopes and 108 pencils. The letter from Captain Lascelles will be read with interest, but we are extremely sorry to record that he was very severely wounded in his regiment's successful attack on Vaal Krantz, February 5th.

EB Local History Group

The History Group was formally established at our last meeting when the constitution was agreed, a committee appointed and future activities discussed. Members reported that much useful progress had been made in accumulating material for our proposed publication of the story of East Bridgford 1900-2000. This has included interviews with some of our older villagers whose memories of their childhood in the village have provided a fascinating insight into the past.

An impressive photo-archive is being put together by Nigel Lawrence and it is hoped that some of his work will be on view at a coffee morning to be held at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 8th April, 10am - 12.30pm. A date for your diary and an opportunity to see something of the village as it used to be.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th March at the Methodist Chapel - why not come along, everyone is welcome.

Bill Whitaker - 20982

Table Top Sale

The Village Hall will hold
A Table Top Sale
(Indoor "car-boot")
on
Sunday 12th March
from
10.30am - 3.30pm

Tables are £5 each

Should you wish to book a table,
please ring Marian Wheeler on 20405.

Book NOW before the rush
and make sure of a table!

Jumble Sale

Saturday 4th March
2pm to 4pm
Village Hall

Raffle, Cakes and Refreshments

Proceeds to:

Kamuli Orphanage, Uganda
Contact: Linda Oliver - 20297



*Cricket - A game which
the English, not being
a spiritual people, have
invented in order to
give themselves some
conception of eternity.*

Lord Mancroft 1914-87
British Conservative Politician

Floodlighting Diary

MARCH

1	St. David - Patron Saint of Wales
7	In loving memory of MICHAEL MAWBY
8	Ash Wednesday
11	In loving remembrance of MICHAEL LOMAX
13	Commonwealth Day
15	In Loving memory of DENNIS CURTIS
17	St. Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland
20	In loving memory of DAVID JACKSON
20	St. Joseph - Husband of the Virgin Mary
21	Thomas Cranmer - Archbishop and Martyr
25	MONA & RON BULLIVANT: Diamond Wedding Celebration
25	Annunciation of our Lord to the Virgin Mary
26	Private dedication

The Churchwardens or the Rector will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in April's magazine should be made in writing or by phone (20528) before 12 noon, 20th March.

QUO VADIS - WHITHER GOEST THOU?

Dr Peter Brierley, of The Christian Research Association has recently published a survey of English Church Attendance, carried out in 1998, which does not make for enjoyable reading. It is not possible to reproduce all the data contained in the survey, but these are some of the more significant statistics:

One sixth, 18% of all church ministers have responsibility for more than one church; of this 18%:

62%	are responsible for 2 churches
21%	3
9%	4
4%	5
2%	6
1%	7
1.5%	8 or more churches

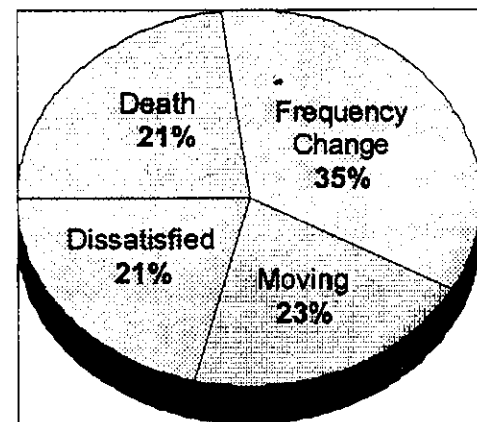
12% of people in England went to church on an average Sunday in 1979. This dropped to 10% in 1989 and by 1998 was 7%.

The number of churchgoers of 65 and over is increasing, in spite of the much higher death rate of this age group than of younger people.

1,000 under 15's left church each week in the 1990's, though 15-19 year olds left at a slower rate in the 90's than in the 80's.

Two churches in five have no youth ministry of any kind and young people continue to leave the church in droves. The 1990's saw 1,000 children under 15 leave the church every week! It will therefore come as no surprise to learn that Sunday School is at an all time low. Just 4% of all children under 15 now go to Sunday School against 15% in its heyday in 1905.

One reason why children are leaving is that their parents are leaving. Unlike the 1980's, the 1990's saw a definite decrease in the number of those aged 30 to 44 coming to church on Sunday.



Why people leave the church

The decline in average Sunday attendance has affected all denominations except the Orthodox and New Churches, both of which have consistently grown over the last 20 years. It has also affected all churchmanships except mainstream evangelicals and the small number of "other" churchmanships.

Evangelicals have declined least in the 1990's, only 3%, whereas all the others put together have dropped 30%. The result is that the proportion of Sunday attenders who are evangelical has grown

700,000 people stopped going to church on an average Sunday in the 1980's; a million have stopped in the 1990's. A third of this decline is due to the declining frequency of attendance. If these trends continue, will the Church survive the next 40 years?

The suggested scenario looks bleak:

- A booming cyberchurch, widespread use of electronic means of communication, and worship conducted in myriad ways over the Net.
- Far fewer church buildings. The Church of England will long ago have reached crisis point in maintaining its 10,000 listed churches, but some of their 5,000 Norman churches will still be open.
- A smaller Christian presence in the population: perhaps only 30% will regard themselves as Christian, and these will be mostly older people. Another 20%, probably younger people, might belong to the non-Christian religions. Those who do not believe in God will almost have doubled, to 50%.
- A church membership, below the 5% critical mass, as society continues to move away from commitment of any kind.
- Mid week worship services rather than Sunday morning, especially in the non-institutional churches. Flexibility will be a key characteristic.
- Much smaller congregations (averaging about 18, a quarter of 1998's 73 in Protestant churches). Charismatic churches will start new ones, but inner urban congregations will struggle, apart from major centres.

- Very few infant baptisms or marriages in church. Funerals however will continue to be times of spiritual opportunity.
- Fewer Christian organisations, perhaps a fifth of 1998's 5,700.

In summary, a much smaller Christian core, but with a wider penumbra. Belief will be real for the few, but disappearing in the many. What strategies should church leaders at all levels adopt in the next three years to stop this happening?

- An urgent focusing on reaching children under 15 with the Christian message. Some will be our leaders in 2040.
- Encouraging church people to build real friendships with non-church people ("an open heart not just an open door")
- Engaging in our existing local communities to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways.
- Enabling churches to teach the Christian faith to church people as well as non-church people. There is currently a vast knowledge gap between leaders and led.
- Fostering personal spirituality, which includes living out our Christian principles at home and at work in integrity, obedience and witness.
- Using older people for mission (while we still have them!)
- Working towards a radical change in existing church culture. That may mean identifying young leaders, mentoring them, and allowing them to be radical!
- Taking risks for the Gospel, and not allowing failure in some enterprise to daunt or stop us.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

£700

was the amount raised
at the coffee morning
on February 12.

A very big thank you to
all, who helped, gave,
bought, baked and
supported us.

Jean and Mollie

**Don't forget -
Clocks go forward
one hour on
Sunday 26th March**

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford during January 2000.

Date	Offence	Location	Property
13.1.00	Theft	Kneeton Road	Pedal Cycle

In the year up to and including January, there have been 42 incidents in the village. Although the trend is downwards, all residents need to keep security of their property a main concern.

John Latham, Head Co-ordinator - 21092

Parish Council News

Contrary to the report in the November issue, the footpaths within Croft Rise and between Ludgate Drive and Springdale Lane have now been adopted by Nottinghamshire County Council, though they are not registered as 'rights of way'. This means that the NCC will take responsibility for some maintenance though owners of adjacent properties still have to cut back any of their vegetation which overhangs and obstructs the pathway. Apologies for the misinformation which was based on a letter from the Authority.

In view of the concerns expressed about litter in the village, we are taking part in the 'National Spring Clean' campaign which runs throughout April. Bags, gloves and litter sticks can be provided, so form a "litter picking party" and help us clean up the village. All help will be welcomed by Paul Bancroft (20812) who will co-ordinate the parties and issue equipment.

Reminder - Now is the time to start planning your flower display in tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes, for a chance to win the garden vouchers to be awarded in August.

Planning Applications and Decisions

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Mr P Bottomley re: The Old Blacksmith's, Main Street.
Erection of a dwelling and use of existing building as garage, workshop and store. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

99/01259/FUL

Mr & Mrs W Shacklock, 24 Kneeton Road.
Two storey and single storey extension.
Grant permission, with conditions.

Garden Club

The History of Chatsworth Gardens is the subject of a talk to be given by Simon Seligman at the next meeting on Friday 10th March at 7.45pm. It is also the AGM of the Garden Club and four nominations for committee members are being sought.

David Peto will be retiring as Chairman and June Peto will be stepping down from the committee. David and June were founder members of the Garden Club, and have over the past six years spent a great deal of time and effort in making it the success it is. Our best wishes and thanks go to both of them.

Last month members learned where some of the best sites of wild orchids are found. Robert Hawkesworth, who is a photographer and a member of the Royal Photographic Society, gave a lively presentation on these elusive wild plants.

He said that orchids flower between April and September and could be found in woodland, marshland, quarries or in meadows.

His photographs illustrated the beauty of the orchid. Everyone was surprised how tiny some of them were and how we need to be careful where we put your feet in the countryside.

SJL

LOOPY LABELS

On Nytol sleep aid:
Warning - May cause
drowsiness.
(One would hope!)

On a string of Chinese-
made christmas lights:
For indoor or outdoor
use only.
(As opposed to outer
space?)

On a Japanese food
processor:
Not to be used for the
other use.
(Now I'm curious).

On Sainsbury's peanuts:
Warning - Contains nuts.
(Really???)

Rushcliffe Borough Replacement Local Plan

Officials from Rushcliffe Borough Council answered concerned villagers' questions about the proposed 75 dwellings in East Bridgford at a planning meeting at the Village Hall on February 14th.

George Buckley, Leader of the Borough Council said that this was one of the first consultations with residents, to seek comments and concerns about the proposed developments. Any responses to the Borough Council need to be lodged within the next six weeks.

Garth Powell (Chairman), on behalf of East Bridgford Parish Council objected to the development of 75 dwellings, on the grounds that they would be built on a green field site. He went on to say that the village already had a population of 2000, and was beginning to lose its village feel, and a further 75 houses could only make this worse. Mr Powell suggested that the extra houses could have been incorporated in the other newly proposed development at RAF Newton. The sewage system in this village is full to capacity and the roads are not in good condition, therefore the infrastructure will have to be upgraded considerably to cope with any new development.

His concerns also covered the inadequate policing, the traffic congestion on the A46 and A6097, whether the new Health Centre would be able to absorb more patients, and the location of a new school. He continued that if it were inevitable that we have to accept these dwellings, then he would seek assurances that no more four-bedroom detached houses would be built, preferring sheltered

accommodation or low-cost housing and starter homes. This would meet the needs of young people and retired people in the village.

Jim Collinson, Head of Development Services responded by saying that it was not always possible to find suitable brown field sites for planning purposes. RBC always tries to pick a site with the right criteria, but as this is a consultation process, if support for the infrastructure is not forthcoming from other agencies then the planning application will fail. Mr Collinson added that the Borough Council is looking at low-cost and sheltered housing development and guidance is being given to developers, who have had a free reign in the past. The situation is beginning to change and the Government is going to have some say in the type of housing to be built.

Keith Beaumont, Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council, later assured residents that they would help the Parish Council conduct an appraisal of housing needs for East Bridgford, which could support low-cost housing requirements in the development plan.

Several residents from the neighbouring village of Newton attended and were vociferous in their concerns over the RAF Newton proposed development of 3000 houses, provision of a rail halt, supermarket, health centre, community hall and primary school. They argued that the A52 and A46 were woefully inadequate, and it would be difficult to improve these roads without causing traffic congestion elsewhere, especially with an increased commuting population.

Other issues raised were the potential use of green field land at RAF Newton, and the continual spread of development along the A52 and A46,

which could in time become a huge urban conurbation.

The Borough Council representatives responded by saying that they were required to allocate new housing by the Government, and if they did not do this then plans would be imposed on them. They also said that the development would be phased over time, and that it would be spring 2002 before these proposals could be finalised. Again the Borough Council stressed that nothing could happen unless they had the co-operation of the Highways Agency, Severn Trent, Rail Track, the Health Authority, the Police Commission and other agencies. They also said that Rushcliffe Borough did not have many brown field sites it could develop, therefore had to use green field and some green belt sites. This was regrettable, but the plans would be sensitive to local habitats especially in the case of RAF Newton.

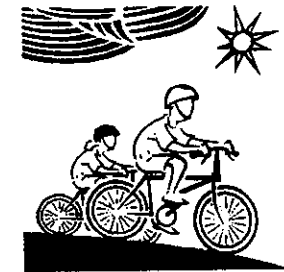
Background papers on the site selection and the actual plan document can be found on web site: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk. Anyone interested in purchasing these documents for £20 a set, should contact Dave Arminger on 0115 914 8358.

Anyone with comments on these proposals should return the yellow form "Rushcliffe Borough Replacement Local Plan" recently delivered to every household in the village - or E-mail Rushcliffe Borough Council at local.plan@rushcliffe.gov.uk
Fax on: 0115 914 8362

Or write to
Rushcliffe Borough Council,
Department of Development Services,
Civic Centre,
Pavillion Road,
West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FE

On Yer Bike!

Cycling Safely



Cyclists in East Bridgford will know how dangerous it is to risk life and limb by crossing the dangerous A46 to get to Bingham. It isn't much better going the other way to Radcliffe on Trent, but the Parish Council has been invited to come up with proposals for safe cycle routes connecting these towns.

Community interest would greatly help the Parish Council's claim for cycle routes, so if anyone would be willing to help form an East Bridgford Cycle Club, and get a copy of the detailed report, would they please contact:-

Cllr. David Meylan
Janus
8 Cherryholt Lane
East Bridgford
Telephone : 01949 20457

Village Hall

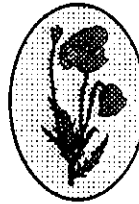
We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Sandy Hall, our caretaker of some five years. Sandy was respected and liked by all users of the hall, and it was always immaculately cared for. We wish him well in his retirement.

P Ward

East Bridgford
Care Group
Mobile answerphone
0976 935476
Just leave your name
and number

The Royal British Legion - Final Call

In the January edition of the Magazine I asked if there was any 'volunteer' in the village willing and able to take-over as the Poppy Appeal Organiser for our District. To date I have had no calls from anyone.



Therefore, after some eighty years of continuous collecting for the RBL Poppy Appeal here, and in the surrounding villages, the collections will now come to an end unless there is a lady or gentleman prepared to volunteer their services to organise the collections in the future.

Should you be that volunteer I will willingly give you a years 'on the job training' and help, if you so wish, although most of the work is required in the period mid-September to the beginning of December.

So if you feel you can take-over please give me a call on EB 20405.

Thank you
John Wheeler
District PAO

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 January

Lucy Jane **EDIS**

Funerals

4 February

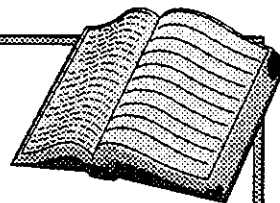
Nancy **WESSOM**

80 years

7 February

William (Bill) Albert **WING**

95 years



Mothers & Toddlers Group

Although entitled "Mothers & Toddlers" we are a thriving group open to all Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers of young children up to the age of three.

We meet Friday mornings 10.00am - 11.30am in the Village Hall (closed in line with school holidays and drama group).

The cost is £1.00 per family which includes refreshments. So come along and make new friends, have a chat, relax and the children can enjoy themselves too.

Don't be shy - give us a try.

Enquiries : Isabel Buchan - 20634

Care for the family

- Building for tomorrow

- A Vicar is for Life

- Not Just for Sunday!

Church leaders can smile at the launch of a new campaign called "Thank You!". Initiated by national charity Care for the Family, a special "Thank You!" - Clergy Appreciation Week will run from Sunday 18th - Sunday 25th June 2000, when congregations are being asked to come up with imaginative ways to show their local vicars how much their work is appreciated.

For more details of the event contact:

Care for the Family,
PO Box 488, Cardiff, CF10 1RE.
Tel: 029 2081 0800.

(It so happens that 13th June is the 35th Anniversary of Canon Alan Haydock's ordination.).

Thank
you

Sheila and Derek Wing and family thank most sincerely all friends and neighbours for their letters and cards received following the death of Bill Wing, a resident of East Bridgford for 37 years and for 35 years a chorister at St Peter's Church.

The service, attended by so many of his fellow choristers and friends and conducted by Canon Alan Haydock, was most supportive and uplifting and a truly joyful celebration of a long and action-filled life.

The Makin family is grateful to family and friends who gave donations in lieu of flowers in memory of their mother. Their generosity raised the magnificent sum of £460, which has been passed to Sister Jackie Wheeler as a contribution to the East Bridgford District Nurses' equipment fund.

With our thanks for such generous contributions.

Dorothy, David and Elizabeth Makin.

Oil Care in the Home

Help to protect your local environment

Environment
Agency

EYES RIGHT!



We have just bought a pair of binoculars and were surprised to read some of the following instructions:

Using the Binoculars:

"Viewing takes place through the two rubber-rimmed eye-pieces after first removing the two protective eye caps."

Tips for Use

"It may be helpful if you do not bury your eyes too deeply into the two rubber eye cups. This is because, sometimes, when a person's eyes are pushed too deeply into the eye cups, it can actually make viewing more difficult and can result in the user not benefiting from the full field of view which the binoculars offer".

T & S

Oil can pollute rivers, causing harm to fish, ducks and swans and through the removal of vital oxygen from the water. Every year the Environment agency deals with the effects of thousands of oil pollution incidents. When you use oil at home, please follow the "Oil Care" code and prevent pollution.

- * If you have oil fired heating, ensure that your oil tanks and pipes are properly installed and regularly checked for leaks.
- * If oil is spilt from your storage tank, stop it from entering drains by absorbing it with sand or earth. *Never hose it down.*
- * When you drain your engine oil - don't oil the drain! Pouring oil down the drain can cause pollution and could result in prosecution.
- * Take used oil to an oil recycling bank. Telephone freephone 0800 66 33 66 to find the location of your nearest oil bank or contact your local authority recycling officer.
- * Don't mix used oil with other materials, such as paint or solvents as this makes recycling very difficult.

For advice on oil pollution prevention contact :
The Environment Agency 0845 9333 111
If you spot pollution - Please contact the
Environment Agency's 24 hour emergency
freephone hotline on - 0800 80 70 60.

Soups and Starters

Although this is under the heading of a 'starter', you can use it as a main course. Just increase the quantity or serve with cold cooked rice. For those on their annual spring diet, use low calorie mayonnaise and poach the chicken in stock rather than grilling or roasting in fat.

Chicken Salad - American Style

To serve 2 people

- 2 chicken breasts - cooked and cut into long thin slices
- ¼ pint of mayonnaise
- 2 or 3 spring onions
- 2-4 sticks of celery
- 2-3 oz of green grapes
- 1 eating apple
- 2 oz of either walnuts or hazelnuts (shelled)
- lemon juice
- fresh tarragon
- salt, pepper
- Lettuce
- Watercress for garnish

Method

- Chop the spring onions finely and dice the celery. Remove the pips from the grapes and cut into half. Core and slice the apple and cover with lemon juice to prevent the slices from going brown. Chop up the nuts roughly.
- Place the above ingredients into a bowl and add the slices of cooked chicken. Season the mayonnaise, add a little lemon juice and the chopped tarragon. Fold the mayonnaise into the salad mixture, ensuring an even coating of ingredients.
- Prepare lettuce leaves and place on a flat dish. Pile the salad mixture on top and garnish with watercress.

Experiment by using different types of fruit - bananas and mandarin orange segments work well with this dish.

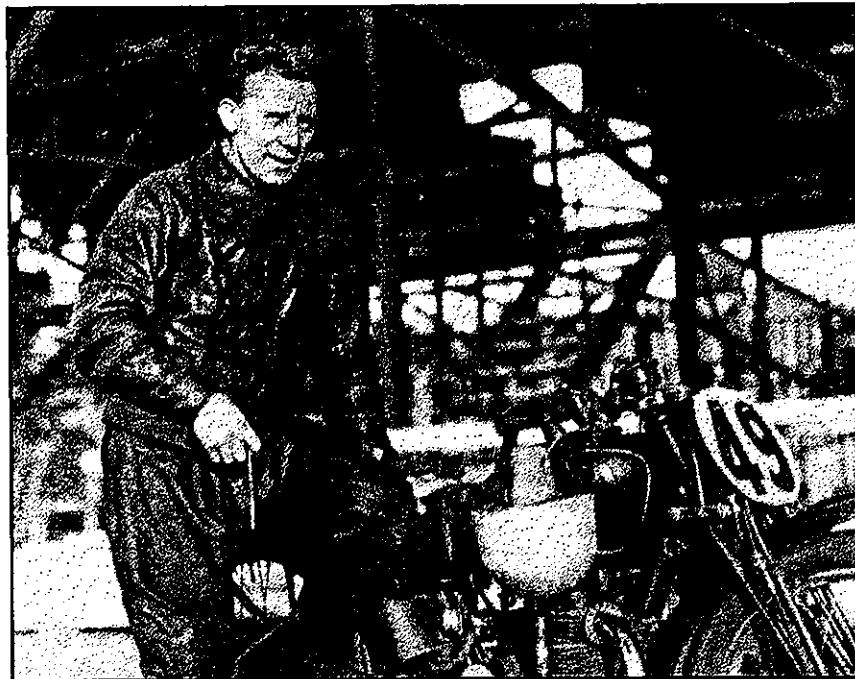
William Albert Wing

A well-known sporting personality, Billy Wing died last month at the age of 95 years.

Billy won a variety of motor cycle events, and was one of the first to race at Donington Park when the circuit opened in 1931. He raced at the Grand Prix in the Isle of Man and Ulster during the 1930s and was a competitive trials bike rider after the Second World War.

Born in 1904 and brought up in

age, he worked in the family's lace factory - F Beardley & Son, but eventually set up his own business with a £300 loan. Initially Billy was going to buy a grocer's shop, but finding it had been sold he bought a cycle shop in Daybrook instead. Times were hard during 1926, and he together with his new wife spent their honeymoon scrubbing out the shop. Despite this the marriage lasted for 66 happy years. Starting out with only a



Billy Wing and Velocette at the Junlor Manx Grand Prix, 1935

Cotmanhay, Billy could remember the time when a German Zeppelin hovered above Ilkeston for a whole day, and finally dropped bombs on the Bennerley Iron Works shattering all the windows in his family home.

After leaving school at thirteen years of

basic knowledge of mechanics, Billy's knowledge grew and the shop eventually became a Mecca for motorcycle enthusiasts.

Although Billy had always been interested in a variety of sports, he turned his attention to motorbike racing

shortly after opening the shop. His first race was on a grass track at Bonser's Farm, Near Redhill where he regularly raced until the road circuit at Donington Park opened. There he won many trophies on his beloved Velocette, home tuned and out-of date but fast enough to compete against stars such as - Stanley Woods, Freddie Frith, Harold Daniel, Maurice Cann and Arthur Wellsted.

Billy had a very 'close encounter' with death in 1936, when on a practice run for the Manx Grand Prix, he took a mountain curve at Keppel Gate flat out in third gear at 90 mph. Tearing blindly into a solid bank of fog, he left the road, hit a bank and some sheep fencing and rebounded onto the road. Apart from broken ribs, concussion and skinned hands and knees, Billy survived relatively unscathed.

In the Second World War he worked as an Inspector of military transport at C.O. 1, Chilwell by day and as a special constable by night. During an air raid in 1941 a cluster of incendiary bombs dropped on the porch of the Unitarian Church (now the Lace Hall). On seeing this, Billy vaulted a low wall, found several bags of cement, and with these extinguished the fires. For this he received a letter of thanks from the pastor and a postal order for 15 shillings - Sunday's collection.

After the war, up until 1952, he regularly competed in the demanding sport of 'trials riding' and belonged to several clubs. Every weekend, he rode on a trial covering thousands of miles in rural rounds, tackling mud, rock-strewn hills, frost and snow - competing in three countries. Later at the age of 77, he was invited to complete three laps of the new Donington track on a racing Velocette for their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Golf eventually became Billy's passion, after dabbling with rock climbing and scaling several church spires and factory

chimneys with a steeplejack friend. A member of Chilwell Manor, Wollaton Park and Bulwell Forest golf clubs, on his retirement from business in 1967, he settled at Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club, becoming an honorary member in 1986. Still playing eighteen holes three times a week in his late eighties, he eventually decided he ought to cut down and spend more time with his wife.

Another less strenuous but equally well loved activity was singing in a choir. Billy was a chorister at Cotmanhay and Daybrook, and eventually a member of St Peter's Church choir, where he worshipped for 35 years. In 1996 Billy received the Royal School of Church Music Bishops' Long Service Award. He died peacefully in his sleep on January 29th after suffering a stroke. Billy's wife, Muriel died in 1992, but he leaves a son Derek. A chorister for over eighty years - A man of great faith.

PERFECT PUDDINGS

Short of an idea for a tasty pudding?

This little booklet, price £2.50 and containing thirty recipes for puddings could be the answer.

Proceeds for a new Breast Cancer Centre at Nottingham City Hospital	Telephone: Rita 21297 Sue 21311 Jackie 20460
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Date for Your Diary

Annual Parish Meeting

Open to all on
electoral roll in
parish

7.30pm
in the WI Hut
Tuesday 18th April

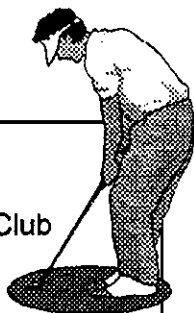
Mens' Society

Salutations; on Tuesday March 21st at 8pm we turn our attention to the past, nearer home, with The Lost Treasure Houses of the Dukeries.

Local historian Mr Phillip Jones of Ravenshead will give this talk. It will be illustrated by slides and cover Clumber, Rufford and Welbeck.

As usual the venue will be the committee room of the village hall on Main Street. All males will be welcome and we have a requested contribution to expenses of £1 each (50p for schoolboys and students), as there is no subscription.

Tony Ford 20932



Wanted Urgently

A sponsor or sponsors for the East Bridgford Sports Club

GOLF DAY

To be held on Friday 23rd June (the beginning of Feast Week)
at Mapperley Golf Club

Please reply to :- G Whitt,
12 Bridle Ways, East Bridgford NG13 8PT
or telephone/fax: 01949 20557

Also: Teams of 4 wanted (any sex) to take part in the event.

If you cannot make a team, still please enter.

Entry form in next month's magazine edition.

East Bridgford Lifeboat Guild

Sponsored Walk - Sunday 30th April

The 15th East Bridgford Sponsored Walk in aid of the RNLI raised £7,100 in 1998, which went towards Nottinghamshire's 'Pride of Sherwood' lifeboat, now in service at Poole in Dorset as part of the back-up fleet. Our Chairman, Mrs Felicity Jay, named this boat last June.

The walk, held every two years, with a maximum distance of 15 miles, covers some very pleasant countryside, including a crossing of the River Trent at Hazelford. Boats are provided and manned by the Nottingham Sea Cadets and Russell Hunt. The walk starts and finishes at East Bridgford Village Hall and you can set off between 9am and 11am. We would ask those of you who are fit enough to run rather than walk, to delay your start until 9.45am.

Marshals and patrolling cars cover the route and free refreshments are provided along the way. Transport back to East Bridgford will be available for those who do not wish to walk the whole way.

Do join us if you can and encourage your family and friends to come along too. Previous walkers will automatically receive a sponsor form, and new walkers can obtain one from the contacts below. If you are unable to walk yourself, please consider sponsoring a walker or perhaps joining our 'back-up' team - required for a smooth operation on the day.

For further information or a sponsor form please contact Rita Case - 21297 or Rachel Harclay - 20525.

Scouts

Soup 'n Spud Morning

Shelford

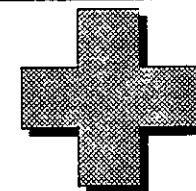
11am to 1pm

Saturday 11th March

*I don't wish to
know that.!*

A white horse walks into a pub and asks the barman for a pint of bitter. The barman watches while the horse downs the pint. He leans over the counter, hoping to strike up a conversation. "Did you know," he begins confidentially, "- Did you know they named a whisky after you?"

"What," says the horse, gazing thoughtfully into the bottom of his empty glass, "Eric?"



Thank you very much
to everyone who
helped to raise

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for the Red Cross
Jumble Sale.

Louise Emels

Close Encounters of the Burnt Kind

Accidents seem to happen when curious combinations of events coincide at the same time. This was the case the other week when we nearly lost T's most favoured and most comfortable jumper.

T, like most men does not like shopping. Shopping for clothes, as he will say are 'distress purchases', so on the rare occasions that we go out to choose clothes for him, he has to be in the mood. Sometimes I am taken by surprise. We can ostensibly be shopping for household items and suddenly he may espy a clothing article that takes his fancy and he actually buys it there and then.

This was the case with his jumper. Bought on impulse from Marks & Spencer in years gone by, this slightly heavy knit, speckled grey and white sweater has been a firm favourite. It fits his contours and suits his colouring. In short he loves it; but it started to come apart, and a hole appeared in the front. So I was asked if I could mend it - just to give it a further lease of life - say another ten years or so.

One Saturday not long ago I set about this task of mending 'the jumper'. Luck was on my side as I found a huge ball of nearly matching grey wool lurking in a cupboard. I set about darning and sewing, gathering and smoothing out puckers until a very good result was achieved. You couldn't see the hole at the front, and the jumper looked quite

respectable. I was so proud of my work I just had to show T.

Impatience was my downfall. I should have known better. T was cooking, following one of Delia's recipes and I should have realised the kitchen was a 'no go area'. T is a relative newcomer to haute cuisine, needing plenty of space and time with no distractions (unless of course there is a culinary emergency). T also has a different way and order of preparation that does not match mine.

Eager to show him his revived jumper, I skipped into the kitchen and spread the jumper out for him to see. Now readers, you should understand that we have an Aga and during the summer we switch it off and use the gas hob, which is situated adjacent to this oven. However, this was winter, the Aga permanently on, and we rarely use this other hob. T was working at the Aga as I placed the jumper over the gas hob. At first he did not look at the jumper, or me because he was engaged in some intricate roux sauce preparation. Suddenly he cried out "The gas hob is on!"

I snatched up the jumper, noticed the smell of burning and smoke, and saw a circle of brown singe on the back of the cherished sweater. We were devastated. Horrified, I decided to see if I could remove any of the brown burn marks by washing it. This only resulted in further holes, and a clear circle of damage, which was positioned at the top centre back, not dissimilar to a marksman's practice target.

The locations of the holes were also reminiscent of an ill-made Balaclava.

We ate our meal in depressed silence. Even the delightful Delia recipe did not bring us much cheer. But I was not going to be beaten. The following day once the jumper had dried, I set about it again with the large ball of (nearly matching) grey wool. This time it took considerably longer - weaving, stitching, criss-crossing, entwining and fusing - until I acquired the effect I was looking for. The jumper was saved and T was beside himself with relief and happiness.

There are many lessons to be learned here, and the two that spring to my mind most readily are; never interrupt a man when he's cooking; and always have a large ball of wool spare, the same colour as your beloved's favourite woolly.

SJL

CHORUS:

**All things spray and swattable,
Disasters great and small.
All things paraquatable,
The Lord God made them all.**

The green fly on the roses,
The maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses,
He also gave us these.

CHORUS

The fungus on the goose-gogs,
The club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce
And chew the aubergines.

CHORUS

The drought that kills the fuchsias,
The frost that nips the buds,
The rain that downs the seedlings,
The blight that hits the spuds.

CHORUS

The midges and mosquitoes,
The nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff,
The sparrows on the seeds.

CHORUS

The fly that gets the carrots,
The wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook,
Though green may be his thumbs.

CHORUS

But still we gardeners labour,
Midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours,
Will somehow bypass ours!

CHORUS

The Gardener's Hymn,
by Barbara Robinson

Horticultural Hymns

*We've got Audrey Metcalfe to thank for
sending this one in - We look forward to
hearing you sing it in Church, Audrey!*

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention
though gardeners know its true,
Is when He made the goodies,
He made the baddies too.

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Peter Golightly, Tel: 20528 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist - 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

Another 'big issue' this month. Not the planning hot potato this time - we're talking about the number of items we have received from readers for inclusion in the magazine. There seems to be no end to the number of villagers who either have, are or will be involved in something *interesting*.

Your editors are always delighted to hear from you, but we would really appreciate it if you could let us have your entries items as early as possible in the month, together with your name and a telephone number in case we need to contact you for any reason. Oh - excuse us, something has just dropped through the letterbox. Wonder what it is....

VILLAGE DIARY

April

- 1 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to 12 noon
- 7 Bowls Club Bingo, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 8 East Bridgford History Group Coffee Morning, Methodist Chapel, 10-12 noon
- 14 Garden Club, WI Hut, 7.45pm
- 15 Friendship Club Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10-12 noon
- 17 East Bridgford Care Group AGM, Medical Centre, 7.45pm
- 18 Annual Parish Meeting, WI Hut, 7.30pm
- 18 Men's Society, Committee Room, Village Hall, 8pm
- 19 Amblers & Ramblers, Committee Room, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Mothers' Union, WI Hut, 2pm
- 30 Lifeboat Sponsored Walk, starts from Village Hall, 9-11am

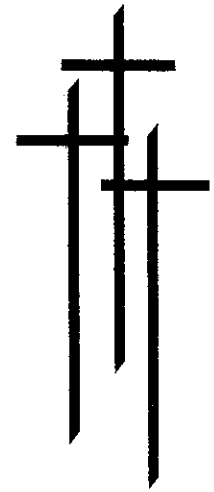
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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Sunday	2 April MOTHERING SUNDAY
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Tuesday	4 April
11.30am	Holy Communion at The Manor House*
Sunday	9 April PASSION SUNDAY
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.00pm	Evensong at St Helen's
6.30pm	THE CROSS OF CHRIST at St Peter's
Wednesday	12 April
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	16 April PALM SUNDAY
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am	Family service at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's.
	Palm crosses will be available at all the services
Wednesday	19 April
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Thursday	20 April MAUNDY THURSDAY
9.00pm	Sung Eucharist
Friday	21 April GOOD FRIDAY
9.00pm	Hour's Devotion at the Foot of the Cross
Sunday	23 April EASTER DAY
9.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.15am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.10pm	Evensong at St Peter's
7.10pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's
	No Evensong at St Helen's
Wednesday	26 April
9.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Millennium Gospels

In the first three weeks of April a copy of St Mark's Gospel will be delivered to each home in East Bridgford. They are a gift from St Peter's Church. If your home has not received a copy by Easter Day, you may collect one from church.

CHURCH MEETINGS

The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church meetings will be held at St Peter's Church
at 10.20am
Sunday 7th May 2000

(Our customary day for the meeting, the Sunday following Easter Day, would have coincided with the Lifeboat Sponsored Walk)

Alan Haydock

The Rector's Pages

As we approach Easter, followed closely by our annual parochial meetings, I am writing to thank all who support the work of our churches in East Bridgford and Kneeton; not least those who contribute to our DIRECT GIVING SCHEMES and give their time and skills.

Many people comment on the beauty of both St Peter's and St Helen's and upon the excellent condition of both the fabric and the churchyards. In the past year further improvements have been made to the interior of St Peter's and this spring, the churchyard is looking better than ever. At St Helen's we have a church clock and other minor work has taken place.

I have been encouraged greatly by the commitment of the Bible Study Groups and the work of the Mothers' Union is a constant support to parish life. In addition our churches are well represented in Deanery and Diocesan circles. Our lay reader, sacramental ministers, members of the choir and servers make a valuable contribution to the worship, whilst the bell-ringers, flower arrangers, church cleaners, along with those who work in a hundred and one other ways, create a special atmosphere in which worship may take place. I am impressed by the numbers from our congregation, who willingly give of their time and skills in the administration of both parochial and village life in leadership in the school, and the uniform organisations. I am grateful also to the churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

Because our churches are well attended, when compared to neighbouring villages and inner city churches, we are called upon to take even greater increases in our Payment of Quota, our share of the Diocesan budget, 82% of which goes towards the payment of full-time clergy. This year our contribution will be over £35,000. Sometimes we may have misgivings about this extraordinary high figure for two small villages.

Nevertheless, we rejoice that, though a small benefice, we have the privilege of living in a lovely part of Nottinghamshire and sharing in the mission of a relatively strong church. Never let it be thought that we are giving more and receiving less. I firmly believe that "A giving church is a living church".

In the next few days every home should receive a copy of St Mark's Gospel. It is a small Easter gift from St Peter's Church in gratitude for all that we receive from so many parishioners week by week, year by year.

Joyce and Sally join me in wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Easter. I look forward to you joining us at our services, the times of which are listed on page one.

May God be with you.

Alan Haydock

The Time of Your Life

Mr Lance Pierson will be re-visiting the village over the weekend of May 27 - 28th. On the Saturday evening at 7.30pm he will be speaking in the Methodist Chapel. With the help of poetry, he will be taking us on a humorous journey through life, leaving us with the question 'What comes after it?'. Before he speaks a light supper will be served. Tickets, which are free, will be available from May 1st onwards.

Tickets can be obtained at the Church, the Chapel, the post Office and East Bridgford News. Also from Geoff Shaw (20152) or Patrick Mackie (20519) - they will be happy to provide any further information about the evening.

On Sunday morning at 10.00am, Lance will present in St Peter's Church his challenging and entertaining 'Sixty Minutes Bible' - this will be suitable for all ages. DO COME!

Please note - Lance is a performer specializing in one-man shows and poetry performances. He uses the spoken word to present the truth and challenge of the Christian faith. Rather than give a talk, he blends sketches, monologues, poems and stories into an entertainment that manages to be humorous, moving and challenging - all at the same time.

Calling all Amblers and Ramblers

A meeting is to be held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm.

For all who are interested in forming a club for amblers and rambles in East Bridgford.

Contact
Edward Hutchby - 20998

St Peter's Bellringers



A long touch (720 changes) of Plain Bob Minor was rung before Evensong on Sunday 20th February in thanksgiving for the life of Mr. Billy Wing.

Ringers

Valerie Allen – Treble
Ann Moore – 2
Matthew Dawson – 3
George Dawson – 4
Peter Corbett – 5
Clive Allen (C) - Tenor

On Sunday 19th March a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in honour of the Diamond Wedding Anniversaries of Bernard and Gladys Jackson and Ron and Mona Bullivant.

Ringers

Valerie Allen – Treble
Valerie Robertson – 2
Susan Dawson – 3
Ann Moore – 4
Matthew Dawson – 5
Clive Allen (C) - Tenor

Peter Golightly

Churchwarden 1996 – 2000

Towards the end of April, Peter Golightly will complete his term of office as Churchwarden, having been a Deputy Warden prior to that. For over six years hardly a Sunday has passed, when Peter has not been present at both the Eucharist and at the Evensong.

His concern for the fabric of St Peter's Church has been exemplary and he has spent considerable time updating the Inventory of Goods and Ornaments. Improvements have been made to the interior of the Church and it was the result of Peter's persistent diligence that damp on much of the North wall and in the Chancel was eradicated after more than forty years.

Peter is also our Church's representative on the governing body of St Peter's School. For many years he has been Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Finance Committee. As such he has had the responsibility of controlling an annual budget of £300,000 and steering the school through difficult waters following the closure of RAF Newton and the loss of fifty children.

For all this and more we are grateful to Peter and Cate, Jenny and Jonathan for all their background support.

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OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

- To Henton and Chattell Ltd., and to J Higgs (Lowdham) Ltd., for their continued generosity.
- To all the advertisers who support this Village Magazine.

To be a Christian

Why do you call yourself a Christian? Why do I call myself a Christian? I find my own answer to that question somewhere along these lines:

I am a Christian, because I was brought up in a Christian home where I learnt about God and about Christ as I learnt my ABC.

I am a Christian, because what I learnt about God and about Christ seemed to me to be good and true and worth believing and worth loving.

I am a Christian, because the people I have loved and respected most in my life have been Christians themselves and it has seemed to me that they had something, which I wanted too.

I am a Christian, because though I have often been a bad Christian, I know that to be a good Christian is the finest thing a person can be, far finer than to be a millionaire or a Prime Minister or even an Archbishop.

I am a Christian – and this is really the chief reason of all – because of Christ and what He has told me about God and about myself and about the world and about life and death.

I am a Christian, because for me no man, before or since, ever spoke like He spoke, or lived like He lived, or died like He died, or proved to me, like He proved to me, that death is not the end.

I am a Christian, because in spite of all the darkness and sin in the world, He is the Light of the World and the Saviour of the World.

I am a Christian, in short, because of Easter and the joy of Easter morning and that joy no man and no thing will ever take from me.

AH

Churchyard Working Party

Working parties in the churchyard will be held on
**Saturday 1st April
and Saturday 6th May
8.30am – 12noon**

Much help is needed please, on both these days.

AH



Our monthly family services in 2000 will be held at 10.45am on Sundays –

16 April
28 May
18 June
23 July
17 September
15 October
19 November
17 December

The services last about 40 minutes and are followed by refreshments for both children and adults.

Please come and join us

The River Amazon - January 2000

I spent the first month of this year in Brazil and I thought readers might be interested in a few facts and figures regarding Amazonia.

Brazil as a country could almost be considered a continent in its own right as it covers 3,285,632 square miles – almost half of South America. In length it is greater than the distance

from New York to Los Angeles, and its width is greater than the distance from London to Moscow. It thereby dominates South America and has borders with every other country except for Ecuador and Chile. A little more than 25% of the territory is inhabited and the remainder is virtually empty. It is the fifth largest country in the world and close to 40% of the population inhabits a strip of the land along the coast, some 75 miles wide – that amounts to only about 8% of the country's territory.

The great Amazon River lies wholly within the largest state of Amazonas and despite its size, it is however, one of the most thinly populated. I visited the state capital Manaus, which is 1,000 miles inland. This river, second only in length to the Nile, is 4,000 miles long and navigable by ocean going vessels for 2,3000 miles upstream. Its source is 17,000 feet high in the Peruvian Andes, within 100

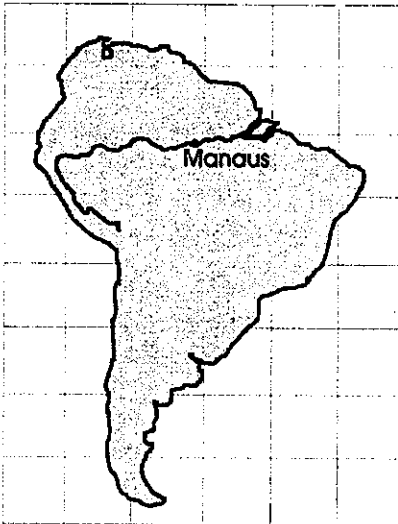
miles of the Pacific Ocean. It is fed by 1,100 rivers, and seven of them are more than 1,000 miles long.

More than one-fifth of all the world's fresh water is carried in the Amazon system. It is the deepest river on earth measuring in place 250 feet deep, yet its bottom is almost flat. Its total volume of water is twelve times greater than the Mississippi, in other words the Amazon pushes out to sea, a volume of water in one day, that the Thames does in one year.

The river is so long, its tributaries so many, that the area through which they flow has proved difficult to measure and to map. Together with its 1,100 tributaries and streams, the Amazon River covers 2½ million square miles. Its mouth is 200 miles wide and even 1,000 miles upstream it is 7 miles wide in places. Amazonia includes more than half of Brazil

and parts of eight other countries and extends over two-fifths of South America, north and south of the equator. Although it is not the longest river on earth, in all other respects it stands alone.

The rain forest, which surrounds this great river and covering over half of Brazil's territory, is the largest in the world and one of the oldest, remaining relatively unchanged for a hundred million years. It is responsible for the replenishment of almost half of the planet's oxygen. Distances between towns are large and the navigable



ivers are the only means of transport. Manaus for instance, can only be reached by boat or plane, and it was interesting to watch the many river buses coming and going.

A traveller would buy a ticket, which would provide him with a space just big enough for his hammock, and there he would stay except for feeding and toileting for anything up to four days until he reached his destination. These boats would carry many people, crowded, swinging together. On my travels I visited Belem at the mouth, then Santarem, Alter Do Chao, Parintins, Boca De Valeria, Manaus and Macapa, which is situated exactly on the equator.

This and so much more has made the trip so worthwhile.

Jason Beeson

Parish Council News

Although there was no full council meeting in March, the council was pleased to see such a good attendance at both meetings relating to the RBC Development Plan and to have the Parish Council's policy so publicly supported. We intend to pursue our aims vigorously over the next few months and if necessary, years.

The bulbs planted last autumn in sites around the village have now flowered and have added to the enjoyment of spring. These bulbs have been planted for the benefit of everybody, and not just for a few to pick the flowers to take home. I would like to have your suggestions for further areas to be planted in this and subsequent autumns. In the meantime continue the good work by displays of flowers in your gardens, tubs and hanging baskets.

Remember that Paul Bancroft (20812) is coordinating litter picking parties in April as part of the National Spring Clean Campaign, and can supply bags, gloves and litter sticks.

Label Francis - 20598

EB
Care Group

AGM

Medical Centre
Monday 17th April
7.45pm

We hope all members and interested people will be able to attend.

Come and hear about our past activities and our plans for the future.

If you need our help or want to know more about us, ring our mobile answerphone 0976 935476 – leaving your name and number only.



Date for your Diary

The start of
Feast Week
Saturday
24th June

With the traditional
Annual Flower Show
(since 1864)

More details
next month

WEA SPRING COURSE

The Natural World

Tutor – Geoff Trinder

This course will comprise two indoor meetings where, with the use of slides, we will look at nature. The different habitats and the species that are to be found in those habitats will be the main focus. One or two examples of rare and endangered species will be looked at, showing how man can protect them and increase their numbers. There will be one outdoor meeting when we will visit nature reserves belonging to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and a two-acre garden, which has been created to attract wildlife.

Course commences 4 May 2000

Duration 2 indoor meetings 7.30 – 9.00pm
1 day in the field on 13 May

Venue Committee Room, Village Hall

Class Fee £17.50 For those fully retired aged 60 or over, and people under 21, £13.20
For anyone registered unemployed or on state benefit £5.00
(Proof of entitlement will be necessary)

Enrol at the first class meeting or contact the Branch Secretary :
Mrs L Black, 24 Ludgate Drive, East Bridgford, NG13 8NW
Telephone 01949 20764

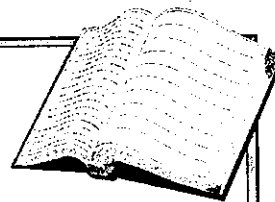
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From the Registers

Holy Baptism

27 February

Sam Lewis O'HAGAN



100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

My Dear Parishioners,

The last fortnight of Lent which we have now reached is called Passion-tide, and turns our thoughts with special earnestness to the great mystery of the Atonement – our Redemption by Christ's death. The last week before Easter is always known as Holy Week. Day by day the detailed account given in the Gospels of the events of our Lord's life during this week are placed before us in the Church Services, in order to bring vividly before our minds the great lessons we should learn from His blessed Passion and Precious Death. And on GOOD FRIDAY (April 13th) which no Christian can never forget is the day on which He Died upon the Cross, what shall we do to bring ourselves near to that Cross of Jesus? "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." – *Isaiah liii. 6.* In the darkness of that scene on Calvary we see the blackness of SIN, the terrible nature of sin to have caused the death of one so pure and holy. In those outstretched arms upon the Cross we see the LOVE of Him who dies there for the sinner. Let us ask ourselves – What am I doing to show real hatred of my sins? What am I doing for love of HIM who did so much for me?

On each day of Holy Week there will be a service at 11.00am and at 7.30pm (6.30 on Monday, Thursday and Saturday) with a short address. On Tuesday evening at 7.30, I especially ask Communicants to come that we may join in a preparation for the Easter Communion.

On Good Friday there will be in addition a service with short addresses and hymns from 2 to 3 o'clock. And on *Easter Day* I ask you all, faithful followers of Christ, to unite in the Celebration of the Holy Communion, in thankful remembrance of our Lord's victory over sin and death, and in earnest desire to walk in newness of life by His grace. The celebrations of the Holy Communion will be 7, 8, and mid-day.

Your faithful Friend and Pastor

A. D. HILL



Young Musicians Concert

Many thanks to the following for their outstanding performance at the young musician's concert in St Peter's Church on Saturday 11th March:

Laura Bambury
Sally Brook
Rebecca Clarke
Claire Emblin
Laura Flewitt
Katie Graham
Stephanie Lockwood
Claire Marks
Eloise Marson
Anna Quine
Ben Quine
Samantha Shaw
Nicholas Thorpe
(accompanist)

Thanks also to those of you who gave them your support on the night. You have raised £100 for St Peter's Church and £451.67 for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Jilly Quine

Floodlighting Diary

April 2000

2	Mothering Sunday
4	In loving birthday memories of SYLVIA LODDER
16	Palm Sunday
16-22	Holy Week
20	Maundy Thursday
21	Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
21	Good Friday
23	Easter Day
23-29	Easter Week
26	In loving memory of HORACE ISAACS
27	In loving memory of STANLEY WILKINSON
27	Private dedication

Note: The celebration of St George (April 23rd) and St Mark (April 25th) have been moved to May 2nd and 3rd respectively because of Easter Week.

The Churchwardens or the Rector will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in May's magazine should be made in writing or by phone (20528) before 12 noon, Saturday, 15th April

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Second Planning Meeting

A second meeting was organised by Rushcliffe Borough Council on 29th February, to accommodate the village residents who were unable to gain access to the meeting earlier in the month.

Over seventy residents attended this meeting to express their concern at the proposed development of 75 houses in East Bridgford, and 3,000 houses at Newton. Garth Powell, Chairman, made a statement on behalf of the Parish Council opposing these developments.

Neil Clarke, elected member of RBC, assured residents that the plans were still in the early stages, and that residents were invited to respond by 27th March with any objections to these proposals.

Drama Group

A Month of Sundays

I have been given the honour of writing a review of the latest play in the village hall. May I say that this is an easy task because the production was truly excellent and the characters were all so strong. "Bravo" to the director, Kate Thornburrow, whose gladly given time and doubtless hard work on this particular production was so deservedly rewarded with warm applause and appreciative laughter in, mostly, all the right places.

The action of the play takes place in a rest room for the elderly. One wondered, as the curtain opened, what direction the play would take with such a sensitive subject – the ailing elderly in their twilight years – but this play was tenderly and perceptively written. It revolved around the two central characters Cooper (Alan Haydock) and Aylott (Len Jackson). These two were excellent and soon had us all experiencing the rapport between them – brilliant timing on Cooper's part meant we never missed one single laugh or one poignant moment. Such lines as "I've had a fall, I now have to get up twice in the night instead of once and 'remarkably fit for his age George Hartley' has joined the zombies" or "I think he's taking mental measurements for when I have to

be fitted with the dreaded bags. I read it up. You get no warning apparently, I mean, you don't feel that you want to pee. You just do. Not very much. You're sitting there and the first you know of it is a warm trickle – and incontinence is your new companion." This couldn't fail to receive an audible audience response, often gales of laughter – we know we may all be there one day.

Helping us to see the humour of growing old were other fine performances: Ella Ross (the caring Nurse Wilson who never appeared in those stockings), Molly Wood (virtually type-cast as the formidable cleaning lady – Mrs Baker – and doesn't she do it well?) Jean Starbuck (a superb belligerent daughter who only wanted her father to 'love' her) and last but not least, Michael Clarke (her dominated husband Peter) who knew the M1 like the back of his hand and made it interesting.

And please remember – if you can't name the 11th man in the 1947 Middlesex Cricket team, you're still okay for a bit longer.

Well done everybody – backstage crew and front of house too – it was a superb evening's entertainment and we hope the next one will as professional.

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**EAST BRIDGFORD SPORTS CLUB
ENTRY FORM**

GOLF DAY

on
Friday 23rd June 2000
from 12 noon
at

Mapperley Golf Club
Mapperley Plains, Nottingham



£35 per person

which includes coffee on arrival and evening meal
Prizes include Team Cup plus individual categories

Entry forms to be forwarded with cheque
by the closing date of 15th June 2000 to: Richard Watkins
Cherry Lodge
Cherryholt Lane
East Bridgford
Notts NG13 8PN
Tel: 01949 20080

Maximum Handicap 24 will apply

Names	Handicap	Tel No.
1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....

Teeing-off times will be advised prior to event

Pilgrim of the Millennium

A lifelong ambition was realised, when Shirley Lomax visited the Holy Land in February. She spent a week visiting places described in the Bible and came away with some wonderful memories.

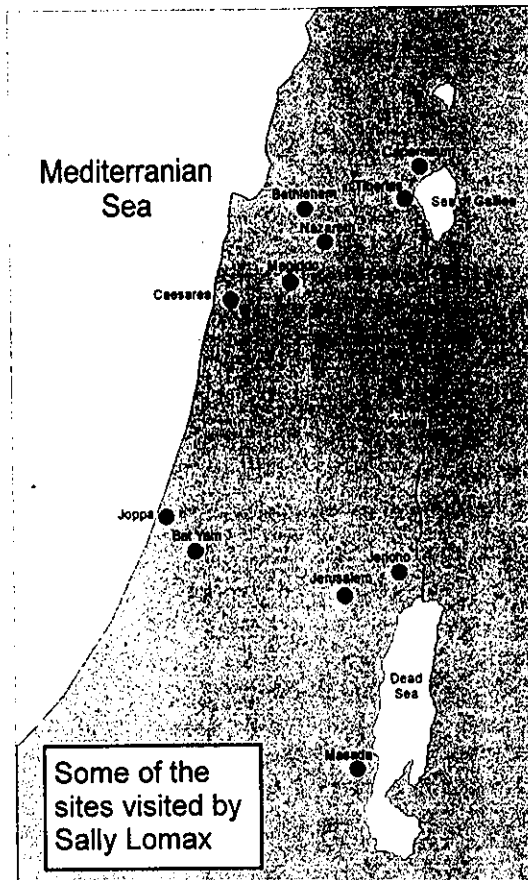
Shirley, a committed Christian had the opportunity to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, via a relative who lives near Manchester. Together they joined a trip organised by the Diocese of Chester. The party comprised of two hundred people, including two Bishops and an Archdeacon, and was divided into four coach loads, for the seven-day tour.

Each coach had its own tour guide, and the guide in Shirley's coach was a Jewish, Indian lady who had been converted to Christianity. This guide was very knowledgeable and able to give her 'pilgrims' a special insight into the history and religion of the places they were visiting.

Their journey began at Bat Yam, and included well-known places in the Bible such as Nazareth, Galilee, River Jordan, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem and the Dead Sea.

"One experience of the Pilgrimage which left us all deeply touched and saddened, was a visit to Yad Vashen, the Museum of the Holocaust where there is a Children's Memorial." Shirley explained, "The entrance was down a sloping path and into a dark room, in the pitch darkness there were thousands of flickering candle flames - in reality one candle and hundreds of mirrors reflecting the flame. Recorded narrators read out continuously, the name, age and country of each young victim. We were all deeply moved."

On leaving Israel, all the pilgrims were given a certificate stating that they were 'henceforth authorised to bear the title of Jerusalem Pilgrim'. This will take pride of place in Shirley's home. Her special memories of the Holy Land have brought the Bible to life and she says, "I would love to go back, but the next visit will be in my own time - seven days is not enough."



Some of the sites visited by Sally Lomax

Loose Ends

Video Violence

We don't watch violent videos, but we often feel violent towards our video recorder - something akin to 'road-rage'. This has increased lately, despite the fact that we have been video owners for many years. We hail back to the Betamax days, when operation of this complex electronic box just required a simple insertion of the tape and a push of the button.

Last year we decided to 'upgrade' our video, having had enough of the old VHS, which let us down so many times, by recording the wrong channel at the wrong time on the wrong day - we just had to do something. The new model, complete with Video Plus and PDC, seemed to be the answer. The controls appeared simple and the instruction book was readable. We were almost in video heaven.

We mastered Video Plus - well we thought we had. To those who may be video celibate, this requires the viewer to press buttons on the remote control and punch in numbers, which then appear on the TV screen. These numbers are included with the TV programme information in the Radio Times or other such publications. Easy - unless you make a mistake and try to cancel your errors. And if you are like us and need glasses for reading - your head is nodding in time to your specs sliding up and down your nose. Nevertheless, we have mastered it to a certain extent, and I have resisted writing to Panasonic to ask if they will hold a 'one-day course on video programming'. But still we are fooled

by the system, and suffer accordingly. We have never really got hold of the PDC function on the video, which takes into account any changes of times of programmes, for example the overrunning of the World Cup. PDC will magically adjust times and record the selected programme. This is still a complete mystery to us - so we just use Video Plus.

A few weeks ago we were watching a pre-recorded film called "The Andromeda Strain". Stretched out on the sofa and rapt in this film, (in which scientists were trying to isolate a dangerous alien virus, threatening the world - or America at least) we reached the dramatic climax, when the video cut out, five minutes before the end. We felt violent. We would never know the end, unless we scoured video hire shops, or waited for a repeat. BBC 2's previous programme overran, and the film started five minutes later than scheduled.

Common sense tells us that we should add an extra ten minutes or so to the end of the recording, but to do so takes extreme patience, dexterity with the remote control and remembering to do it. Despite everything, we still like recording programmes, especially those on the commercial channels, because we can zap through the adverts (although this leads to confusion when watching ads live). Our rage has subsided now, but is there anyone out there who knows the ending of "The Andromeda Strain"?

SJL

Mens' Society

Salutations; we conclude this season's talks on Tuesday April 18th at 8pm by hearing about an 18th century inventor with: -

"Arkwright-Spinner of Fortune"

The talk will be given by Mr John Kavanagh of Duffield on behalf of the Arkwright Society. This interesting story will be illustrated by slides.

As usual we meet at the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Main Street. All males are welcome and there will be a requested contribution of expenses of £1 for adults, and 50p for schoolboys and students as there is no subscription.

As the opportunity to look after the Men's Society has not yet been seized, I am in the process of fixing the summer programme, which will include a visit to Pedigree Master Foods on May 16th. Hopefully the programme should be available at the above meeting and at St Peter's Church.

Tony Ford - 20932

REMINDER

Royal National Lifeboats Institution

Sponsored Walk Sunday 30th April

The walk starts and finishes at East Bridgford Village Hall and you can set off between 9am and 11am. We would ask those of you who are fit enough to run rather than walk, to delay your start until 9.45am.

Sponsorship forms available from
Rita Case 21297 or Rachel Barclay 20525

Date for Your Diary

Annual Parish Meeting

Open to all on
electoral roll in
parish

7.30pm
in the WI Hut
Tuesday 18th April

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Most holy Lord,
you were tempted,
as we are;
be our strength
in times of weakness.
When we fall,
lift us up;
When we are in error,
direct us.
In all our wanderings,
be our guide;
That we may be
your faithful people
to our life's end.
Amen

News from St Peter's School

Cross Country Relay Winners

Four boys and four girls from our juniors (two from each year) have recently won the Nottinghamshire Primary Schools' Cross Country relay. The youngest children running were only seven years old – a fantastic achievement of stamina, fitness and mental strength.

Congratulations to Natasha Pearson, Lewis Thomas, Sarah Daniell, Jack Bexon, Emily Hallam, Ashley Roper, Emily Daniell and Matthew Brown. "Well done" – also to their cross country teacher Miss Rogers. Some believe that sport is on the decline in our schools, but it has never been healthier at St Peter's.

Millennium Song

Following our recent success in winning a song writing competition run by the County Council to mark the Year 2000, we are shortly to receive a specially commissioned sun dial as our prize.

D.A.R.E.

February 16th marked the graduation of thirty-one of our oldest children who had successfully completed their Drugs Awareness Resistant Education (D.A.R.E.) This consists of a seventeen course run by the police, who seek to educate children not only to stay drug free, but also be confident enough and strong enough to say 'NO' to any undesirable situation which might lead to harm.

The children entertained us with their positive anti-drug message and then received their certificates from Canon Haydock and PC Phil Hopkinson (their D.A.R.E. tutor).

Our thanks go to the Parish Council who sponsor this extremely worthwhile part of the children's education.

A Dome From Home

Two hundred children and ninety adults set off for a very interesting day at the Millennium Dome during February. You can imagine that this was a major feat of organisation on the part of Mrs Tatley (the school's Deputy Head), and we were extremely grateful that she achieved it. It would be true to say that a few did meet some difficulties and would have wished to be treated more sensitively by the Dome staff, but all in all we had a very interesting and worthwhile day at this totally unique experience. I will certainly be trying to return for another look, as I definitely wouldn't have wanted to have missed it. If I were you though, I would go outside the school holiday period!

Can You Help?

Have you a skill (e.g. building, decorating, computer or another particular expertise) that you could offer to your local village school? If so we are trying to draw up a list of willing people who may be able to help us on the odd occasion. Do you know of a business that might provide



sponsorship in some small way or might want to get involved in other ways?

Then please get in touch. Perhaps on the other hand you have some time to spare around 8.45am (for about half-an-hour) a

day or more a week, and would be willing to adopt a child to help them with their reading? - Advice will be given.

If you fit into any of these categories or think you might have other ideas, or would just like to be a part of St Peter's, joining with staff, children, parents and the Church to make it the very best it can be, then please get in touch with me, or contact anyone you know who has school connections. I'm sure you'd agree that the more successful the school the more successful the village as a whole will be.

David Maddison
Head Teacher
20226

WI Report

The Annual Meeting brought proof, if it were needed, that the spirit of the WI is alive and well in East Bridgford. Reports from the office bearers and group representatives reflected another successful year. We are pleased to have the same team of Irmgard Finnigan and committee, plus two new volunteers, for the coming year. After the official business, members of the darts team organised a light-hearted darts competition to give us an opportunity to test our skills. No bull's-eyes were scored, but we had a lot of fun trying!!

The April meeting promises an insight into aspects of local history, when Michael Cox will speak about Newark at the turn of the century.

Rachel Barclay



East Bridgford Drama Group

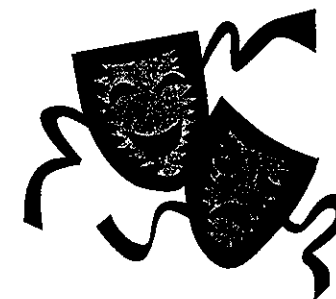
Presents

LIFE GOES ON

A comedy by
Adrian Hodges

Tuesday 16 May
to
Saturday 20 May

Tickets £4
(concessions on Tuesday
and Wednesday £3)
from
East Bridgford Post Office
and East Bridgford News



More Walks Around the Parish

Second Sunday
in the Month

The footpath wardens have arranged a further six parish walks. They will be covering paths not walked last year, although of course, there will be some overlap. Once again the map and route will be printed in the magazine for those of you who can't join us on the day. The walks will be over fields and tracks, so strong footwear is recommended.

Please make a note in your diaries – **SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH, CAR PARK, MAIN STREET, 10.45AM.** We shall be there whatever the weather.

The first walk will be on Sunday 14th May, meeting at the car park, Main Street at 10.45am.

The other dates are :-

11 June
9 July
13 August
10 September
8 October

For further details please
ring 20818 or 20676

A Tirade Against Letterboxes

Felicity Jay sent this in after delivering RNLI cards – We expect our Postman will also be in agreement with this!

Letterboxes are the very devil. They can be vicious, they can snap, they can bring you to your knees. A few, a very few are benign. Some delight in being devious.

They site themselves at the top of three or four steep steps, usually without a handrail. You get unsteadily to the top and balance yourself – the box is too close and anyway opens towards you. You re-balance and descend very carefully backwards – the box is too far away. In a fury you fling the card on the top step. You remember about litter and try unsuccessfully to retrieve it. To hell with it.

Then there are the friendly looking boxes, you approach happily and put the card through – SNAP – you fingers are trapped. Eventually you retreat to nurse a bruised hand. Then of course there are dogs. If the box is at ground level and you have, with great difficulty, got down on your knees, be very wary of the barking maniac behind the box. If you do manage to post the card you will then hear it being torn to shreds.

Sometimes there are nasty little brushes hidden behind the lid. They are hard and scratch, and can draw blood.

Next there is a game. It's called 'Hunt the Letterbox'. The idea is to hunt round the house, back and front and on the garden gate, to see if you can find one, there may not be one to find, but you don't know this. You may win, and find a box discreetly hidden behind some brickworks. And there are also the little tiny boxes just big enough to take a small letter – just like mine – but I won't discuss those.

Felicity Jay



Soups and Starters

Smoked Mackerel Pâté

2 fillets of smoked mackerel
8oz (200g) of cream cheese
(can use low fat variety)
Lemon juice (1 lemon)
Salt and pepper

Method

- Remove skin and any spare bones from the mackerel fillets and break into small pieces.
- Place the mackerel and cream cheese into a liquidiser and blend until smooth.
- Add lemon juice and continue to blend until it is a creamy consistency.
- Season the pâté with salt and pepper (freshly ground black pepper if possible).
- Serve in a large dish, or small individual dishes with lettuce and toast.

NB. you can vary this recipe by replacing the mackerel with kippers, tuna fish or salmon.

The little boy was caught swearing by his teacher.

"Jeffrey," she said, "you shouldn't use that kind of language. Where did you hear it?"

"My daddy said it," he responded.

"Well, that doesn't matter," she explained, "you don't know what it means."

"I do, too," Jeffrey corrected. "It means the car won't start."

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the May Issue is Noon on **Saturday 15th April**

Chemist Application in East Bridgford

A Message from the Doctors

We would like to draw attention to people living in East Bridgford, that there has been an application by a pharmacist from outside the Nottinghamshire area, to open a chemist in East Bridgford. If this is allowed to happen, people living within a mile of the chemist, i.e. all the residents of East Bridgford will no longer be allowed to obtain their prescription medicines from the dispensary at the Medical Centre. Patients would be forced to make a further journey to the chemist. Patients living in our other villages would continue to be allowed to obtain their prescriptions from the Medical Centre dispensary.

We are opposed to this potential development, since we believe the current dispensing service works well and is beneficial to both patient and the Medical Centre. It is a convenient 'one-stop' service, medicines being available at the time of consultation and during all surgery hours including Saturday mornings. The doctors supervise the dispensary and we have qualified dispensary staff and sophisticated computer systems with labelling and safety cross checking. Over-the-counter non-prescription pharmacy supplies are available from both the Post Office and Newsagent and there are adequate and easily accessible pharmacies locally. Admittedly income is generated by our dispensary service, but some of this is reinvested in the Medical Centre. Examples of this include a modern,

well-equipped Medical Centre, higher than average staff ratio, the employment of assistants and locums to maintain good availability of appointments.

There could be a number of adverse affects if a chemist opened in East Bridgford. A small rural chemist might not be able to be open during all surgery hours, including Saturday mornings, resulting in people having to travel to a local chemist or even into Nottingham. There would be increased traffic into the village from people driving from the surgery to the chemist after having seen the doctor; the loss of the 'one-stop' convenient service; loss of jobs among the dispensary staff, many of whom live locally; reduced employment of GP assistants and locums resulting in longer waiting times to see a doctor. There may also be adverse affects on local businesses that stock over-the-counter non-prescription pharmacy supplies.

Nottingham Health Authority will shortly be processing the application by the chemist. Local opposition to such a scheme is listened to and can make a huge difference. If you feel that the current dispensing service is convenient and efficient, then we would ask you to come and sign a petition that will be available at the Medical Centre, East Bridgford News and the Post Office.

We would very much value your support.

Dr Andy Harrison
Dr Rob Scaffardi
Dr Ann-Marie Stewart

Garden Club

The last meeting of the season will be on 14th April, when Mark Foley will give a talk on 'Lawn Care in spring and autumn'.

During the summer, the annual outing will be on Saturday June 10th to visit Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens. Trips to local gardens will also be arranged, and details of these and booking for the trip on 10th June will be in the next magazine issue.

At last month's AGM, David and June Peto were thanked for all their hard work over the past six years, and Ian Seel was welcomed as our new Chairman.

Simon Seligman, who is Promotions and Education Manager for Chatsworth House, then took garden club members through the history of the gardens at this great estate. He explained that Chatsworth House has just celebrated its 450th anniversary, and the Elizabethan garden, which was built by the 1st Duke of Devonshire, has been radically altered, restored and extended over this period of time.

The 4th Duke of Devonshire was the first to make changes, as he was a follower of Capability Brown's English Landscape movement. He commissioned Brown to lay a lawn over an Elizabethan parterre and transform the wider landscape into Elysian Fields.

In the 1850's the 6th Duke's head gardener, Joseph Paxton created rockeries and large greenhouses. The Duke and Paxton also sponsored expeditions and introduced the Victoria Regia water lily to the UK.

The present Duke and Duchess have made many additions to the garden - such as the Crinkle Crankle walk, a maze, a cottage garden, herbaceous border and a Chiswick parterre. They also have introduced unusual sculptures - 'War Horse' by Dame Elizabeth Frink and a kinetic water sculpture called 'Revelation' by Angela Cainor.

SJL

The Friendship Club



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 15th April
10am - 12 noon

The Village Hall

Admission 50p
to include coffee and
biscuit

Cakes
Raffle
Giant Tombola
Bric a Brac
and other stalls

Proceeds to Club Funds

Rotary Club of Bingham & District

ART EXHIBITION

Saturday & Sunday
29th & 30th April
10am to 5pm

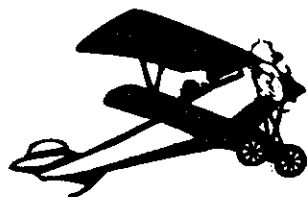
Church Hall
Radcliffe on Trent

Any profits raised go
to charity

Admission Free

Male or female and between the ages of 13 and 18?

Heard of the Air Training Corps?



Cadets in your local ATC Squadron at RAF Newton are flying, gliding, going on summer camps, taking part in all kinds of action adventure and sports and meeting people. How far are YOU from having a brilliant time?

You can join as a cadet any time after you reach 13. Uniform is provided free after a period of probation. Yes, you have lessons, mostly during the winter months and some of these tie in and help with GCSE work; physics – the principles of flight, meteorology; geography - orienteering, map reading and navigation. At 14 there are adventure training camps at Llanbedr and Windermere where you go canoeing, caving, abseiling and rock climbing. All the officers are members of the Training Branch of the RAF Volunteer Reserve and fully qualified. Safety is paramount. Many cadets take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Schemes, some learn to shoot or chat to other cadets in other parts of the country using the radio. There are weekend camps and night exercises during the spring, summer and autumn and cadets are often asked to help at fund-raising functions or get involved in activities arranged by Squadrons and Wings. You could be selected for football, netball, swimming, athletics etc and represent the Wing or even the region. Visits to air shows or "live stations" are arranged where it is possible to go the 'other side of the

fence'. At 14 if you are interested in flying, 'air experience flights' in both flying and gliding are regularly arranged. These all take place locally and it is not unusual to see a 16 year old male or female taking control of a motorized glider and "going solo" before they can even drive a car – it's certainly much safer up there! All these activities at very little cost to the cadet or parents!

Life after cadets? Some use the knowledge they have gained to join, either the Royal Air Force, Army or Navy. Membership of the ATC certainly helps when applying for a job as it demonstrates team skills, the ability to rise to a challenge, and comradeship. You will make plenty of friends and will always have something interesting to talk about.

1936 (RAF Newton) Squadron is shortly accepting a new intake of probationers. Are you going to be there? Parade nights are Monday and Wednesday evenings 1900 – 2115 hours. There is a large HQ at Newton – Yes, there is talk of closing everything down, but it has been established that the Air Cadets will continue to have a building there.

If you are interested please phone – Flt Lt A Pass at 1936 HQ RAF Newton – 01400 261201 Extension 4075 between 1900 hours and 2115 hours on Mondays or Wednesdays.

(Arrangements can be made for parents and cadets to visit any Monday or Wednesday if prior notice is given.)

East Bridgford & District Millennium Celebrations

On Saturday 10 June 2000, we will be staging an event around the village – to finish up at the Manor Farm, Kneeton Road by kind permission of Mr Hinchley. Opened at 12 noon.

A parade of steam engines, tractors and old bangers assemble at 1pm at Brickyard Lane. The parade departs at 1.20pm via the corner of Main Street and Kneeton Road, to arrive at Manor Farm at 1.40pm, led by the Derbyshire Serenader's Show Band. 'Farming through the Ages' at 2pm – judging of the ladies' Farming Pageant – 1st Prize £30, 2nd Prize £20, 3rd Prize £10. Everyone who enters in the best spirit on this special occasion must remember that the judge's decision is final.

I am proud to inform you that our oldest lady with a farming bonnet is 104 years old, a second lady has reached 96 and a third lady will be 90 on 10th June. Two local residents will be 90 on that day.

At 7.30pm in the village hall, a Millennium Dance - Tickets are £5. Donations will be given to the EB Care Group. Please contact Kate Thornton - 20590.

Cecil Widdison

LOOPY LABELS

On an American Airlines packet of nuts:
Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts.
(I'm glad we cleared that up...)

On a Swedish chainsaw:
Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.
(What is this, a home castration kit?)

On a child's superman costume:
Wearing this does not enable you to fly.
(That's right, destroy a universal childhood fantasy!)

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford – February 2000

Date	Offence	Location
1.2.00	Theft from car	Cross Lane
12.2.00	Theft of tools	Trent Lane
20.2.00	Theft of chimney pot	Millgate
22.2.00	Theft from car	Kneeton Road

Police Constable Andy Jackson has taken up his duties as East Bridgford's Beat Manager as from 8th March 2000.

In the 12 months up to and including February, there have been 42 incidents. The moving monthly average remains the same as last month at 3.5.

John Latham
Head Co-ordinator - 21092

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Peter Golightly, Tel: 20528 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist - 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev. John D. Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

We have received a lengthy letter opposing the view of Doctors at the East Bridgford Medical Centre that the opening of a chemist in the village would be detrimental to patients' interests (see the April issue of the magazine). We would normally publish such a letter so that readers may have the opportunity to balance the relative merits of the argument, as we did with the correspondence generated by the GM furore. However, as the document has not been signed by any identifiable person or group and is therefore unattributable we are unable to publish it. We trust that the originator/s will understand our position and will feel able to provide us with the information we need. We will then be happy to include the letter in a future issue.

The Editors

VILLAGE DIARY

May

- 7 Annual Parochial Church Mtg, St Peter's Church, 10.20am
- 7 Annual Open Day, Tennis Club, Butts field
- 11 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to 12 noon
- 14 Village Walk No.7, 10.45am, Car Park, Main Street
- 16 Men's Society visit to Pedigree Master Foods
- 16-20 Drama Group, 'Life Goes On', Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Mother's Union, WI Hut, 2pm
- 18 2000 years of church music, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 20 Bowls Club Coffee Morning
- Scouts' Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 20 Amblers and Ramblers Club, 10.00am, Village car park
- 31 Visit to Lambeth Palace

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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Wednesday 3 May
11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House

Sunday 7 May
8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
11.00pm Service of Readings and Easter Hymns at St Peter's

Wednesday 10 May
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 14 May
8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
11.00pm Rogation Service and Blessing of the Crops at St Helen's
No Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 17 May
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

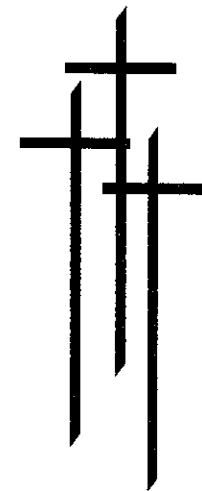
Sunday 21 May
8.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am Family Service at St Peter's
11.30pm Evensong attended by the Bingham and District Rotarians
No Evening Communion

Wednesday 24 May
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 28 May
8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
10.00am A Bible Presentation for all the Family with Lance Pierson at St Peter's
11.00pm Evensong at St Helen's - Rosemary Hutchby
11.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
12.00pm Holy Communion at St Peter's

Tuesday 30 May
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES ON SUNDAY 28 MAY



100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

We get news of appalling suffering in India. The plague has been doing its deadly work in some places with increased virulence, and one of the worst famines ever known is devastating an area four times the size of England. Collections were made in Church on May 13th, on behalf of the Famine Fund, by which £7 15s. 3d. was collected and sent to the central committee of the Famine Fund, Calcutta. Some of us had previously contributed to the special funds of various Missionary agencies, which are doing much to relieve the distress, and Mr Clough had already collected £8 for the same object, in the village.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the welcome news of the relief of Mafeking, which took place on May 17th, the siege having lasted since October 15th. The news reached East Bridgford on Saturday May 19th, the bells were rung in the evening, and the event was duly commemorated in the services on the following day. There is not a finer example can achieve than this successful defence of a defenceless town for seven months by Colonel, now Major-General, Baden-Powell and his men. Our short weekly Intercession Service continues to be held at 12 on Friday mornings.

The Rector's Pages

Fishers of Men

At our various services this month we shall hear once again the various accounts of the Resurrection appearances of Jesus to his friends. One such was the meeting of Jesus with Peter and the other disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The incident, recorded in St John's Gospel, is important, not just for the group who were there that morning, but for Christians today.

1. They were called by a new name:

Clearly the disciples had been a significant group in the fishing communities of Capernaum, before they had met Jesus. They may have been known as Simon and Company or Zebedee and Sons. But they accepted the call of Jesus to follow him and become fishers of men. No longer were they fishermen of Galilee. They became known as the disciples of Jesus. It was to remind Peter and his friends that they still belonged to each other and to Him, even more so because of the Cross, that Jesus came to them early that morning. He still comes to us as those who have been called by his name.

2. They were given a new voice:

It became clear that Peter and his friends were being sent out in the name of our Lord with a message from their Master. Peter was commissioned to tend the flock of Christ. Such was the change in his life that he no longer denied that he knew Jesus; he was about to proclaim the love of Christ throughout the world. The disciple, who had boasted that he would never forsake his Lord and had failed, now realised that his Lord would never forsake him. We too are entrusted with the message of

the love and presence of the risen Christ to take out into the world around us today.

3. They were made into a new people:

Those whom Jesus had called also became a new people. Through their work many people from all nations became disciples, so much so that Paul could write, "We are no longer Jews nor Greeks, bond nor free, rich nor poor, for we are all one in Christ Jesus". They were the people of God, wherever they might be. Peter and the disciples were called to reach out to those who were the people of God through faith in Christ. We are called each day to do the same.

Alan Haydock

MILLENNIUM SERVICES

A United Service will be held in the grounds of St Peter's School at 3.00pm on Whit Sunday, 11th June 2000. Singing will be led by the William Booth Memorial Halls Band. Refreshments will follow the service, which will last about forty-five minutes.

OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

- For a donation in memory of Mrs Nancy Wessom
- For several other donations for the on-going work at St Peter's

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

There will be a working party in the churchyard
Saturday 11th May,
8.30am – 12 noon
and
Saturday 10th June.
Please give an hour of your time. Many hands make light work.

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CHURCH MEETINGS

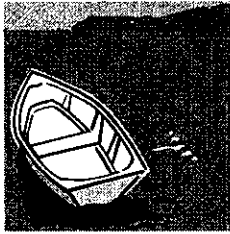
The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church meetings will be held at St Peter's Church
at 10.20am
Sunday 7th May 2000

(Our customary day for the meeting, the Sunday following Easter Day, would have coincided with the Lifeboat Sponsored Walk)

Alan Haydock

The Unofficial Travel Club

A Weekend in Glorious Devon



On the first Thursday in March our group of villagers and friends left East Bridgford to begin an unforgettable long weekend winter break. Our destination was Sidmouth and our arrival in mid-afternoon enabled those who chose, to carry out an immediate exploration of the neighbourhood, and others the opportunity to rest and prepare for the days ahead.

The following morning we set off for our first destination – the small fishing village of Beer. We arrived mid-morning to spend some time exploring the old harbour, and many of us took the opportunity to see the first Wurlitzer organ to arrive in England. Leaving Beer we followed the course of the River Axe before making our next stop, Lyme Regis, to spend a pleasant break for lunch and to wander through the narrow streets sightseeing. During the afternoon we made a brief stop at a bakery which made the renowned Dorset Knob, and then continued our journey to the donkey sanctuary near Sidmouth. The sanctuary is home to literally hundreds of ill-treated donkeys that are able to spend their later years in peace and security, and despite their experiences, they still manage to retain their affection for humans – for some more than others.

On Saturday morning we followed the 'Raleigh Trail' to the birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh, then on to Budleigh Salterton, before taking a coffee break at Exmouth. Our return journey followed the course of the River Exe and we arrived back at Sidmouth in time for lunch. There were no formal arrangements for the afternoon and each of us took the opportunity to follow our own interests.

Saturday evening's entertainment was provided by the Hotel, with our group entering into the spirit of the occasion and spending a most enjoyable, and in some cases energetic evening, dancing to the music of Brian Sandy.

Our last full day was devoted to a tour of the English Riviera with its magnificent bays and views. We followed the coast road through Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay and Paignton before stopping for lunch at Brixham, famed for its connection with Sir Francis Drake and William of Orange. On our return journey we were fortunate enough to be able to make a brief visit to Oldway Mansion once owned by the Singer family, of sewing machine fame, before continuing our journey back to Sidmouth. We left Sidmouth the following morning, stopping at the Royal Worcester factory for lunch, and arrived back in the village in the late afternoon. Our winter break had started with damp and overcast weather, which rapidly changed to glorious sunshine and added to a most enjoyable and relaxing few days.

We have to thank Mary Hall, Sandy and Malcolm for providing yet another holiday, which was voted by all to have been one of the most memorable. Malcolm proved that his knowledge and expertise was not limited to 'foreign parts', whilst Mary's dedication and hard work again ensured a relaxing break for everyone.

Now, what shall we need for Austria in August???

KC

Mens' Society

Greetings; The first of our summer visits is on **Tuesday May 16th**, when we have the opportunity of visiting **Pedigree Master Foods at Melton Mowbray**. This should be an interesting visit, but is unsuitable for the disabled, as there are about 1½ miles of walking. I have had good reports of this visit, which should be of particular interest to pet owners.

All males are eligible to come and all ladies are cordially invited to join us. The charge will be 50p per head - the numbers are limited to 30. Please either add your name to the list in the church, or contact me. We meet at EB Car Park to leave at 11.25pm.

The following visits have been arranged:-

Tuesday May 16th	Pedigree Master Foods at Melton Mowbray
Tuesday June 20th	Boughton Pumping Station, near Ollerton
Tuesday July 18th	Belvoir Castle
Tuesday August 15th	Walk around Epperstone (including Millennium Projects)

- All males are welcome and for all the above, the ladies are cordially invited to join us.
- It is important that those wishing to come should add their name(s) to the appropriate list, when it is in the church, or notify me.
- Further details will be available nearer the time in the Village Magazine or from myself.

Tony Ford - 20932

Thanks from Mona and Ron Bullivant

Our Diamond Wedding celebration was really started by the St Peter's Bellringers, who on Sunday March 19th rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in our honour, and similarly for the celebration of Bernard and Gladys Jackson's Diamond Wedding anniversary on March 13th. We had the delightful pleasure of listening with our window open, which was most enjoyable.

On the actual day Saturday March 25th the weather was glorious, a perfect morning for our family and friends to join us bringing cards, gifts and good wishes, to help us enjoy such a very happy special occasion, highlighted with a splendid card from Her Majesty the Queen.

To complete the occasion at the end of Eucharist the next day, our Rector Canon Alan Haydock called us to the Chancel steps, and gave us a most wonderful and moving blessing.

Thank you to all who came or sent cards or gifts, which helped us to make this celebration such a memorable occasion.

Mona and Ron

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Loose Ends *A Treasure Waiting to be Discovered*

It was one of those impulse purchases. I can remember it vividly. The plates were sitting on a ledge, and they seemed to be calling to me. Every time I walked to the other end of the shop, my eyes were drawn again to these plates. I tried to fight the inclination to buy them, and against T's better judgement, I gave in, haggled with the shopkeeper then rapidly left the shop clutching my treasures – a bargain at £12.

These plates were purchased on holiday, and T and I cannot agree on where they were bought. One rainy week in Cornwall a couple of years ago, we spent a good deal of time touring, and pottering about in the coastal villages. My memory isn't very good regarding places I have visited; I thought we had bought the plates at Mousehole. But T says we just drove straight through the village, and he was certain I bought them at Mevagissey. Not that it matters, but when they turn out to be worth a small fortune it would be nice to identify the foolhardy shopkeeper who let them go.

As they were a set of three, they were ideal for a prime place in the lounge, and I was keen to get home to select a suitable spot for their display. However, I had a bit of a battle with T, because as he is the 'artistic director' in the house, he determines where all the pictures are placed and he also puts them up. So I was in a weak position from the start, but he did concede that as I liked them so much, he would put them up in a place where I could enjoy them – the bathroom.

Eager to show friends and relatives my purchase, I could not understand their perceptible indifference to these interesting plates. Admittedly they are wooden, which is unusual for a plate, but as they are made in either Japan or China, I take it that they go in for that sort of thing. Their colour, a dark orange background causes debate, but I think they go beautifully with the wooden panelled doors in the bathroom, and they don't really clash with the pink bath suite.

You don't really notice the little holes in each side of these plates, which I suppose shows that at one time they were strung together with a little chain or a rope. They are quite charming and depict Japanese/Chinese rural scenes, showing rivers, boats, mountains and trees, all highlighted with gold paint. To me they are quite a find and one day I shall get them valued, and then T will be surprised.

Not long ago I attended a talk on Feng Shui, and as this concept quite interested me, I decided to read about it. I discovered that wooden objects are harmonious for me, but unfortunately T is the opposite, he is better off with metal, which might explain my desire for these plates and his apparent antipathy.

I am still harbouring the hope that one day I will take them to the Antiques Road Show, and the presenter there will express amazement and delight at such an extraordinary set of rare Japanese or even Chinese plates. But I know that if I go to get them valued, I shall go alone, because T says there's no way he's coming with me.

SJL

Soups and Starters

This delicious recipe has been sent in by Jackie Wheeler and is just in time for the start of summer.

Minted Melon and Grapefruit

- 1 small Galia melon approximately 1kg
- 1 yellow grapefruit
- 1 teaspoon of Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon of raspberry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon of clear honey
- 1 tablespoon of chopped fresh mint
- Sprigs of mint to garnish

Method

- Halve the melon and remove seeds and use a melon baller to remove flesh.
- Using a sharp knife peel the grapefruit and remove all the white pith.
- Remove segments by cutting between membranes, and hold over a bowl to catch the juice.
- Whisk the mustard, vinegar, honey, chopped mint and some of the grapefruit juice together.
- Pour this over the melon balls, making sure that they are covered, and then chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- Divide the mixture between four sundae glasses, and garnish with fresh mint.

The Millennium Prayer of the Mothers' Union

*Dear Lord, our heavenly Father,
at the dawn of a new millennium
in a world of darkness, give us your light;
in lands of war and prejudice, grant us peace;
in a world of despair, give us hope;
in a world of sadness and tears, show us your joy;
in a world of hatred, show us your love;
in a world of arrogance, give us humility;
in a world of disbelief, give us faith.
Give us the courage to face the challenges of feeding the hungry,
clothing the naked, housing the homeless and healing the sick.
Give us the power to make a difference in your world
and to protect your creation.*

Amblers and Ramblers

A burgeoning Amblers and Ramblers Club will be meeting at the Village Car park on the 20th May at 10.00am, for an inaugural local walk of approximately 8 miles.

Anyone wishing to accompany us will be most welcome. Contact Edward Hutchby - 20998

Planning Applications and Decisions

- 00/00168/FUL D. S. Hayes, 12 Mill Heyes. Raise ridge height to form rooms in roof space, extend garage. Council did not object.
- 00/00191/COU Amathus Estates, re. 87 Main Street. Change of use to offices. Council did not object.
- 00/00193/TPO P. Bottomley, re. Land between 14 Mill Heyes and 38 College Street. Fell four trees. Council objected. They were anxious to keep the trees but would take the advice of the Tree Officer.
- 00/00056/REM P. Bottomley, re. The Old Blacksmiths, Main Street. Erection of dwelling and use of existing building as garage, workshop and store (revised plans). Council did not object.
- 0/00214/FUL Mr & Mrs R Wragg, 3 Walnut Tree Lane. Two storey rear extension. Council did not object.
- 00/00262/FUL East Bridgford Cricket Club, re. Sports Pavilion, Playing Fields, College Street. Storage building. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

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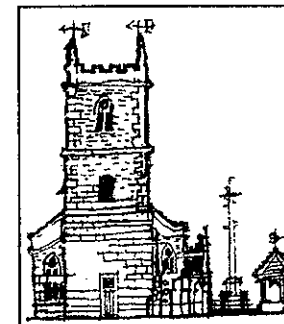
ST PETER'S CHURCH

(Affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music)

Main Choir

Choristers aged 10 plus.
Especially welcome -
tenors/basses.

If you enjoy singing, come
and join us on Friday -
choir practice starting at
6.30pm.



St Peter's Young Singers

Children
aged 6 - 9 years

If your child enjoys
singing let him/her come
to our Friday rehearsals
starting at 5.30pm.

Professional tuition is given.

If you would like to know more then please telephone our Musical Director, Ken Jennings on EB 20908.

Parish Council News

Council members are concerned by the increased traffic through the village at present. N.C.C. are monitoring the flow but are unwilling to take any action until they see whether it diminishes after the new traffic lights are in operation. We were pleased to hear that the police are taking action against speeding motorists and that five drivers have been summonsed and two cautioned for exceeding the speed limit.

Formal objections to the Rushcliffe Development plan as it affects East Bridgford have been made and we await a response. (See page 10 for details.)

The Countryside Agency has launched a ten-year local Heritage Initiative, which can provide grants to help local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. Further information can be obtained by telephoning the Agency on 01226 719019 or visiting the Website at www.1hi.org.uk.

Label Francis



Scout

Jumble
Sale

May 27th
2.30pm

East
Bridgford
Village Hall

RBC - Proposed Local Plans

RBC required objections to the proposed developments in the village and at Newton by 27th March. The Parish Council sent in its response (see below) after making a careful study of the 'Local Plan' document, and taking into consideration residents' views.

Objection Number 1 - Strategy

We have been given much material but little information. We cannot find a major strategic overview as it appears there are other major sites not considered or referred to. Specifically neither the Jubilee Wood or Kingston on Soar sites are mentioned, there may well be others. We have been told 'the developers are waiting in the wings' (RBC representatives' visits).

Their proposals should be part of the comprehensive strategic overview and available to the public so that the full range of development potential can be assessed and commented on. Until this is available we wish the deposit draft of the Local Plan February 2000 to be put on hold.

Objection Number 2 - Jubilee Wood

We note that the Jubilee Wood proposal by Bryants is not included in the replacement local plan or any consideration of the site potential. We have now seen the Bryant proposal and regard it as an example of how a site proposal should be presented. We support the Jubilee Wood proposal,

note that it appears to fulfil the guidelines and wish for its adoption into the local plan.

Objection Number 3 - East Bridgford

We are opposed to the allocation of 75 houses at East Bridgford. It appears there is discrimination against this village as 75 is a higher number than any other comparable village. We do not wish the Green Belt eroded (including the area now allocated for 75 houses) and feel the village has reached its optimum size.

We object to the loss of Grades 1 and 2 agricultural land.

Objection Number 4 - Newton Airfield 3000 Dwellings

We object to the Newton Airfield development as being too distant from the urban centre and propose the exchange of Newton for Tollerton Airfield and the subsequent developing of Tollerton Airfield as a major development site to be analysed and presented.

(This relates to our major strategy presentation proposal: objection number 1)

Objection Number 5 - Kingston on Soar

We believe a suitable site for major and viable developments exists at Kingston. This could be developed on similar lines to Jubilee Wood with a highly viable industrial zone in a key

development locality adjacent to the main Midland railway line and the M1 motorway. This would avoid the dormitory problem.

A study should be made and presented (this relates to objection number 1)

Objection Number 6 - Newton Airfield 3000 dwellings

We object to the Newton proposal as lacking in data to enable a judgement of its workability to be made.

Specifically we are not told of the present load on adjacent major roads, what the affect on these will be of the traffic generated by the proposed settlement, whether alternative roads will be needed (such as the proposal to divert the A52 south of Radcliffe on Trent). We understand it is doubtful if a railway station at Newton development will be forthcoming and that the Nottingham railway station is unable to take such extra traffic.

Objection Number 7 - Newton Airfield

We regard Newton Airfield development as having many defects, which may well lead to its de-selection. This eventuality should be covered by proposals showing how the 3000 dwellings can be accommodated elsewhere.

Objection Number 8 - Newton Airfield

We object to 3000 dwellings at Newton Airfield as breaking the original green belt limits, violating Grades 1, 2 and 3a Agricultural Land and leading to

urbanisation in the countryside on an unacceptable scale.

Bingham, its industrial estate and the Newton development will become grossly oversize.

Objection Number 9 - Archaeology

From our local knowledge and evidence from limited surveying we believe the East Bridgford and Newton Airfield sites to have considerable archaeological deposits. We propose that to avoid delay a preliminary survey be done to establish the archaeological content of all local areas likely to be affected by development.

East Bridgford Parish Council

VIRTUE

*Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky,
The dew shall weep thy fall tonight,
For thou must die.*

*Sweet rose, whose hue, angry and brave,
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye,
Thy root is ever in its grave,
And thou must die.*

*Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie,
My music shows you have your closes,
And all must die.*

*Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like seasoned timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.*

George Herbert

**EAST BRIDGFORD SPORTS CLUB
ENTRY FORM**

GOLF DAY

on
Friday 23rd June 2000
from 12 noon
at
Mapperley Golf Club
Mapperley Plains, Nottingham



£35 per person

which includes coffee on arrival and evening meal
Prizes include Team Cup plus individual categories

Entry forms to be forwarded with cheque
by the closing date of 15th June 2000 to: Richard Watkins
Cherry Lodge
Cherryholt Lane
East Bridgford
Notts NG13 8PN
Tel: 01949 20080

Maximum Handicap 24 will apply

Names	Handicap	Tel No.
1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....

Teeing-off times will be advised prior to event

Garden Club

Please note the date of the Garden Club annual outing is 17th June 2000, not 10th June as reported in last month's magazine.

**Birmingham Botanical Gardens
& Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens
17th June 2000**

Leaving the Village Hall by coach at 9.00am (returning approximately 6.15pm)

Cost of outing including gratuities is £12.50 per person, or £10 for senior citizens. Places are being offered on a first come first served basis. For further information and an application form please contact Ivy Suggitt on EB 20201.

Summer Evening Outings

Wednesday 28th June - A visit to Margaret Davies' two-acre garden in Scarrington. The garden features rare trees, perennials, grasses, hostas, penstemons and a walled secret garden.

There is a £2.50 admission charge, and the garden is open to members and any friends who wish to visit. Please assemble in the village car park at 6.45pm.

Tuesday 18th July - Granby Gardens and nursery in Bingham. This is a garden full of interesting planting schemes and unusual plants. The charge for the evening is £2.00, which includes refreshments and a donation to the NSPCC. Arrangement as above; please assemble in the village car park at 6.45pm.

Flower Show

The annual flower show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th September.

April Meeting

Thomas Leafe gave a short history of the English Garden, starting with the influence of the Romans, moving on to the formal knot gardens in Tudor and Elizabethan times. Flowers were not important then and didn't really come into favour until the late 19th Century. After the knot garden, topiary and parterres became popular through the influence of the Italians and French. Mr Leafe described the 'romantic' period of gardening as designed by Capability Brown right through to the return to the more formal gardens, which included herbaceous borders, and the carpet bedding much loved by municipal park keepers.

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford during March 2000 were :-

Date	Offence	Location
6.3.00	Damage to window	Crossways Drive
12.3.00	Damage to gate	Cherry Holt Close
16.3.00	Damage to tractor	Brickyard Lane

The 12 monthly moving average is 3.33 incidents per month

Trevor Scorer, street co-ordinator, Main Street (old Medical Centre to Village end, including Bridleways and Blenheim Gardens) has resigned. The Scheme thanks him for his contribution. We need someone to take over this 'street', and if anyone is interested, please contact the Head Co-ordinator.

We still have long-standing street co-ordinator vacancies in :-

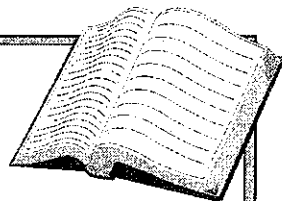
- Main Street (College Street to Haycroft Way)
- Holloway Close
- Straws Lane, including Straws Close (College Street to Magdalen Drive)

Please contact the Head Co-ordinator if you are interested, or would like some information about the role of a street co-ordinator.

At the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators' meeting on 11th April, the theme for the next six months was a focus on 'Home Security – Protect your Property'. Please talk to your street co-ordinator about this theme and what you can do.

John Latham, Head Co-ordinator
EB 21092

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

2 April India Catherine PORTER

Funerals

7 April	Barbara ROCKLEY (at Lowdham)	66 years
13 April	Bernard John MATTHEWS	53 years
17 April	John Henry PAGE	85 years

News from St Peter's School

Champions at Hockey

On Thursday 16th March, St Peter's School entered two teams in the Rushcliffe Area Under Elevens Mixed Hockey Tournament. Each team is made up of three girls, three boys and a goalkeeper. Both teams played excellent hockey with neither team conceding a goal throughout. After several matches the B Team came third and the A Team were crowned champions, beating Manvers, Cotgrave 1 – 0 in the final, enabling them to go forward to the grand final.

The grand final was held on Tuesday 11th April at the Rushcliffe Leisure Centre in West Bridgford, when St Peter's team triumphed by winning the Rushcliffe Schools Hockey Finals, by 2–0. The goal scorers were Storm Curtis and Paul Lupton.

A First for School Dinners

The school has taken the opportunity of new Government legislation to organise their own school dinners, rather than use the LEA privatised school meals system. It was felt that by 'going it alone' they could provide better quality service, a better choice, and be in a better position to listen to the views of parents and children.

Mrs Jeanette Orrey, the school cook was keen to organise this, and eager to have the chance to be creative with the meals. Since the launch of the new school dinners on Monday 3 April, numbers have increased from the usual 120 to 150 children.

Anyone is welcome to book in for one of these school dinners. All you need to do is telephone the school secretary (EB 20226) to let her know when you are coming. The charge for adults is £2 and £1.50 for children, and the dinner starts at 12 noon finishing around 12.45pm.

Pen Pals

Children at the school have been writing to older folk who live in Bulwell and Burton Joyce. On Wednesday 12th April, the 'older' pen pals visited the school by coach, to meet the children they had been writing to and to tell them stories about their lives as children. In return the pupils entertained them with a short concert.

Many of the pupils are undertaking a project and writing a short biography on their special friend, covering the 1930's onwards. David Maddison Head Teacher says, "This is real citizenship when you see young and old people really getting on well together."

Finalists for Lacrosse Team

A St Peter's team of five pupils won the Nottinghamshire Schools Lacrosse Tournament at Highfields, Nottingham University on Sunday April 9th, where they qualified for the National Finals. Mrs Finch, a teacher at St Peter's organises the mixed team of boys and girls, and supports them by taking the team to matches.

From the Editors -

Please note our new e-mail address : laver.wordpix@zoom.co.uk

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I wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the many cards and good wishes received on my special birthday, which closed with a wonderful surprise party organised by neighbours.

A day to remember,
thank you all very much

Audrey Metcalfe

East Bridgford Pre-School

ADMISSIONS

We are delighted to say that the Pre-School remains a popular choice with parents of 2½ - 4+ year-old children in East Bridgford and the surrounding area. It continues to provide an excellent range of activities and education for the pre-schooler. However, this popularity together with Government stipulation that 4 year olds must be given priority for places means that occasionally there is a long waiting list. At the present time there is such a list, both for new children wishing to start, and children less than 4 years wishing to increase the number of attendances per week.

New places are allocated in birth date order with those in the catchment area (East Bridgford, Kneeton and then Newton) taking priority. Every effort is made to provide extra sessions when required, but it is not always possible at the moment.

If you have your child's name on the waiting list or are thinking of putting their name down, we are currently advising that realistically a child will be just three before they are allocated a place. Also, the child should be reliably dry and mature enough to be left at Pre-School for the whole session (2½ hours).

Please don't be put off by the current circumstances. We are asking that you be patient and bear with us. Admissions are sorted out by members of the committee, all of who voluntarily work many hours on what is a complex job. Waiting lists vary considerably term by term.

If you have any queries on admissions please ring one of the following committee members:

Sarah Henwood 01949 20897
Jo Mantle 0115 966 3885

Tennis Club

Open Day

The Tennis Club will be holding its annual Open Day on the hard courts, Butts Field on Sunday May 7th, to coincide with the national 'Play Tennis 2000' event, which is Britain's biggest ever free tennis campaign. *Everyone* is most welcome to come along and join in the fun. Up to 100,000 people are expected to take part in this promotion, although not quite this number are likely to turn up at our own courts! Rackets will be provided if needed.

The event will commence at 2pm and should finish at around 6pm. Free coaching will be available and Gerry Radford, the manager of 'The Edge' sports shop from the Nottingham Tennis Centre will be bringing along a range of rackets and other equipment for people to try out or purchase.

Junior Coaching

The club is running junior coaching courses throughout the spring and summer. These have already commenced and take place on Tuesday afternoon/evening starting at 4pm. Children are placed in groups according to age and ability, and each group session lasts for half an hour. Courses run for 6 consecutive weeks at a cost of £6.00 for club members. Non-members will also be welcome to participate at a cost of £12.00 for the 6-week course.

Further details are available from Jonathan Mitchell (EB 20007)

Adult Coaching

Gerry Radford will be offering one-to-one coaching for club members on Friday evenings, commencing in May.

Ladies' coaching groups will be held with Derek Burford on either Tuesday mornings or afternoons, subject to demand. Further details from Richard or Rosie Watkins (EB 20080).

Social Events

At the end of March, around fifty participants entered the club's 'Who wants to be a Millionaire?' quiz, which was held at the sports pavilion. Club Chairman, Nigel Lawrence played the 'Chris Tarrant' role, and the Harvey family proved to have the keenest brains in the village by winning through in the final round.

Membership

New members are most welcome. The club offers annual membership for families at £75.00. Adult and junior subscriptions are £45.00 and £25.00 respectively.

Further details from Richard Watkins (EB 20080)

East Bridgford Care Group

are hosting an

Afternoon Tea

at the Manor Nursing Home
(by kind permission of the Matron)

Saturday June 3rd
2.30pm - 4.30pm

cakes, bedding plants, tombola,
children's lucky dip

Everyone Welcome

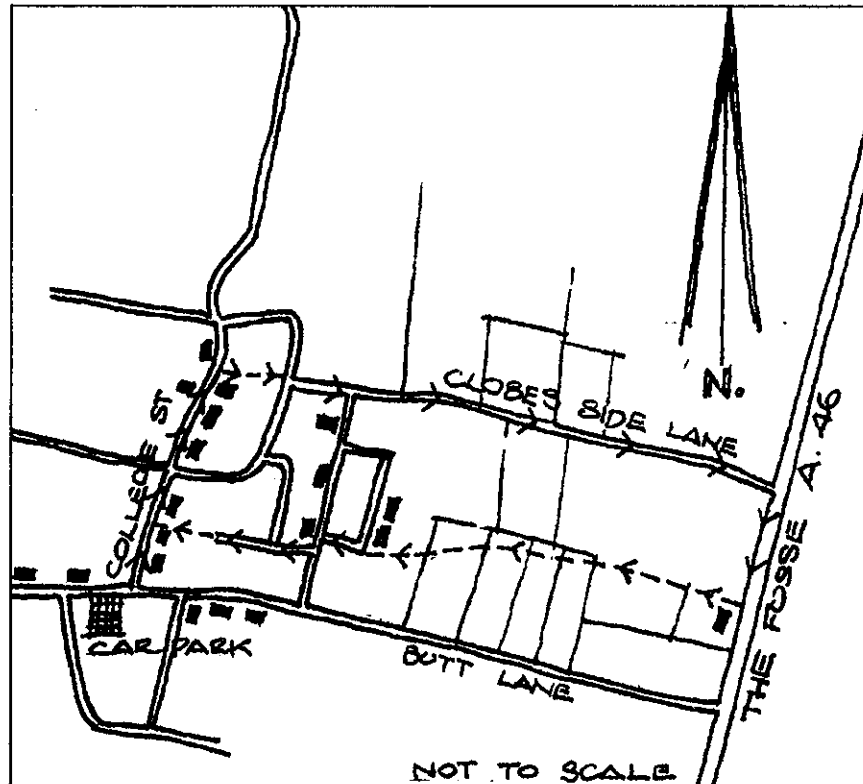
Walk No 7

Down a country lane
to the Fosse and
back over fields.

Village Walks

Right from Car Park, immediate left, College St. Over cross roads. After 200 yards and just past No 38A, right at green footpath finger. Straight on into Closes Side Lane and continue down to the Fosse (A46). Turn right, BEWARE OF TRAFFIC, and turn right at wooden finger post, just before farm buildings, 200 yards. Straight on, over a redundant footbridge and four stiles, heading towards flats. At flats follow path to left around side, through gate and right. Left and on joining Cross Lane turn left and then immediate right into Crossways Drive. Keep straight on to the end of the road and continue forward down path that brings you into College Street. Turn left to Main St and Car Park. Approximately 2¼ miles.

Accompany a footpath warden on this walk on Sunday, 14th May. Meet in car park on Main Street at 10.45am. For details ring 20676 or 20818



Annual Parish meeting

Tuesday 18th April

The new format for the meetings adopted by the Parish Council attracted over 55 residents to the WI Hut on Tuesday 18 April. Garth Powell, Chairman of the Parish Council summed up the issues and subsequent activities during the fourteen council meetings over the past year. Issues included, twenty-four planning applications, support for local organisations with donations, instigation of bulb planting, assessment of the Village Appraisal, as well as dealing with litter and traffic problems, and the proposed development plans from RBC.

Mr Powell was keen that residents should be aware that these meetings are open to all, and are normally held the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall Committee room at 7.30pm.

Molly Burnett spoke about the Parish Paths Partnership, which was founded by the Countryside commission in order to open up 16 miles of footpaths and bridleways in and around East Bridgford. Molly together with Hilary Linnington and Tony Ford have worked hard over the past years to re-establish local footpaths and make them safe for walkers.

PC Andy Jackson, the new Beat Manager for the village, reported that he was the first point of contact for the village. He praised the local Neighbourhood Watch saying that it was one of the best in the county, and mentioned that the street co-ordinators and the local businesses know his mobile telephone number so that they can report anything suspicious immediately.

He went on to say that the Police are constantly trying to improve their service.

One improvement is the introduction of a 'Surgery' held by PC Jackson. The first will be held in the Village Hall Committee Room on 27th May 11am – 3.00pm, when residents will be able to discuss any concerns they have about crime in the village.

PC Jackson was very aware of the traffic problems in the village, especially speeding, and he and other police will be setting up an operation over the next few months to help reduce this problem. They will concentrate on areas such as Kneeton Road and Main Street, and will not hesitate to prosecute anyone who is caught speeding.

The Gateway Scheme was outlined by David Meylan, who said that it was another important method of getting motorists to reduce their speed in the village. The Parish Council has allocated funds for this scheme, which hopefully will be given the go-ahead by the County Council in the not too distant future. One outcome, with any luck, will be a 20 mph speed restriction outside the school.

Towards the end of the meeting, there was a lively discussion about the proposed housing developments in the village. Some residents expressed concern that the true need for sheltered accommodation or housing for young people had not been properly assessed. Other people at the meeting were dismayed at the amount of litter left around the village, and hoped that Cllr Paul Bancroft, (20812) who is in charge of a litter picking scheme in the village will get full support, especially in areas around Kneeton Road, Main Street, College Street and Cross Lane including the footpaths that join them.

Floodlighting Diary

MAY

- 1 St. Philip and St. James - Apostles
- 2 St. George, Patron Saint of England
- 3 St. Mark, the Evangelist
- 8 VE Day. Memorial will be floodlit to honour those who gave their lives for our liberty
- 15 St Matthias - Apostle
- 17 In loving memory of Sgt. Pilot **R. E. NEWBATT**, 1940
- 19 In loving memory of **STEPHEN HOUSEGO**
- 26 In loving memory of **CLIFFORD DAVIS**
- 27 In loving memory of **LEN JOHNSON**
- 28 Rogation Sunday
- 30 In loving memory of **WILFRED METCALFE**

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in June's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or by phone (20528) before press closing - **NOON ON SATURDAY 12TH MAY**

Rushcliffe Conservative Association
VALE OF BELVOIR COFFEE CLUB

Special Coffee Morning

at the home of Mrs Mary Pratt, Manor Farm, Kirk Hill, East Bridgford

Wednesday, 7th June

10.30am to 12 noon

Coffee and biscuits £1
Cake and Produce Stall, Raffle

Tickets available from Mrs R Oglesby - EB20155



OUR VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 24th
June is the date for the Horticultural Society's Annual Show which has

been a village tradition for the past 136 years. As always we hope to have good weather and full participation from our residents.

By the end of May, a programme/schedule will be delivered to all homes in the village. If you haven't done so before, please consider entering exhibits in the Horticultural Homecraft or Children's sections.

The parade will leave the car park at 2pm and proceed to the show ground on the field behind the Reindeer Inn. This year we have again been successful in obtaining a ring item sponsored by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The committee needs additional help on the day, particularly to staff the gate and the sideshows. Please offer us a little of your time to assist in the organisation of our Village Show day.

Graham Lomax
(20553)
President/
Secretary



George received a parrot for his birthday. This parrot was fully grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that weren't expletives were, to say the least, rude.

George tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything that came to mind. Nothing worked. He yelled at the bird, the bird got worse. He shook the bird and the bird got madder and ruder.

Finally, in a moment of desperation, George put the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he heard the bird squawking, kicking and screaming and then, suddenly, all was quiet.

George was frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto George's extended arm and said: "I'm sorry that I offended you with my language and actions. I ask for your forgiveness. I will try to improve my behaviour..."

George was astounded at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what changed him when the parrot continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"



East Bridgford Drama Group

Presents

LIFE GOES ON

A comedy by
Adrian Hodges

Tuesday 16 May
to
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Tickets £4

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The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the June issue is noon on Saturday 12th May

CHUCKLES IN CHURCH

Genuine church announcement:

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.

EB Local History Group

A very successful coffee morning was held in the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 8th April. In addition to raising over £60 for our funds all who attended said how much they enjoyed seeing the displays of village photographs, artefacts and memorabilia.

Nigel Lawrence provided a stunning display of photographs from our ever-growing archive and his computer ran throughout the morning showing a fascinating series of pictures of our village over the past 100 years.

Our thanks are expressed to those who promised to provide even more photographs but help is still needed to fill some gaps – have you any photographs of College Street prior to 1980 or the Millennium Night celebrations in the village?

Our winter programme is taking shape and you might note in your diaries the first Tuesday each month (October – May) 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. At four meetings we will have an invited speaker and at the other four meetings, we will have a theme for discussion. The themes proposed are 'Sport in East Bridgford', 'The Village Architecture', 'The Men Remembered on the Village War Memorial' and 'Family Histories and Village Records'.

All are welcome to attend a meeting – you don't have to be a member, just interested in discovering and/or contributing to the story of our village.


Bill Whitaker (20982)

WI Report

At our April meeting Michael Cox gave a most interesting illustrated talk on Newark. After filling in the background history from earliest times and detailing the fluctuations of the town's fortunes over the centuries, he then concentrated on the years just before and after 1900. Using his collection of slides Mr Cox was able to show not only how much has changed since then, but also how fortunate we are to have so many of the fine buildings remaining.

The May meeting will bring the annual discussion of 'resolutions' to be debated at national level in June. This will be followed by demonstrations of flower arranging by three of our members.

Rachel Barclay

 *Born in Song*
7.30pm
Wednesday 17th May
in the Methodist Church

2000 Years of Church Music

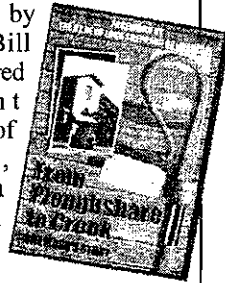
As its contribution to the Millennium Celebrations the Methodist Church is presenting an evening of music spanning two thousand years; led by David Atkins and the WI Choir, organist Cecily Atkins.

Audience participation is an essential part of the evening so come and take part in singing the hymns of faith that have nourished Christians through the centuries.

Enquiries: David Atkins 20390

From Ploughshare to Crook

An account by Bishop Bill Flagg, retired Assistant Bishop of Southwell, which begins with his early life in Somerset



as a farmer's son, and his strong desire to become a missionary overseas. His first posting was to Chile as a farm administrator, and later, following their marriage, Bill and Marj worked in Paraguay, Argentina and Peru before returning to England. Bill's energy, self-effacing manner, and dedication in spreading the words of Christianity are evident throughout.

The book describes some of the hazards of life in South America, and how Bill and Marj took this in their stride, despite having six children. Even their return to England brought new challenges, as Bishop Bill, as he is fondly known, went to work in Liverpool with David Sheppard, as an Assistant Bishop. It is an interesting book about an unusual man who made things happen.

"From Ploughshare to Crook", Bill Flagg's story, is published by Triangle - £6.99
ISBN 0-281-05213-1
or from Canon Alan Haydock

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Peter Golightly, Tel: 20528 Dr.Hilary Geisow, Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist - 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev. John Hudson, Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road, Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper, Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

We've got them at last - and they are working! What have we got? The traffic lights, of course. No more long queues of vehicles in Kirk Hill of a morning, pushing out noxious fumes in all directions. It's a wonder that drivers never thought to switch off their engines - goodness knows, there was usually enough time to ponder life, the Universe and everything, before you crawled the next few yards up the road. And was there a whisper that Trent Lane might be changed to one-way operation (presumably from the bridge to the village)? That would only leave the A46/Butt Lane junction to deal with. Another set of traffic lights when you're ready, RBC!

VILLAGE DIARY June

- 3 EB Care Group, Afternoon Tea, Manor House, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 7 Vale of Belvoir Coffee Morning, 10 Kirk Hill, 10.30am - 12pm
- 10 Millennium Pageant, Manor Farm
- 10 Village Night 2000, Village Hall, 7.00pm - Midnight
- 10 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to 12.00pm
- 14 Village Walk No 8, Car Park, 10.45am
- 17 Garden Club, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Village Hall, 9.00am
- 20 Men's Society, Boughton Pumping Station, Car Park, 6.30pm
- 21 Mothers' Union, WI Hut, 2.00pm
- 24 EB Flower Show, Reindeer Field
- 25 Rector's Parish Lunch, WI Hut
- 28 Garden Club, Scarrington garden, Car Park, 6.45pm
- 30 Sporting Challenge, 6.30pm, Butts Field

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SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

- Thursday 1 June: Ascension Day**
7.30pm Confirmation Service: The Rt. Revd. Roy Williamson
- Sunday 4 June**
9.00am First Communion of the Newly Confirmed
10.30pm Mother's Union Evensong: Preacher: The Revd. John Banks
- Sunday 11 June: Whit Sunday**
1.00pm United Service in the Grounds of St Peter's School with The William Booth Salvation Army Memorial Halls Band (6.00pm - Evensong at St Helen's. No Evensong at St Peter's)
- Sunday 18 June: Trinity Sunday**
9.00am Thanksgiving for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination
- Sunday 25 June: Feast Sunday**
9.00am Sung Eucharist
10.30pm Feast Sunday Evensong: Preacher: The Rt. Revd. Bill Flagg (No Evening Service at St Helen's)

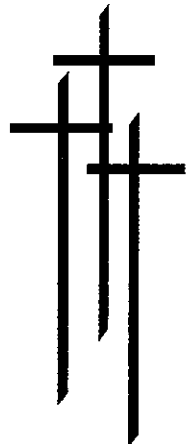
Other services are at their customary times

In the twenty years I have been Rector, I have assisted in the preparation of nearly 150 candidates for confirmation. I very much hope that as many as possible will join us at the Sung Eucharist, 9.00am Sunday 18th June. My original intention was to send personal invitations, but I quickly discovered that a significant number have moved from the village for whom I do not possess an address.

Trinity Sunday used to be the traditional day in the Church's calendar for ordination to the Sacred Ministry. We shall also be praying for those who are in training and preparing for ordination. I myself was ordained in Southwell Minster thirty-five years ago.

I do hope as many as are able will want to join us at this special service

All



A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

*The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday.
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.*

*The foolish fears of what might pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover scented grass
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die
and good are born -
Out in the fields with God.*

Louise Imogen Guiney
(1861—1920)

OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

For a donation
in memory of
Barbara Rockley

The Rector's Pages

A Message for Whit Sunday

More has been heard about the Holy Spirit in the last forty years than for a long time before. We have been made aware of the "Charismatic Movement", which places great emphasis on what might be called the "extraordinary" work of the Holy Spirit: Speaking in tongues, healings and prophecies. Against this background, it is easy to forget the more "ordinary" work of the spirit.

The 8th Chapter of St Paul's Epistle to the Romans gives us a clue to what these are:

1. Verse 16 says "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God." This means that we know we are Christian, not because of anything we have done, but because we are aware of God deep within our heart. John Wesley preached about it and his brother, Charles wrote hymns about it: "My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear. He calls me for his child, I shall no longer fear." The spirit of the Living God fills us with thankfulness and humility.
2. Verse 26 says, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered." Sometimes we experience feelings, which are "too deep for words". Sometimes we can only sit quietly in the presence of God, because we cannot express in words what we feel inside us. It is at such times that the Holy Spirit lifts them to God in a way we could never do. In addition, He helps us as we try to develop our prayer life. If you like He "Primes the pump."

3. Verse 12 says, "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwells in you." The Spirit who lives in us and tells us we belong to Christ, the Spirit who helps us to pray is a foretaste of the glory divine, and will raise us from the dead.

Precisely the same power that did it for Jesus will do it for us. The one thing certain in our future is death. Delay it as we may, ignore it as we try, it will come to us. But it is not the end. We can look forward to the time, when that most precious part of our life, the Spirit of Jesus, who means so much to us now, will mean everything, when he lifts us at the last to the Father.

"Ordinary Gifts?" No. "Extraordinary indeed."

Alan Haydock

Easter Vestry Meeting

At the Easter Vestry meeting on Sunday 7th May, Michael Clarke and Dr Hilary Geisow were elected as Church Wardens and Beryl Cottrill as Deputy Warden. Peter Salter joined the Parochial Church Council and Peter Colightly succeeds Steve Cumberland as Secretary. Steve has fulfilled this post for the past seven years and has served on the Council for seventeen years. We are grateful for his long and faithful commitment, which has included four years as Churchwarden.

AH

Churchyard Working Party

A working party
will be held on
Saturday 10 June
8.30—12 noon.
Please give an hour
to prepare the
Churchyard for
our Feast Weekend.

AH

June and David Peto

We would like to send our very best wishes to June and David Peto, especially to David, trusting that he makes a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

For some years now both David and June have undertaken the task of proof reading this magazine before it goes to print. This is no mean task, as they need to be able to spot any typographical, factual or other errors, while we try to make sure there aren't any!

Their contribution to the production of the magazine is sorely missed, but we hope that David will be on the road to recovery very soon.

The Editors

Horticultural Society

Annual Flower Show 24 June 2000

By the time you read this you should have received your copy of this year's show programme/schedule, which is being delivered to every household in the village.

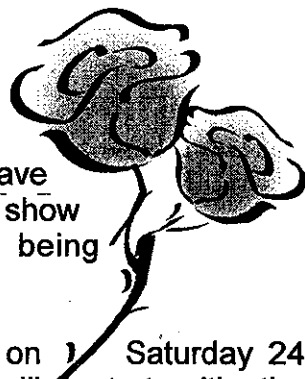
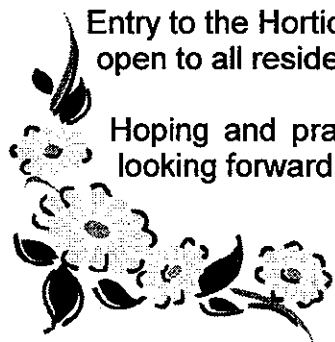
This year's show will be taking place on Saturday 24 June on the Reindeer Inn Field. The show will start with the Fancy Dress Parade, which will leave the car park, Main Street at 2pm. The theme for this year's Fancy Dress will be a film or cartoon character. A popular item re-introduced is the Resident's Pet Dog Parade – all shapes, sizes, ages and breeds will qualify and everyone will be a winner. You will be able to see from the schedule/programme that an interesting range of entertainments is planned for your afternoon's enjoyment.

The show committee urgently need additional help on show day to assist with the manning of sideshows and helping on the gate. This will only take a little of your time on the day and will greatly assist with the smooth running of the show. If you do have some time to spare, please let Graham Lomax know on 20553.

Entry to the Horticultural, Homecraft and Children's Classes is open to all residents of the village – so why not have a go!

Hoping and praying for good weather again this year and looking forward to seeing you all at the show.

Mike Handy
Chairman



Feast Week - 100 years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The 37th annual show under the auspices of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society was held on **Feast Tuesday**, June 26th, under a large marquee in a field kindly lent by Mr Jos Turner. Taking into consideration the early date of the show, and the backward season, the exhibits were exceptionally good. The number of competitors was quite up to the average, and the attendance was in excess of last year, despite the unsettled state of the weather. The committee had engaged the South Notts. Temperance Silver Band, which under the conductorship of Mr G Hames, gave an open-air concert in the afternoon, and played for dancing in the evening. In class A, open to gentlemen, professional gardeners and farmers, Mr W F Fox (gardener G Cower) obtained the first prize for roses, first for a very fine fuchsia, first for bouquet, first and second for white currants, and first and second for fine dishes of strawberries. He was also awarded first prize for peaches. The Rector, the Rev A D Hill (J Mussell), was a very successful exhibitor, taking both prizes for carrots, cucumbers, cauliflowers, peas, first for kidney potatoes, lettuces, broad beans, and tray of vegetables, first for red currants and raspberries, first for

pelargonium and second for petunia and fuchsia. On Wednesday 27th June, the children of the National School, numbering 153, were entertained at tea in the Rectory garden, marching from the school behind the Bingham Brass Band. Later in the afternoon, at the invitation of the Rector and Mrs Hill, a large number of older inhabitants of East Bridgford and their neighbours gathered in the garden, who, though they had left school, were able to enjoy dancing in the orchard to the music of the band conducted by Mr Taylor. A stall for refreshments with tea tables on the lawn was prettily arranged, and under a tree a stall was placed for the sale of work etc., the proceeds of which amounting to £5 6s 8d, go to the Church Restoration Fund. The Church bells rang during the evening, and at eight o'clock the school children and the company joined in an "East Bridgford Home Song," to the old tune of the Winchester College song Dulce Domum. The Rector and Mrs Hill desire to thank heartily those who so kindly assisted in many ways, and who sent contributions to the refreshment stall, of which the proceeds, £2 10s, helped to defray the cost of the band.

RNLI Sponsored Walk, Sunday 30th April

With a week to go, everything was well in hand for the 15th biennial RNLI sponsored walk: minor variations had been made to the route to avoid a row of beehives and a field of cows. The usual teams for refreshments and administration were standing by to swing into action, local businesses and individuals had very generously promised items for sandwiches and drinks, the official paperwork had arrived from Harrogate. Russell Hunt and the sea cadets were again willing to ferry the walkers across the Trent The Trent, which was by this time swollen with the waters pouring down from Derbyshire and becoming dangerously high!

Even before the decision was made to abandon the river crossing, Rita and Bill Case were out every evening in the pouring rain, trudging through fields and over stiles to see what options were available: the route they finally worked out was nothing short of a triumph and by Saturday evening they had new notices and instruction in place to get the walkers round in a loop from the Boot and Shoe to arrive at Kneeton where George Neale had kindly offered his farmyard as the second refreshment stop. Many people

have said that they actually preferred the different walk since it avoided the long haul from Hazelford Ferry back to the Village Hall, although the point was made that being transported across the river acts as a reminder of the cause we are all supporting – clearly, there are various factors to be considered before 2002.

We had an excellent day and were very pleased to have had just over £6,000. pledged in sponsorship by 178 walkers, with donations before and since bringing the projected total to around £6,300. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the event – those who gave, those who helped, and of course those who walked. So many people supported us in so many ways, old hands and first timers, locals and those who travelled considerable distances to join us. Children in pushchairs, teenagers, grandparents, runners and rambles, each one with the same willingness of spirit that has taken 'the walk' across near 30 years and into the 21st century. Felicity Jay, Rita Case and Rachel Barclay would like to thank them all for their heart-warming support.

Rachel Barclay

WI Report

The 'resolutions' under discussion this year were, as ever, thought provoking and relevant to our everyday lives. The matters chosen to be brought to the attention of HM's Government included treatment and therapy for stroke victims, the funding of children's hospices and the importance of benefits and pensions being paid out at local post offices rather than paid direct into bank accounts: this last being a crucial factor in maintaining the important national network of small post offices such as our own in East Bridgford.

The 'light relief' that followed was provided by demonstrations of flower arranging by Ivy Suggit and Jean Hunt – Pat Pring was unable to be there in person but had prepared an arrangement earlier, complete with explanatory notes. The theme was an arrangement in an unusual container and the ladies had certainly risen to the challenge, producing artistic and appropriate arrangements in a golden dancing shoe, a milk bottle carrier and a French bread basket.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings – look out for details on the WI notice board in Main Street.

Reported by Rachel Barclay

The Village Hall Position of Lettings Secretary

The above voluntary position will soon become vacant and we are requiring someone with an interest in village activities to join our management team.

This can be an interesting occupation, not too demanding, and giving satisfaction in helping to keep our lovely hall well used and in good condition.

Apply to Peter Ward
EB 20487

"SPORTING CHALLENGE"

A Family Fun Evening

BBQ and licensed
bar available

Friday 30th June

Butts Field

£1 per
person

Starting at 6.30pm prompt

*All sorts of games and fun for all members of the family
with presentation of trophies for each event and overall winning team*

QUOTATIONS

He fell in love with himself at first sight and it is a passion to which he has always remained faithful.

Dinner at the Huntercoombes' possessed only two dramatic features - 'the wine was a farce and the food a tragedy'.

Growing old is like being penalised for a crime you haven't committed.

Anthony Powell
English Novelist

Garden Club

Please note there has been a change to the date of the July summer evening outing, from Tuesday 18th July to Tuesday 25th July as described below:

Saturday 17th June

Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens - £12.50 or £10 (concessions) - Leaving village hall at 9.00am. *Please contact Ivy Suggitt on EB 20201.*

Wednesday 28th June

A visit to Margaret Davies' two-acre garden in Scarrington. A £2.50 admission charge. *Please assemble in the village car park at 6.45pm.*

Tuesday 25th July

Granby Gardens and Nursery in Bingham. A £2.00 charge covering refreshments and a donation to the NSPCC. *Please meet in the village car park at 6.45pm.*

Mens' Society

All hail; on Tuesday 20th June, we have an unusual visit to Boughton Pumping Station.

This substantial 100-year-old Grade II building is near Ollerton. Although the engines and boilers are removed, this is an impressive example of how a redundant industrial building can be saved by an imaginative regeneration project converting it to a conference centre with associated function rooms, etc. Also included in the visit is an innovative 40ft high water feature, 120ft deep well and exhibitions on Energetica (the future of power) and a heritage display on the history of the pumping station illustrated by models and diagrams.

Also of particular interest is its biomass energy supply. The tour of the station will take about ¾ hour, which will be followed by coffee. There will then be an opportunity to walk in the adjoining Boughton Brake for those who wish to do so.

All males are eligible and all ladies are cordially invited to join us. The cost will be £3 including coffee. Will those wishing to come, meet at our Car Park on Main Street to leave at 6.30pm. We travel in cars and have always found room for those without transport. It is important for those intending to come, to add their names to the list in St Peter's Church or notify me.

An Interesting Opportunity - As yet I have not found a successor to look after the Men's Society, I am suggesting splitting the job, and I will keep the summer programme. So I am looking for someone to deal with the winter programme only. Will anyone who is interested please contact me, as I have a speakers' book, etc.

Tony Ford - 20932

Floodlighting Diary

JUNE

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| 1 | Ascension Day - Confirmation Service |
| 1 | In loving memory of PETER CLEAVER
<i>Floodlights will be additionally lit on 2nd June</i> |
| 6 | In loving memory of MARJORIE BEVES |
| 11 | Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday |
| 12 | Barnabas the Apostle |
| 18 | Trinity Sunday |
| 22 | Day of thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) |
| 24 | Birth of John the Baptist |
| 24 - 25 | Feast Weekend |
| 26 - 1 July | Feast Week |
| 29 | Peter and Paul, Apostles |

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration.

These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in July's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Goightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before press closing ~ **noon, Wednesday 14th June**

Parish Council News

The results from the April spring clean around the village have been very encouraging. The council would like to thank all those who have taken part and made the effort such a success. It would be nice to think that we can now keep the surrounds/paths in the village to the high standard already achieved, especially in preparation for the 'Best Kept Village' competition, which will be judged in the early summer.

We would also like to remind everyone about the 'Hanging Basket' competition and hope as many people as possible will enter, thus providing an additional splash of colour around the village and also a bonus for the prize winners. Awardment holders - please remember your competition. Good luck to you all.

Alan Turner

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT!

Brussels Directive No.1999/6789

Extract:



"Having chosen English as the preferred language of the EEC, the European Parliament have decided that English spelling is unnecessarily difficult (for example, cough, plough, dough, rough, through and thorough). A committee was therefore set up, staffed at top level by representatives from all the EEC countries, and after due deliberation they deliberated that the best solution is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. These changes have been accepted.

"Beginning on 1/4/2000, the letter S will be used instead of the soft C. Certainly Sivil Servants will reseive this news with joy.

"By April 2001, the hard C will be replaced by K sinse they both sound the same. Not only will his klear up konfusion, in the minds of klerikal workers, keyboards and typewriters can be made with one key less.

"The following year, the troublesome PH will be written as F, thus kreating a greater efficiensy as words like fotograf will be 20% shorter to print.

"Publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reash the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible and by 2003, it is proposed that double letters, which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling, are removed. Also the horrible mes of silent E's in the language is disgrasful and thes will be dropped at th sam tim.

"By 2004, it wil be four years sins the skem began and peopel wil be reseptive to further steps sutch as replasing TH with Z. Perhaps zen ze function of W kould be takn on by V, vitch is, after al, half a W.

"Shortly after zis, ze unesesary O kould be dropped from verds kontaining OU. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of letters.

"Kontinuing zis proses yer after yer, ve vud eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After 20 yers zer vud be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vud find it ezi to understand ech ozer. Ze drem of ze EEC vud finali hav kum tru."

We lifted this from a page torn from a Nottingham parish magazine - we don't know which parish so we could not ask for permission to reproduce it. We hope the publishers won't mind seeing it here. Ed.

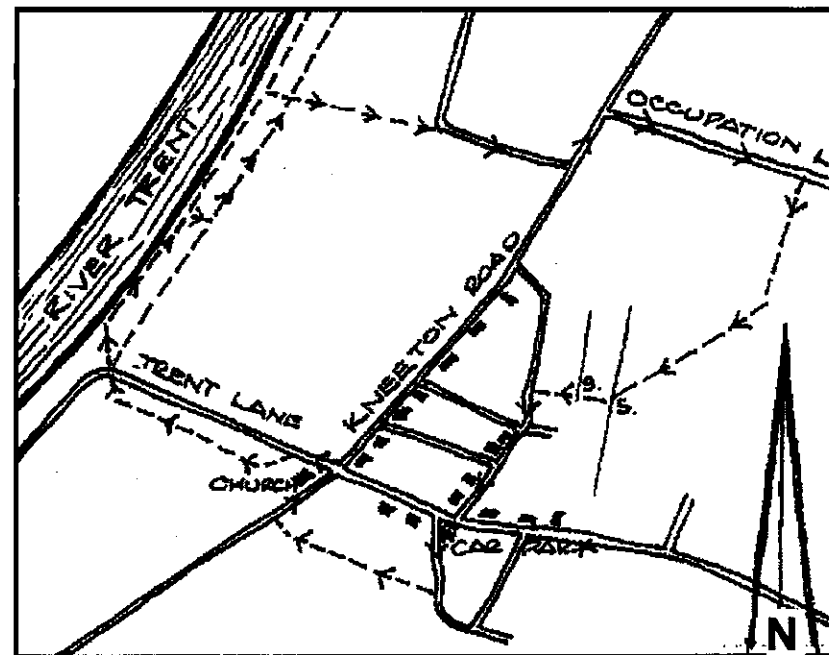
Walk No 8

To the Weir and
back with views
of Belvoir Castle

Village Walks

Left from Car Park. First left down Walnut Tree Lane. Look for a Footpath Finger on the right, about 20 yards before the lane bends left. Follow this path until it reaches the road (ignore an unmade road to your right). Turn right. At crossroads, turn left down Trent Lane. After 50 yards, up steps on left and follow path to steps down to Trent Lane. Cross over the lane and take the track straight ahead-not up the slope. Carry straight on for about 450 yards, passing weir. Look for a path up a gully on the right. At top of gully turn left and follow path round. Down steps to track, turn right. Straight on to Kneeton Road, turn left. After 250 yards, turn right down unmade road (Occupation Lane). About 150 yards after farm, right. Follow this path, along the hedge, to bridge. Turn quarter right, cross this field to yellow post by stile in far hedge. Through paddock to stile. Straight on over field. Take path through hedge, straight on with hedge on left. When this path reaches a lane, turn left. At X-roads straight on down College Street to Main Street & car park. Approx 4 1/4 miles.

Accompany a footpath warden on this walk on Sunday, 11th June. Meet in car park on Main Street at 10.45am. For details ring 20676 or 20818



The Church Commissioners

1999 Results

We are pleased to be able to report a year of very good investment returns in 1999. With assets achieving a 22.7% total return, we outperformed our benchmark by 1.5%. The market value of our assets stood at £4,400m total and in 1999 we contributed £156.1m towards our support for the Church's ministry.

Financial Context

But it is important to remember that our income does not and never could meet more than a relatively small share of the Church's overall running costs. In 1999 these were in the order of £760 million and the £156.1 million we provided represents little more than 20% of that total. To spend more would be to fund today's Church as the expense of tomorrow's.

The lion's share of the Church's running costs is provided by the parishioners. This includes the major new commitment taken on by parishes in the shape of funding clergy pensions earned after 1998.

"Closing the Gap"

Close followers of our fortunes will know that last year, despite good investment performance, our spending commitments slightly outstripped our assets. This is still broadly the case, the gap arising from the Government's withdrawal of tax credits on dividends. Until we have closed that final gap we cannot, in all prudence, increase our present overall financial support in real terms. This makes it all the more important that we try to get the best possible value out of the money we can spend.

What Does Our Support for the Church Mean to You?

We target the greater part of the funds we provide for parish ministry towards those dioceses where financial need is greatest. And our payments towards the pensions of retired clergy – who often continue to minister in parishes – and towards the costs of bishops and cathedral staff, benefit parishes in all dioceses.

In 1999 we provided:

£20.6m parish ministry support, of which £15.1m was targeted to support parish ministry in areas of greatest need.

£3.5m for bishops' stipends.

£5.7m for cathedral clergy stipends and grants towards staff salaries.

£86.9m towards existing clergy pension liabilities (i.e. the bulk of this cost)

£17.3m to ease the impact of the new (parish/diocesan) pensions contributions scheme.

£11.8m for bishops' stipends, housing, staff and other working costs.

£10.3m towards other costs including church buildings, other church bodies and administration – the last down 30% in the last decade.

Forward Look

We nonetheless aim to look for ways of increasing our support for ministry in areas of need and opportunity in the years ahead. Such support has always been a vital part of our mission to serve the Church and in 1999 we re-affirmed our key objective as:

To increase the sustainable amount of our support for parish ministry in areas

of need and opportunity, subject to the constraints upon us.

During the coming year we will work with the Archbishop's Council to explore the options that, with the wider Church's assent, might be available to us. Our hope is that this work will help us ensure that our future financial support is targeted as effectively as possible towards those parts of the Church where it is most needed.

Copies of full report and summary are available from: The Corporate Affairs Office, Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ.

Telephone:
020 7898 1135/1619/1623

Millennium Pageant at Manor Farm, East Bridgford

Saturday 10 June 2000

Steam engines, tractors, any old bangers, carts etc.

Join in the procession led by

The Derbyshire Serenader's Show Band.

A millennium celebration of 'Farming Through the Ages'. The fancy dress parade can include anything to do with farming.

Ladies' farming bonnets may be purchased for £5 each from Mr Cecil Widdison - 01949 20626.

(The judges have a vast knowledge of past and present farming fashions. Their decision is final.)

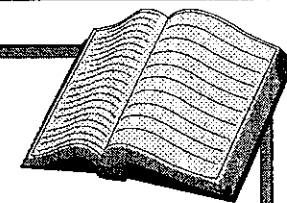
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places - £30, £20 and £10 respectively.

The evening entertainment is a village dance featuring 'Left Hand Thread' at the Village Hall. Licensed Bar.

Tickets £5 from Kate Thornton 01949 20590.
All proceeds to the Care Group.

12 noon Manor Farm gates open
1.00pm Parade assembles at Brickyard Lane
1.20pm Parade departs
1.40pm Parade arrives at Manor Farm
2.00pm Judging fancy dress and bonnets
7.00pm Dance in Village Hall

From the Registers



Holy Matrimony

6 May Brenton WARD and Haley Louise KIRKHAM at St Helen's

Funerals

26 April	Winifred CURTIS	92 years
4 May	Aubrey MARTIN	88 years

Bill Widdison - 90 years young

On Wednesday June 7th, Bill Widdison will reach the grand age of ninety, making him the oldest man living in East Bridgford. Bill has spent all his life in the village except for his time in the army during the Second World War. Bill comes from a family who are proud to say that Widdisons have lived in the village for hundreds of years.

Bill was called up to the Leicester's in 1940 and transferred to the King's Royal Rifles in 1941. Later he joined the Black Watch and after spending some time in Scotland, he was posted abroad and soon found himself in the north african desert to complete further training. After pulling a hamstring Bill was transferred to Egypt and he spent the rest of the war there until he was de-mobbed. In April 1942, he married Nina Christine Ellis, and after the war they lived in Providence Terrace for many years. Prior to the outbreak of war Bill had been employed in farming, but in 1945 he was able to secure a position at RAF Newton looking after the boilers until retirement in 1975.

However, Bill has taken an active role in village life throughout the years. He and his late wife were caretakers of the village hall for 35 years. Bill says: "When I was caretaker, the pubs closed at 10 o'clock, and there were one or two heavy boozers in the village. If there was a dance on and they had a bar, they would go in, and when I went to lock up at one or two o'clock, they were fast asleep. They'd been to the bar to get a skinful and it was a job to shift them - I had to physically lift them out!" Bill also recalls a certain Albert Newcombe who used to hold

regular dancing classes in the hall - waltzes, foxtrots and Latin American - at 'Bert's Hop'.

Regular distributors of the village magazine for many years, Bill thinks he and his wife clocked up over a hundred years between them. As Bill has lived in Holloway Close for over 45 years, he knows that he started his



Private William Widdison,
King's Royal Rifles, 1941

delivery round soon after moving in and only gave up recently, so he must have completed around 40 years. His wife covered the Cross Lane area, delivering magazines, starting from when she was teenager, and continued for seventy years, until she

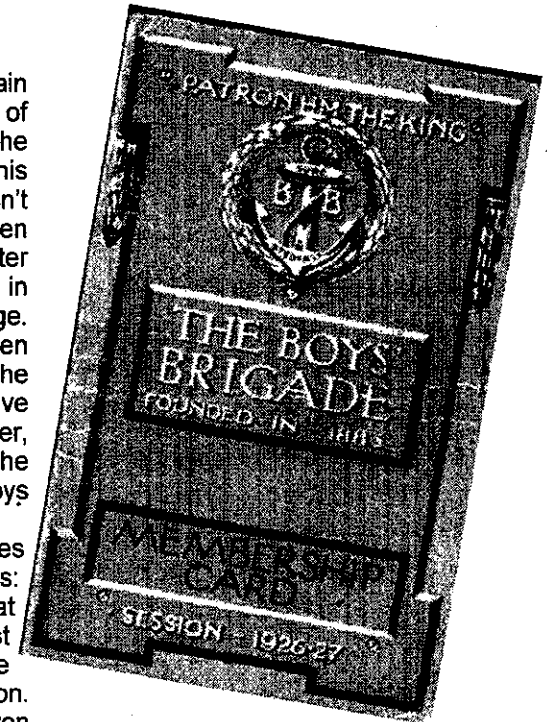
died two years ago.

Sport has been one of Bill's main passions in life, and from the age of sixteen he has been a member of the cricket club, playing right up into his seventies, when he felt he wasn't really fit to continue to play. A keen footballer in his early years, he later became better known for his skills in playing bowls, dominoes and cribbage. This interest in sport may have been encouraged by his membership of the Boy's Brigade from the age of twelve to eighteen years, where Ted Buller, who organised the group just after the first World War, encouraged the boys to keep fit.

Bill has won many cups and trophies over the years, but as he recalls: "There's one championship that sticks out in my mind - East Bridgford Bowls Club 1990, Hillgrove Double Shield winner - W Widdison. This was one championship I won when my partner's name wasn't on it, and it was a big disappointment because her name wasn't on the trophy with mine. Her name was on her own trophy - Heather Thomas, Walnut Tree Lane."

Although this trophy sticks out in Bill's memory, many villagers may recollect 1983, when Bill won the singles, doubles and trebles bowls championships for East Bridgford. He has also won numerous cups for dominoes, winning the 1987-1988 Bingham District cup partnered with L. Johnson when they were in competition with 200 other players.

Bill's long life is probably due to his energy and interest in so many areas. He has a very busy social life, with the friendship club, luncheon club and he still plays indoor bowls throughout the winter - regretting that he has had to give up crown green bowls. He also



has lifelong membership of the King Edward's Club and has been a member of the Royal British Legion since 1946.

Although Bill is a little ambivalent about his 90th birthday celebrations, his daughter Janet is helping him plan a birthday party during June, when his friends and relatives will gather together to wish him well. Bill has one daughter, three grandchildren, five great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter, and the party will be an ideal time to bring all the family together to celebrate.

Surrounded by his many cups, trophies and memories of years gone by, his daughter Janet says: "He has so many cups - so if anyone asks me what he wants for his birthday, I just say he doesn't want anything that needs dusting!"

Sue Laver

Soups and Starters

A tasty starter ideal for the coming summer months as it is served cold. Rita Case has proved us with this recipe, and as Rita is always busy, this recipe can be made in the minimum of time.

Triple Fish Mousse

6oz smoked fillet of trout – skimmed
6oz smoked salmon
6oz smoked fillet mackerel – skimmed
6oz unsalted butter –melted
4 tablespoons of whipping cream
3 tablespoons of lemon juice
White pepper
Cayenne pepper
(1½ lb loaf tin – oiled and lined at the base)

Method

- Flake the trout and blend in the processor with 2oz of melted butter, one tablespoon of cream and one tablespoon of lemon juice and white pepper to taste until smooth.
- Spread on bottom of loaf tin.
- Blend the salmon with 2oz of melted butter, 3 tablespoons of cream, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and white and cayenne pepper to taste.
- Spread a layer of salmon mix on top of the trout.
- Blend the mackerel with the remaining 2oz of melted butter, lemon juice and pepper to taste.
- Spread on top of the salmon. Cover well and refrigerate before serving.

NB – This dish freezes well.

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

CHUCKLES IN CHURCH

Genuine church announcement:

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

WE ARE SURVIVORS

(For those born before 1940)

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, Frisbees and the Pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens; before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes.... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before househusbands, computer dating, dual careers and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with cousins, and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us 'time-sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant

nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker to the bus depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoke was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a grandmother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today - BUT by the grace of God – we have survived.

ALLELUIA!

Rushcliffe Conservative Association
VALE OF BELVOIR COFFEE CLUB

Special Coffee Morning

at the home of Mrs Mary Pratt, Manor Farm, Kirk Hill, East Bridgford

Wednesday, 7th June 10.30am to 12 noon

Coffee and biscuits £1. Cake and Produce Stall, Raffle

Tickets available from Mrs R Oglesby - EB20155

Loose Ends

Daily Diet Doldrums

I had a minor triumph the other day; I bought a pair of trousers a size smaller than I usually do. The assistant assured me that Marks & Spencer's have not increased their sizes – but I'm not so sure, because the scales are still screaming out to me that I should lose a few more pounds.

The trouble with a lifetime of watching what you eat is that you can never give up, or if you do relax – well, you know what happens, the pounds start creeping on again. I also know that cutting back drastically on food doesn't work, because all you do is slow the metabolism down and feel dreadful in the process – so all you have to do is to improve your food intake and exercise as much as is sensible to keep the old metabolism functioning at a reasonable rate.

My metabolism has long since slowed to that of a snail's pace, or so I think anyway, especially as I can spend weeks being really strict and losing absolutely no weight at all. Occasionally perseverance pays off, and a few pounds grudgingly drop off. But I'd be hard pressed to tell you the best diet to follow – I have tried everything. You name it, I've done it – the Cambridge diet, the Hay Diet, the Californian diet, low fat, high fibre, high protein, high carbohydrate, starvation. I think the only one I haven't tried is the egg diet – but that just seemed too binding.

The latest approach is to submit myself to a very strenuous weekly

aerobics class, where I do my best to keep up with the bouncing young twenty somethings around me. To actually finish this class is an achievement, although I emerge looking as if I have just overstayed my allotted time in the sauna and am rendered somewhat speechless for a little while afterwards. This is my current way of trying to speed up my metabolism while eating normally.

Will power is the only necessary requisite for a diet, so they tell us, but they don't tell you just how this will power can be eroded. Meals out are a real treat unless you're on a diet and despite the descriptions on the menu for the 'healthy choice', it is very hard to resist some of the more calorie laden items, such as the homemade bread rolls and accompanying butter, the deep fried camembert for starters, something 'en croute' for the main course, and what about a pudding – what the hell, we've blown the diet – let's plump for chocolate roulade with lashings of cream.

Another way to explode your diet, even before you have begun is to stay with an extremely hospitable relative, who is concerned about your well-being. You will have no control over the meals. Breakfast might then be the full English fry up with toast and marmalade; lunch will be some sort of protein with chips, and the evening meal the same again only perhaps accompanied with a huge jam roly poly, custard and later milky cocoa before bed. Your host(ess) will be

most offended if you don't eat up, and probably thinks you are too thin anyway.

There are so many ways to break a diet, boredom with maintaining it being perhaps the greatest. It's so much easier to get a take-away, or quickly put a cheese sandwich together than seek out special foods in the supermarket with the resulting special cooking preparations, but I must continue to try. It is an everlasting battle, and me with a diminishing will to fight. But I console myself, every now and then, when I read in the newspaper that little treats are good for you, lift the spirits and make life worth living, and I am eternally grateful to Marks and Spencer's for making their trouser sizes larger and not owning up to it.

Sue Laver

East Bridgford Care

Group

are hosting

Afternoon Tea

at the Manor Nursing Home
(by kind permission of the Matron)

Saturday June 3rd
2.30pm – 4.30pm

cakes, bedding plants,
tombola,
children's lucky dip

Everyone Welcome

Planning Applications and Decisions

- 00/00427/FUL Mrs J Spendlow, 42 College Street. Conservatory. Council did not object.
- 00/00405/FUL D Harrison, Appletree Cottage, Springdale Lane. Conservatory extension. Council did not object.
- 00/00451/FUL Mr J Bloor, 36 Cross Lane. Three dormer windows. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

- 00/00191/COU Amathus Estates, re: 87 Main Street. Change of use to offices. Grant permission.
- 00/00193/TPO P Bottomley, re: land between 14 Mill Heyes and 38 College Street. Fell four trees. Refuse consent.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am. Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
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St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

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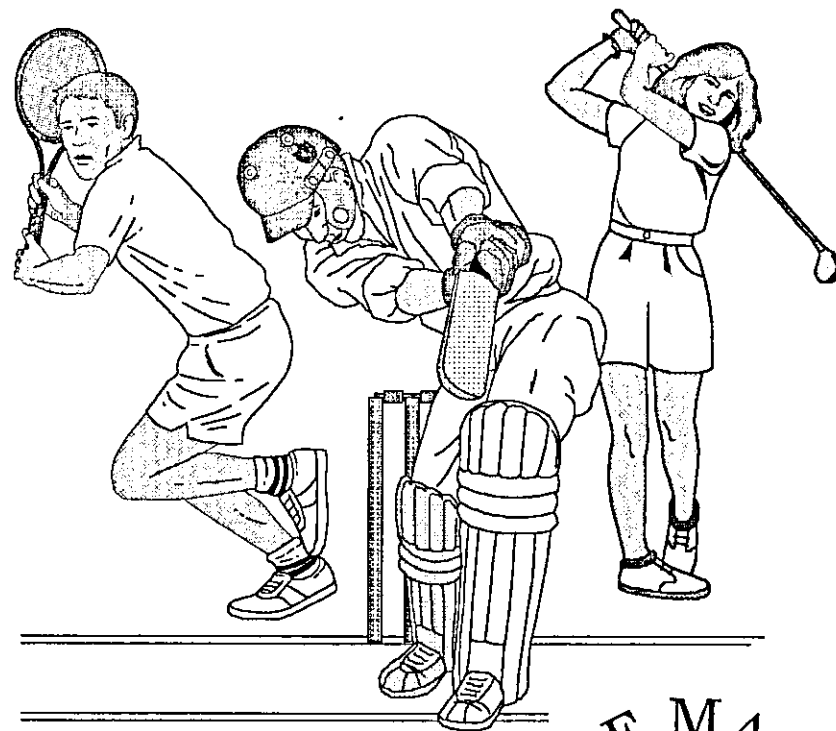
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6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

Many residents will have heard or read that the present Officers of the Horticultural Society and most of the Committee members will resign at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Show, 136 years old this year, is one of the oldest surviving Flower Shows in the country. This is crunch time. The Committee, who have worked so hard to make the Show a success over the years, now feel - rightly - that the time has come for new blood and new ideas to be injected into this important annual event, to ensure that it does not just wither away. Several people have already offered to help, but many more are needed. The September AGM will be the opportunity for residents to decide whether the Show dies or lives on in a new, rejuvenated form.

VILLAGE DIARY JULY

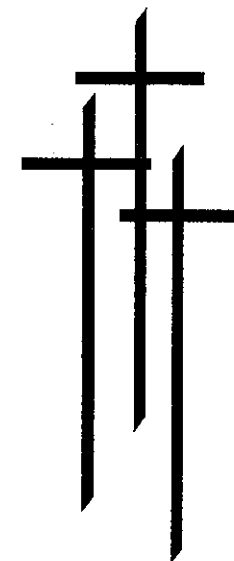
- 9 Village Walk No 9, Car Park, 10.45am.
- 11 WI Meeting, 42 Kneeton Rd, weather permitting.
- 15 RBL Womens' Section Coffee Morning, 18 Browns Lane, 10am - 12pm
- 16 EB Guides Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2pm.
- 18 Mens' Society, Belvoir Castle visit, leave Car Park at 6.25pm.
- 19 MU Garden Meeting.
- 20 History Group Meeting, Methodist Chapel 7.30pm.
- 22 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to 12 noon.
- 25 Garden Club Evening Outing to Granby Gardens Nursery, leave Car Park at 6.45pm.
- 28 History Society Heritage Hunt, Car Park, 7pm

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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Sunday	2 July
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at Shelford
	No evening service at St Peter's
Wednesday	5 July
11.30am	Holy Communion at the Manor House
Sunday	9 July
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
3.00pm	School Leavers' Service at St Peter's
6.00pm	Evensong at St Helen's
Wednesday	12 July
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	16 July
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am	Family Service at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wednesday	19 July
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	23 July
11.00am	No Service at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's - Revd Alfred Graham
11.00pm	Evensong at St Helen's - Michael Clarke
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's - Rosemary Hutchby
Wednesday	26 July
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	30 July
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
11.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
11.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's



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St Peter's Bellringers



A quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung before the Ascension Day confirmation service on 1st June. It was also rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr Bill Widdison and the 21st birthday of Erica Allen. Our congratulations to Erica on ringing her first quarter peal.

Ringers:

Valerie Allen – treble
Ann More – 2
Valerie Robertson – 3
Elizabeth Harrison – 4
Clive Allen (C) – 5
Erica Allen - Tenor

DONATION

The proceeds of the collection received at the Open Air United Service on Whit Sunday, 11th June amounted to £216 and has been donated to the work of the SALVATION ARMY

AH

The Rector's Pages

Speaking the Truth in Love

ON THE RECENT MOTHERS' UNION visit to Lambeth Palace, I couldn't help recalling T. S. Eliot's play, "Murder in the Cathedral" in which Archbishop Thomas Becket is provided with these words for his Christmas morning sermon: "A Christian martyrdom is never an accident, for saints are not made by accident. Still less is a Christian martyrdom the effect of a man's will to become a saint. A martyrdom is always the design of God."

Thomas Becket was undoubtedly a proud and stubborn man, who believed he best served God in his loyalty to Church rather than by fealty to the King. It was a classic clash between Church and State. For guidance in such issues, we usually turn to our Lord's confrontation with the chief priests, scribes and elders in the temple. (Luke 20:22)

If Christians are to take seriously the dignity afforded to this world through the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord, there must be a consequent respect for ordered society. St Paul urges that prayers be offered for all in high office and St Peter is even more definite about the duty of submission to authority. (1 Peter 2 :13-14) If, however, that authority is unjust, how far ought a Christian to go by way of opposition?

On our trip to London we passed Westminster Abbey, where, since 1998 the memorial to the Innocent Victims has been complemented by a series of ten statues of modern martyrs in the west front of that church. They have been chosen to remind us of the rarely acknowledged truth that in the 20th century thousands of Christians have died for their faith. Among them is Janini Luwum, who bravely confronted the tyrannical Idi Amin and was martyred in 1976.

Archbishop Luwum said, "The scriptures bid us to love the President. We must pray for him. He is a child of God too. I do not fear the President. That is reserved for God alone."

One of Luwum's sayings, which harked back to his days as a hunter, was, "The best way to show a stick is crooked is not to argue about it, or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it." For him, the only correct arena was love and he stressed even unto death, the violent death of martyrdom, that we are to maintain the truth in the spirit of love.

The ten statues of modern martyrs include the slight figure of a Pakistani evangelist, Father John. On her right stands Dietrich Bonhoeffer. There are also well-known defenders of the faith such as Martin Luther King and Maximilian Kolbe. There is even a Russian Grand Duchess. All of which persuades me to wonder, how many martyrs will it be necessary for the new century, the new millennium to produce?

Alan Haydock

OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

To J Higgs (Lowdham) Ltd for emergency repairs to the church roof.

To Grenville Smith for his skill in renovating the church path.

To Russell Hunt for his work on the Book of Remembrance Case.

For a donation of £100.

To Mary Hall and to the Rector for arranging the outing to Lambeth Palace.

For a generous bequest in memory of Bill Wing

To Bob Large for replacing a water heater and the electrical repairs.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

This month's working party will take place

8.30am – 12 noon

on

Saturday 22 July

We are desperately in need of your help. Please give an hour of your time.

AH

A PRAYER

Dear God,

So far today I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped or lost my temper;
I haven't been greedy or grumpy or nasty or selfish or over-indulgent and I'm thankful for that.
But God, in a few minutes I'm going to get out of bed and from there on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen

100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The following account of the marriage of Miss Maude Fox, taken from the Nottingham Guardian will be of interest to our readers: A wedding which aroused considerable interest in the district took place at East Bridgford on July 18th, when Miss Maude Fox, youngest daughter of Mr W F Fox, JP, of East Bridgford Hall, was married to the Rev. Richard Treplin, of Holebüll, Schleswig Holstein, son of the late Professor Treplin, of Dettmold, Germany. The Church of St Peter's had been prettily decorated for the occasion, and there was a large gathering. The ceremony which was fully choral, was performed by the Bishop of Derby (the Right Rev. Dr Were), assisted by the Rev. A Du Boulay Hill, rector of the parish. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a handsome gown of ivory satin, with flounces and fichu of old Limerick lace, the court train being of ivory broche. Miss Gertrude Fox (sister), Miss Lilian Hingston and the Misses Jean and Dorothea Crewdson (cousins of the bride) were the bridesmaids, and they were attired in dresses of white China silk, with lace insertions and tucks. Their white hats were trimmed with geraniums, and they carried bouquets of white and red geraniums. Mr Charles Hingston acted as the "best man". Subsequently a reception was held at East Bridgford Hall. Music was provided by the band of the South Notts. Hussars. In the evening a garden fete was held in the grounds, which the residents in East Bridgford attended in large numbers, and were able to inspect the numerous beautiful wedding presents, amongst which were a silver-plated hot water jug from the Associates and

members of the GFS (Girls' Friendly Society), and a picture from the Candidates' class. The bells were again rung on Saturday July 28th to welcome the bride and bridegroom, returning from their honeymoon in Scotland on their way to their German home.

Mens' Society

All Hail; In May although the response was slow, twelve of us braved the 1½ miles walk up and down Pedigree Master Food's modern factory at Melton Mowbray. We were conducted around in three groups by well-informed guides and concluded with a good buffet. We enjoyed our visit and were impressed by the clean fully automated large and efficient operation.

On Tuesday July 18th in the evening, we have the opportunity of visiting the well-known and interesting Belvoir Castle. It was re-built by Wyatt in 1816 in the grand style on the site of a famous Norman castle. There are many notable art treasures and military relics inside, also gardens including the Statue Garden with 17thC sculptures.

All males are eligible and all ladies are cordially invited to join us. The cost will be £5 each. Will those wishing to come please meet at East Bridgford car park to leave at 6.25pm; also it is important to put your name on the list in the Church or notify me as soon as possible.

The interesting opportunity of looking after the Men's Society winter programme of talks is still available. Should you be interested please contact me.

Tony Ford Tel : 20932

East Bridgford Local History Group

Invite you to their

Heritage Hunt

Friday 28 July from 7pm

A bit of light-hearted fun for a summer evening.

No transport needed, just yourselves and good walking shoes, sharp eyesight and a sense of humour!

Entry is open to teams of up to four adults and any number of children up to 16 years of age.

Just turn up for the start at the Village Hall car park.

The finish will be somewhere else, sometime later !!

Entry fee £1 per adult, children free.

Prizes!

Anyone needing further information may contact John Fox on East Bridgford 20113

Ever thought of becoming a Magistrate?

The Magistrates' Courts in Nottinghamshire are looking for volunteers to apply to become Justices of the Peace. On completion of a comprehensive training programme together with visits to courts, prisons and young offenders' institutions, magistrates appointed would be required to sit in court for at least 26 half-days annually.

Magistrates' Courts in Nottinghamshire are located at: Mansfield, Newark, Nottingham, Retford, Worksop.

All you need to become a magistrate are the right personal qualities. If you are aged between 27 and 65, care about your local community, are hard working, reliable, can work well with others and have an open mind, you're the right kind of person to apply. If you live in the Nottinghamshire area call 0115 955 8183 (anytime) for an information pack.

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Soups and Starters

This is a wonderful starter sent in by Pat Roberts. I know because I have tasted it. It is just the ticket for the summer and complements so many different main courses, but I could just eat it on its own. SL

Pear and Walnut Salad

Ingredients

1 pear per person

Dressing

1 large egg

2 tablespoons of caster sugar

3 tablespoons of tarragon vinegar

1 small carton (2½ fl oz) double cream

Garnish

1 lettuce

3oz of shelled walnuts (chopped)

First prepare the Dressing:

- Beat the egg and sugar until thoroughly mixed, then add the vinegar.
- Place the ingredients in a bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water and stir until the mixture has thickened.
- Remove from the heat and leave until cold.
- Whip the cream until it just begins to thicken, then fold it into the dressing.

The quantities are sufficient for six people, so choose six ripe dessert pears, such as Comice, William or Packham, peel them cut them in half and scoop out the core with a teaspoon. Place each portion on a crisp lettuce leaf on a salad plate and spoon over the dressing.

Scatter the chopped nuts over the pears then serve with brown bread and butter.

English as She is Spoke

An unalterable and unquestioned law of the musical world required that the German text of French operas sung by Swedish artists should be translated into Italian for the clearer understanding of English-speaking audiences.

Edith Wharton

The Age of Innocence (1920)

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford – April and May 2000

Date	Offence	Location
<i>April</i>		
7	Vehicle damage	Croft Rise
7	Theft from trailer	Butt Lane Equestrian Centre
9	Theft of vehicle	Kneeton Road
15	Theft of mobile phone	Browns Lane
17	Rotavator stolen from gdn shed	College Street
17/18	Theft of tools from shed	Butt Lane allotments
19/20	Theft from shed	Millgate
<i>May</i>		
1	Burglary	Cherry Holt Lane
2	Theft from vehicle	Kneeton Road
6	Criminal damage	Butts Field
20	Theft	Kneeton Road

Residents in Kneeton Road should discuss vehicle crime prevention with their street co-ordinators, and residents with sheds should make adequate provision to protect them.

The very clear message from the East Bridgford Beat Manager, PC Andy Jackson is that there is a definite need to raise security awareness and to report any suspicious persons seen during the small hours of the morning.

The monthly moving average of incidents is 3.67 – the trend going upwards.

Your street co-ordinator will be aware of a two-year project called "Images of England". Volunteers will search for items of interest and take photographs. They must not trespass and will carry ID cards. Should any resident come across someone participating in the project, but who cannot produce an ID, they should be reported. People involved in the project can be contacted for clarification on: 01793 414705 or 01793 414753.

John Latham – Head Co-ordinator - 21092

Planning Applications and Decisions

- 00/00517/FUL C Holt, re 16 Main Street. Single storey extension to shop. The Council objected to the proposed development in its present form as the flat roof does not enhance the Conservation Area. There was no objection to the extension, only to the design.
- 00/00531/TPO Paul Bottomley, re 38a College Street. Removal of ash tree. Council did not object but would accept the advice of the Tree Officer.
- 00/00584/FUL Mrs Bibby, Mulberry Close, 18 Cherryholt Lane. Erection of two dwellings. Council did not object.
- 00/00589/FUL Mr Park, 3 Cuttle Hill Gardens. Conservatory. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

- 00/00427/FUL Mrs J Spendlow, 42 College Street. Conservatory. Grant permission.
- 00/00405/FUL D. Harrison, Appletree Cottage, Springdale Lane. Conservatory extension. Grant permission.
- 00/00262/FUL East Bridgford Cricket Club, re Sports Pavilion, Playing Fields, College Street. Storage building. Grant permission.

NEIGHBOURS

The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbour as ourselves: we do unto others as we do unto ourselves. We hate others when we hate ourselves. We are tolerant towards others when we tolerate ourselves. We forgive others when we forgive ourselves. We are prone to sacrifice others when we are ready to sacrifice ourselves. It is not love of self but hatred of self which is at the root of all the troubles that afflict the world.

Eric Hoffer
The Passionate State of Mind

The Royal British Legion Women's Section

A Coffee Morning

on
Saturday 15th July
at
Longmead, 18 Browns Lane
By kind invitation of Mrs Betty Russell

10.00am to 12 noon

<i>Bring & Buy</i>	<i>Tombola</i>
<i>(including Cakes)</i>	<i>Garden Produce</i>
<i>Raffle</i>	<i>Bric-a-Brac</i>
<i>Clock Golf</i>	<i>Roll-a-Penny</i>

Admission 50p including coffee

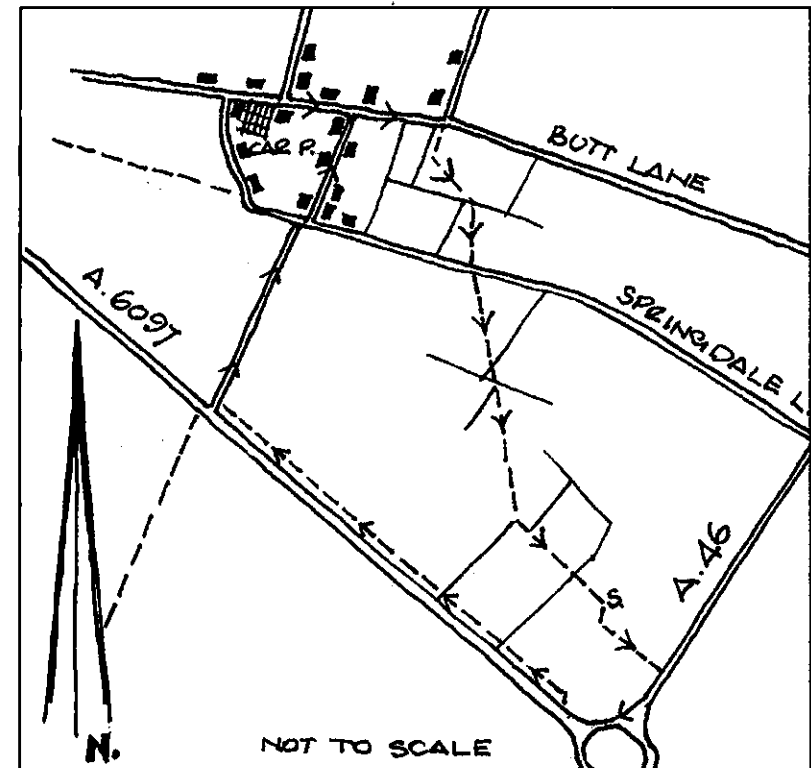
Proceeds to RBL charities

Walk No 9
Over the fields to
Morgidunum and back
along Roman Road

Village Walks

From Car Park, turn right to telephone box. Right through metal kissing gate, follow path to track (Springdale Lane). Cross to fingerpost, over field to gap in hedge. Diagonally over the corner of field to gap. Follow path over large field, to left end of far hedge (a white post). Veer to the left; continue to stile in far fence, half way along by young tree. Over stile to driveway, left to A46. Turn right, keeping right on verge to roundabout, keep right. As A6097 joins the roundabout, at Bridleway Fingerpost, turn right through gate. This path runs parallel with A6097. After approx 700 yards pass stables. Continue to poorly metalled road (Bunts Lane) and turn right. At crossroads, straight ahead (Brickyard Lane). Left onto Main Street and to Car Park. Approx 2 ¼ miles.

ACCOMPANY A FOOTPATH WARDEN ON THIS WALK ON SUNDAY 9TH JULY. MEET IN CAR PARK, MAIN STREET, 10.45AM. FOR DETAILS RING 70818 OR 20676.



NOT TO SCALE

EB Local History Group

Programme for October 2000 to May 2001

We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month starting in October and ending in May. Meetings will normally start at 7.30pm and will be held in the Methodist Chapel on Main Street.

3rd October – “Sport over the Years in East Bridgford”

Discussion/brief presentations organised and led by Tim Rogers

7th November – “The 17th Century Estate Maps of East Bridgford”

Talk by Adrian Henstock of the Nottinghamshire Archive Office

5th December – “An Evening Entertainment”

Alan Haydock provides an entertaining talk for our Christmas meeting

9th January – “The Architecture of East Bridgford”

A presentation and discussion organised and led by Pat West

6th February – “A Backward Glance at Everyday Things”

An illustrated, hands on talk by Maureen Newton of Hucknall

6th March – “The Men Named on the Village War Memorial”

An evening led by Edward Hutchby

3rd April – “Villages at War 1939 – 1945.”

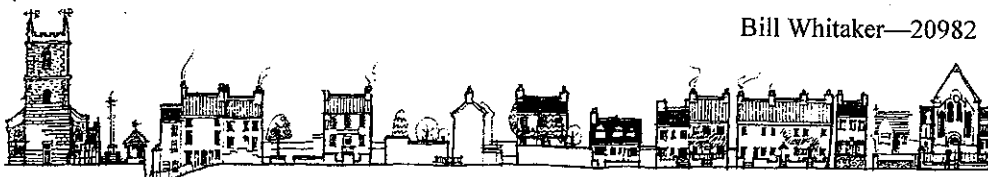
Talk by Sue Clayton of Flintham

1st May – “Family History Based Around Our Village Records”

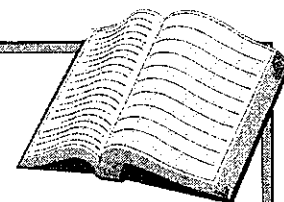
Talk by Rosemarie Shapland and Tony Ford

It is intended to provide more detailed information about the contents of the meetings through the village magazine. Our meetings are open to all and membership of our Group is not essential for those attending our meetings. Naturally we would like as many villagers as possible to join our Group and take part in our activities.

Bill Whitaker—20982



From the Registers



Sacrament of Confirmation

1 June	Ascension Day	
	Rebecca Jane ASH	Hannah Elizabeth Carmen RECH
	Janet EVANS	Adam Bruce SUTHERLAND
	David GOODGER	Julie Elizabeth SUTHERLAND
	Janet Mary GOODGER	Neil Martyn TURNER
	Eloise MARSON	

Funerals

18 May	Kathleen Margaret LACK	77 years
5 June	Lily MARSHALL	77 years
20 June	Gladys Mary BLAGG	85 years

East Bridgford Care Group

THE AFTERNOON TEA held at the Manor Nursing Home on Saturday June 3rd was a great success. Despite dull doubtful weather that prevented strawberry cream teas on the lawn, the attendance was so pleasing that we raised the wonderful total of £410.

Our thanks must go to Matron and staff at the Manor, for all their willing and friendly co-operation; to Care Group Members and friends, who generously made and gave, not only items for stalls, but also their time. A special thanks to Mrs Frances Wood for the support she gives us on these occasions with her popular plant stall.

And of course most grateful thanks to all villagers, who kindly made the effort to attend, and helped us raise the final amount of money for the purchase of a modern 'easy handle' wheelchair for the Medical Centre.

Call us if you need us on our mobile answer phone – number 0976 935476.

1st East Bridgford Guides

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 15 July at 2.00pm
in the Village Hall

If you have any jumble to donate, please bring it to the hall after 9.00am on the Saturday morning, or phone:

Trish Lambert 01636 525724
Christine Salter 01949 20470
Sandy Wright 01636 525134

We would also be very grateful if the ladies who have helped previously at the jumble sales could help us again.

Sandra Wright
Guider in Charge

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Loose Ends

Holiday Skills

SOMETIMES WE CAN SURPRISE ourselves and discover skills we never knew we had. This happened one recent occasion on holiday in Cornwall. Having been enthused by undertaking and yes, completing the RNIB fourteen-mile sponsorship walk, T and I decided to tackle one or two coastal paths, despite the inclement weather.

Our walk, we decided, would be from Mevagissey (where we were staying) to a very small village about four miles distant; however those who have experienced coastal paths will know that four miles almost doubles with the up and down effort of walking the irregular contours of coves. But it was morning we were fresh and at that point it wasn't raining. We were dressed for rain or shine and we had a goal - the village of Gorran Haven.

Striding away, we soon left Mevagissey quickly finding the coastal path, where we could admire the sea view and the proliferation of late May spring flowers. We began to lose sight of houses and were seemingly isolated in a vast landscape of sea, cliffs and pastureland. To our surprise there were hundreds of sheep, in fields separated only from the coastal path by a fence, which in places wasn't too secure. The other side of the coastal path was a sheer drop through trees, shrubs and rocks into the sea.

Diligently following the path, we were about to pass through a kissing gate, when we saw two 'teenage' lambs push through it before us. I thought

sheep weren't very bright but these obviously had got fed up with the field, and whilst their mother wasn't watching decided to bunk off for a little adventure.

The problem was that once T and I went through the gate the lambs ran away from us further down the path, and we could imagine over the cliff into the sea. I think the mother had also got that in mind as she was running up and down the other side of the fence 'baaing' away. After some cunning manoeuvres we managed to get the lambs to run past us back towards the gate and together, arms outstretched, we shepherded them towards their escape hole, not really knowing how we were going to get them back through the gate. But as luck would have it, two other walkers we had passed by earlier, assessed the situation in a flash and took up positions by forcing the lambs into the opening and with a deft operation of the 'kissing' bit of the gate, the lambs were reunited with their frantic mother. We gave a thumbs up sign to our sheep gathering co-walkers and quickly agreed that we made good shepherds, before continuing our walk.

We reached our destination late morning just as the rain started and made a beeline for one of the two small cafes in Gorran Haven. Confident that we had earned a treat, we ordered coffee and scones with Cornish cream. We settled back in the white plastic patio chairs while our host chatted to the occasional local who passed by.

Presentation was not high on the agenda in this remote café, but did we care that the coffee came complete with milk in the mugs, and the fact that T and I had to share a plate, knife and paper napkin for the scones? No, but we felt that the proprietor hadn't got his portion control right, because on this single plate were two miniscule scones, two tiny capsules of indeterminate jam and two giant helpings of clotted cream, enough to raise the cholesterol level of an athletics team. Because of the exercise we had undertaken, we felt we could cope, and promptly ordered two more scones to mop up the surplus cream.

Full to the brim with scones, cream and coffee, we considered the idea of taking the bus back to Mevagissey, but discovered we would have to wait 1½ hours. Gorran Haven wasn't exactly a hive of activity with only two cafes, a post office and a tiny harbour to explore, so we threw caution to the wind and walked back via the road, in the pouring rain. This gave us plenty of time to ponder our new skills, such as manipulating messy scones and cream whilst sharing one plate and one knife; also herding sheep - all to add to our CV of life. Especially so for me, as I am townie born and bred and have gone through periods of my life being scared stiff of anything on four legs, until owning a dog eventually helped me overcome this fear. But there is yet another skill to add, but far more difficult to acquire - how to enjoy holidays in the rain!

Sue Laver

Millennium Mugs



The Parish Council is providing millennium mugs for all children who live in East Bridgford and Kneeton and who will be under 12 on August 31st 2000. They will be available from St Peter's School, the Play Group and also the Mothers and Toddlers Group. If you have a child who does not attend one of these groups but who qualifies for a mug, please arrange to collect it from the Post Office.

A number of extra mugs have been purchased for re-sale by St Peter's Church and the Methodist Chapel and they can be obtained from either of these organisations - price £3.50.

WI Report

At our June meeting Mrs C Doughty, a divorce lawyer and judge, gave an interesting account of her job and dealt with some commonly held misconceptions about marital law.

Irmgard Finnigan reported on her experience as our delegate at the (now famous) annual conference in London where the Prime Minister discovered to his cost that 10,000 WI ladies are a force to be reckoned with!

We are hoping for a fine evening on Tuesday 11th July so that the meeting can be held in the garden at 42 Kneeton Road. If the weather looks doubtful, a decision will be taken at 4 pm on the day and a notice placed in the box on Main Street. In the event of rain, the meeting will be in the WI Hut.

Rachel Barclay

Christians of Nottingham Training and Studying Together

Do you want to know more about your faith?

Do you want to meet Christians from other denominations and cultures, and learn about them and with them?

Then CONTRAST may be just the right thing for you! We offer a course in intercultural Christian theology, every Tuesday evening, from September to June. The course takes two years to complete, and includes modules such as Old Testament in Black and White Perspective, New Testament in Black and White Perspective, Worship and Prayer, Ministry and Reflection (with practical placements).

CONTRAST is open to all, no formal educational background is needed. The course is accredited by the University of Nottingham and leads to the award of a Certificate in Higher Education.

For further information, ring Isabelle on 0115 958 5517

Garden Club

Tuesday 25th July – Visit to Granby Gardens Nursery in Bingham. Members and friends who wish to visit this garden should assemble in the village car park at 6.45pm. Wine and refreshments will be served during this visit, and the charge for the evening will be £2, which includes a donation to the NSPCC.

Saturday 16th September – Annual Flower Show in the Village Hall. Further details in next month's magazine.

Summer Outing

On one of the hottest days so far this year, members of the Garden Club visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Castle Bromwich Hall during June.

The Botanical Gardens have a well-deserved reputation, as there is plenty of interest in the fifteen acres of gardens, which include a rock garden, a waterfall, herb and cottage gardens, aviaries housing exotic birds and glasshouses with a range of tropical vegetation. But most important of all, as it was so hot, there was a pleasant terrace to sit on, whilst sipping drinks and enjoying the view.

The next gardens at Castle Bromwich Hall were totally different. The grounds have in the past been sadly neglected, but sponsors and a team of volunteers are restoring these gardens to their former beauty.

A pleasant day out, made even more so as the coach had a good air conditioning system, and the driver brought us home on time. A super trip - many thanks to the organisers!

Sue Laver

CHUCKLES IN CHURCH

Actual Church Announcement

On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpeting. All wishing to do something on the carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

A good crowd descended upon the Flower Show on Saturday 24 June in the Reindeer Inn field. The marquee housed the usual high standard of exhibits. There was plenty to see - giant cabbages, enormous shallots, delightful arrangements of flowers, perfect raspberries, paintings, cakes, jams, children's table decorations and craft demonstrations.

The parade to the Reindeer Field heralded the start of the show and pupils of St Peter's school, bedecked in fancy dress followed the Huthwaite Prize Band, its members squeezed together on a tractor-trailer, the trombonist perched precariously on a rear seat so that he could manipulate his slide freely. Vintage motorcars and tractors followed. Despite being in use over half a century ago, the tractors still looked as if they could give good service on a farm. The cars were in immaculate condition and the sight of a Mini, now regarded as vintage, must have made a few spectators feel their age.

A highlight of the show was a performance by the Grand Theatre of Lemmings, consisting of two people. They primed their audience with some interesting tricks, such as whirling a glass of beer around without spilling a drop, having prepared one or two lucky spectators with umbrellas and a shower cap. The pièce de resistance shortly followed, when the entertainers, dressed as Morris Men, each donned a contraption supporting two dummy Morris Men, making a dance troupe of six. A purist could get picky about their routine, but in the main it entertained the crowd, especially the children when the heads of two of the dummies shot off during the can-can.

The pet dog parade, where many of the trusty canines waited patiently for their moment in the ring, was held later in the afternoon, probably a wise move on the part of the organisers, as a tired dog is usually a more placid dog.

Despite the grey clouds and brisk wind, there was plenty of entertainment and enjoyment for all ages.

Parish Council News

RED ALERT FOR PARENTS



It has been reported that small children have caused several near accidents by riding their bicycles on village roads before they have either the necessary control or road sense. Parents are therefore alerted to the potential dangers and asked to apply the necessary supervision.

A stronger line should be taken with older boys who risk their lives by riding at speed out of the side alleys across the line of traffic.

We hope to arrange a preliminary training session soon for those who wish to take part in a survey of village hedgerows. Anyone interested should let me know as soon as possible. All volunteers welcome.

Isabel Francis 20598

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A CAUTIONARY TALE Miss steaks eye kin knot sea

Eye have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a quay and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its let a perfect all the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

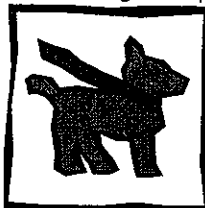
Millennium Dance

As a result of the dance held in the Village Hall on June 10th, £190 was kindly donated to East Bridgford Care Group at the request of Mr Cecil Widdison in recognition of help given to his late sister, Edith, by the Group. Care Group members acknowledge his thoughtfulness and thank him very much. Thanks also to Kate Thornton for her great organisation of a most enjoyable evening.

Dogs

DOGS ARE REGARDED as a 'usual accompaniment' of a walker, and can therefore be taken on public rights of way. This entitlement, however, only extends to the line of the path, and dogs should therefore not be allowed to use the adjoining parts of a field as an exercise area.

An owner should also ensure that his animal does not foul crops, whether or not they are for human consumption. It is equally irresponsible to allow a dog to foul a hay crop, which is often left to dry off in a field before being used as animal fodder. In some areas, byelaws are in force specifically prohibiting the fouling of footpaths. An even more important consideration for dog owners is to ensure that their animal is kept under close control at all times. Dogs should never be allowed to worry any type of farm animal, but owners should be particularly careful when passing through fields containing sheep.



A landowner is entitled to shoot a dog if he believes it to be out of control and worrying sheep, and the owner will not be compensated.

June Peto would like to thank everyone who has sent cards, good wishes, phone calls and flowers during David's illness. They are all very much appreciated.

Sadly he is making little progress and is still very poorly in the Queen's Medical Centre.

Churchwardens Report to the Annual Parochial Meeting for 1999/2000

THIS YEAR HAS SEEN the 'topping-and-tailing' of the programme of routine repairs and maintenance that was set up in the last 5 year period. The wood block floor in St. Michael's chapel, which had been replaced in part, due to dry rot, was duly stained and varnished, and the plasterwork in the chancel, Lady chapel and baptistry was re-decorated. Also, the pest control company confirmed the continued absence of wood beetle infestation in various church timbers following successful treatment 8 years ago.

The churchyard has not been neglected either with the shed being restored thanks to a voluntary contribution. Following the unrestrained misbehaviour of a young wedding guest last summer a gravestone was broken; this has subsequently been repaired. This raises the issue of liability for accidents on church property. The church takes all necessary precautions to maintain the church and its grounds in a safe condition but is not liable for any accidents arising from inappropriate behaviour. Another seat has been provided for the churchyard and approximately 1000 spring bulbs were purchased through the generosity of parishioners and planted by a team of volunteers. They created a superb display, even in this first year. A petrol powered hedge trimmer was purchased largely through donations; the parish council contributed £750 for the maintenance of the clock and war memorial for which the church is grateful.

Within the building we have had a gift of red kneeler cushions for the communion rail and the previous hand-

stitched cushions are being assessed for repair/restoration. The church has also been gifted with a bookcase and cupboard unit made by John Lawson which will be used to accommodate the anticipated change in service books.

Other items of note include the upgrading of computer facilities for use by the magazine editors and the provision of a photographic inventory of the major items in church. As always the church relies on the vigilance and interest of parishioners concerning items that may need attention. This quiet concern is invaluable as are the practical contributions of volunteers when there is a small job to be done. Particular mention is made of John Higgs for external maintenance, John Lawson for carpentry/joinery and Tim Rogers for general maintenance. It is appropriate to thank Barbara Mallett and her helpers whose beautiful flower arrangements enhance worship in St. Peter's.

Some of the items that have been agreed, commissioned and are awaiting completion include the provision of new combined up and down lighters for the nave; a notice board in the churchyard whose design has been developed after visits to a variety of churches having such items; the re-laying of the path from the church to the gate, which is uneven; the purchase of a radio-microphone and an overhead projector and screen.

The five-yearly (Quinquennial) inspection of the church was undertaken at the end of March, the recommendations from which will form the basis of the maintenance programme for the next 5 years. This inspection was undertaken by the church's architect, David Atkins.

Peter Golightly and Hilary Geisow,
Churchwardens

Serendipity

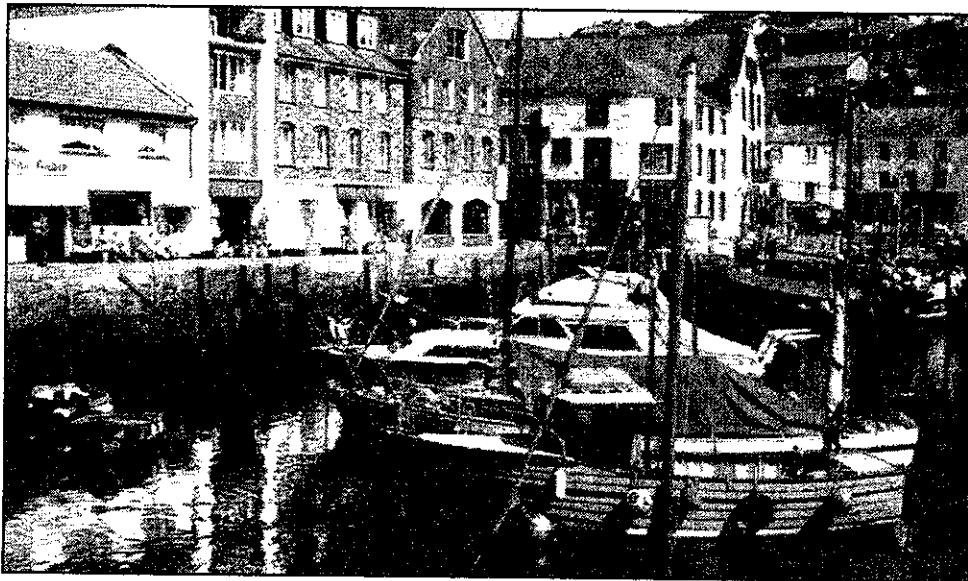
ONE OF THE DELIGHTS of going on holiday is a sudden 'serendipity'. This came about when we were exploring Mevagissey, the little fishing village in south Cornwall. There was a church just behind the house where we were staying, and as we passed by we noted that it was called St Peter's and it was advertising its Feast Week starting on 25th June.

Interested in how this church celebrated their Feast Week, we called in to see what we could find out. We couldn't have picked a better day as the church had just been opened for a Flower Festival. Each corner of the church was decked with flowers, depicting different themes – the bride, fishing, carnival and so on. It was ablaze with carnations, lilies, argyranthemums and roses freshly glistening in golden, white and bright

yellow hues, complemented by the fresh green foliage of pittosporum, laurel and ferns.

Someone had switched on some music from a stereo hidden in a corner of the church and 'Zadok the Priest' floated out, just as people started to arrive to view the flowers. Most of the people seemed to know each other, and clearly were involved in the ongoing activities in the church. After looking at the arrangements and the interesting wooden altar screen, a reredos illustrating Christ being taken down from the cross, I walked to the church entrance and asked a lady who was on duty about their feast week.

Jan Johnson, who is secretary of their PCC, described some of the activities in the village. "All the shops get decorated, because there is a competition for all the shops with a theme. There is a big concert on Monday night, when the Male Choir sing, and Tuesday lunchtime the Ladies choir gives a concert, followed by sports for the children and teas. We usually celebrate St Peter's day on



Tuesday of Feast Week, with a procession, and a cross together with St Peter's banner and we go round the village and sing hymns."

"We have lots of other activities, such as a Flora dance early in the morning, a fisherman's boat race and a crab catching competition and a fête in a field. The Air Sea Rescue team put on a display and we also have a Flora dance by the children. In fact lots of Flora dances because the Carnival is followed by another dance. Then we finish with a large firework display at the end of the harbour."

We came away from the church very impressed by the amount and quality of events organised by the residents, and the close community spirit they have engendered. But we also know that the village is dependent upon tourism and the Feast Week activities would certainly attract people to the village. If only we had booked our holiday for the end of June – but then we would have missed Feast Week in East Bridgford.

Since coming home, we learned that £928 was raised at the Flower Festival which will go towards a wooden bench, to be positioned in the churchyard for villagers to sit and contemplate whilst getting their breath back – lots of steep hills in Mevagissey!

Sue Laver

History of the Church

Once linked with the names of two Celtic Saints, St Mevan and St Issey, the church, over 700 years old, now has St Peter the fisherman and disciple as its patron saint.

During 15thC the existing north aisle was built using Pentewan stone from the quarry in the next parish. A major restoration was carried out in 1887 when upper parts of nearly all the walls were rebuilt. But the original cruciform shape of the building, the chancel, nave and south transept remain.

It is not known when St Peter's name was adopted, but it is believed that this may have happened when Mevagissey became one of the chief centres of pilchard fishery during the 18thC. The villagers dedicated their feast day to 29th June to avoid the busiest time of year for the fishery.

Floodlighting Diary

JULY

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| 3 | In loving remembrance of MADELEINE PARKER
<i>Floodlights will be additionally lit on 4th July</i> |
| 3 | Thomas the Apostle |
| 18 | In loving memory of KEN SMITH |
| 22 | Mary Magdalene |
| 26 | James the Apostle |

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration.

These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in August's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Golightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before press closing ~ **Noon, Monday 17th July**

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Moring Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

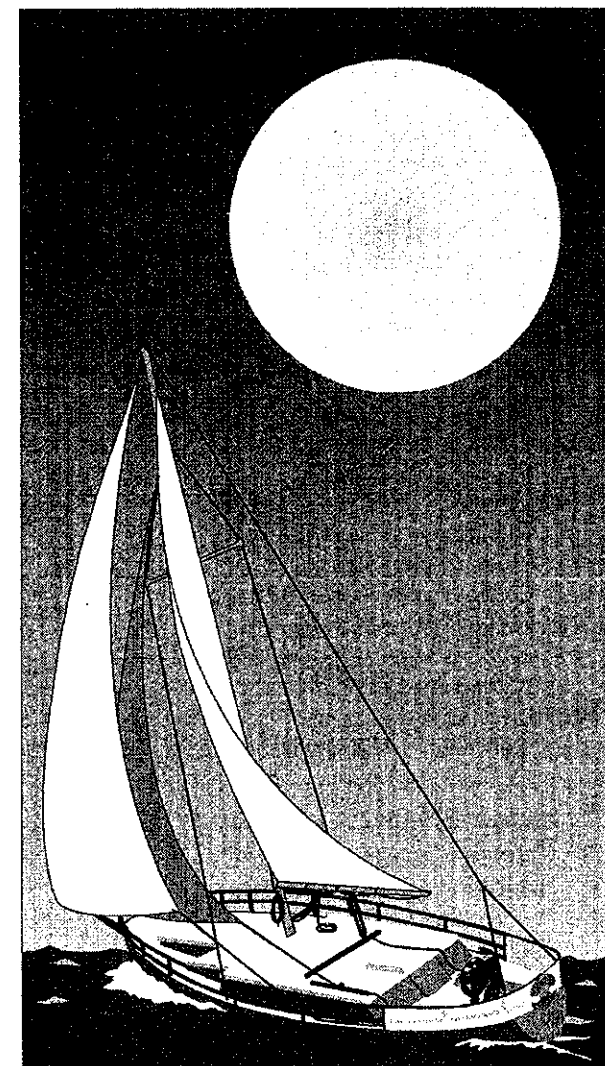
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From the Village Desk

Talk about global warming! In August 1900 the Magazine reported abnormally high temperatures on several days in July (see page 4).

No air conditioning or electric fans in those days, and no enterprising individuals touring the village selling ice cream from a pony and trap. How *did* people cope with such extremes? Among the worst affected must have been local farmworkers toiling in the baking hot fields. It doesn't bear thinking about. So we won't.

Village Diary

August

- 12 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to 12.00pm
- 13 Village Walk No 10, Car Park, 10.45am
- 15 Mens' Society visit to Epperstone, 6.40pm, Car Park
- 17 BIBIC Coffee Morning, 20 Cross Lane, 10.30am to 12.00pm
- 26 Royal British Legion, Luncheon in Village hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

The editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Wednesday 2 August

11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House

Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 9 August

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 13 August

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
 No Evensong at St Peter's

Tuesday 15 August

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 20 August

9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's - Revd Alfred Graham
 6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's - Patrick Mackie
 7.30pm No Evening Communion

Wednesday 23 August

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 27 August

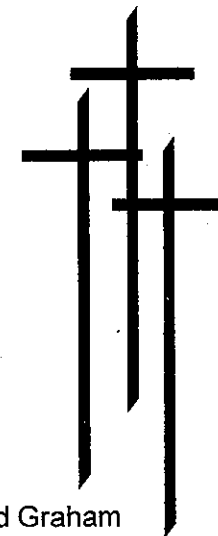
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 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
 No Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 30 August

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 17 September

11.00am Kneeton's Harvest Thanksgiving with the Bishop of Southwell



100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The drought and the heat have been great topics of conversation for the past month. During the month from June 22nd the only rain that has fallen, as recorded at the Manor, has been :- July 1st, 0.31 of an inch; 2nd 0.35 ; 3rd, 0.03. But at last Monday night, July 22nd, and the succeeding days have brought us a most welcome rain, which will do a great deal of good, and we must now look forward to seasonable weather for the harvest.

Nothing like the intensity of heat experienced from July 14th to 20th has been known here for years. The maximum temperatures in the sun, as registered each morning at 9 am for the previous 24 hours at Nottingham, have been as follows :-

July		
15	Monday	128.5°F
16	Tuesday	123.1°F
17	Wednesday	125.9°F
18	Thursday	132.2°F
19	Friday	134.5°F
20	Saturday	141.0°F
21	Sunday	130.0°F

The Rector's Pages

The Family of the Church

WHEN A PERSON ENTERS a religious order and becomes a monk or a nun, normally a number of vows are taken, one of, which is the vow of poverty. This does not mean that the person will be going about in rags and feeding on bread and water. What it does mean is there is the renunciation of claim to material possessions, each having all things in common with others in the order. Such people usually find that this lifts a great burden from their shoulders. Material possessions are what most of us strive for and can at times bring us great enjoyment. But they do exact a toll from us in terms of responsibility and even anxiety. We cannot, in normal life, get on without them, but if we are followers of Jesus, they will never be the be-all and end-all of our existence. Our real treasure will always be in heaven.

However, there was a more important thing that these early Christians had in common, and that was an experience of the grace of Jesus. The disciples of Jesus were a pretty motley crew with differing personalities and backgrounds and we have no reason to believe that the members of the early church were any different. In the ordinary way of things there would be all sorts of barriers between them. But now they had the common experience of having faced up to the fact that they were sinners. They had been "cut to the heart" they had repented and they had received forgiveness. That sort of experience leaves no room for personal pride.

It is a sad fact that people find it much easier to erect barriers than to pull them down. It is when we have a common experience of the grace of Jesus that the barriers fall away.

A third thing that they had in common was their relationship to Christ. We may think of Jesus being at the centre with ourselves gathered around him in a sort of circle. If we are connected to each other in no other way, we certainly are in our relationship to him. The closer we get to him, the closer we will get to each other. The distance between us is directly related to our distance from Christ.

What does all this have to say to us about our relationships within our local Christian fellowship and across denominational boundaries? Whatever our disposition, background or tradition, what we all have in common is that we are sinners redeemed only by the grace of Jesus. Our unity is in him, and it is as we experience more and more of the richness of his grace and draw even closer to him that we shall find the barriers between us breaking down, and we shall become truly one body in him.

Alan Haydock

Clergy Appreciation Lunch

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY of thanking the Churchwardens and others involved in arranging the lunch on Feast Sunday? I am grateful, also to those, who made time to attend and to others who sent greetings cards with very moving messages. It was an occasion we shall long remember. In addition something over £1000 has been donated to enable me to accompany Bishop Roy Williamson on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, around the time of my 60th birthday in March. I am deeply moved and so grateful for your recognition of our twenty years ministry in East Bridgford and Kneeton.

Alan Haydock

(See page 6 for report)

Churchyard Working Party

This month's working party will take place on **Saturday 12 August, 8.30am - 12 noon.**

We are in need of much help.

Please offer an hour or two of your time. Those who come actually enjoy it.

AH



Our monthly family services in 2000 will be held at 10.45am on Sundays --

17 September
15 October
19 November
17 December

The services last about 40 minutes and are followed by refreshments for both children and adults.

Please come and join us

Alan Haydock

We could have filled the Hut again!...

WAS A COMMENT from one of the organisers of the Clergy Appreciation Lunch held for the Rector Alan Haydock on Feast Sunday. The 80 places were quickly taken up and there were many expressions of regret from those who would be out of the village on that day. A willing and very efficient team of helpers prepared the Hut so that the tables looked delightfully festive and the food that the guests brought was magnificent. People were so generous that there was plenty to choose from – and some to spare. Michael Clarke, one of the present churchwardens and a Reader at the time of Alan's appointment spoke on behalf of the parish about Alan's work among us. This is an edited version of his address:

'When Hilary Geisow showed me an article she had read about Clergy Appreciation Week, we both agreed that everyone at St Peter's would want to join in showing you, Alan, how much you are appreciated here, especially as this is a special year – 35 years since you were first ordained and 20 years as rector of East Bridgford and Kneeton. Clergy can come in for a lot of criticism, but we want you to know that we are proud to have you as our rector, even if we don't always remember to show our appreciation and appear to take you for granted.

'In the 20 years since you came we've seen many changes in the Church of England. You have helped us at St Peter's to develop and to take on board new initiatives. You have been responsible for much of the growth at our church over the years. You are a rector who still makes time to visit his parishioners – and that's quite rare these days – your ministry in visiting the sick and the bereaved is

greatly appreciated.

Your planning and conducting of services help to make the worship at St Peter's reverent and meaningful to people. You have always involved and encouraged the youngsters as servers and choristers. A particular strength has been the special services you arrange throughout the year to involve the wider community – the farming community, the civic leaders and so on. Your care for the actual building and churchyard has ensured that our church remains one of the best maintained and most attractive in the area.

'Many people have told us how much they appreciate the fact that you're willing – in fact keen – to be involved in the wider life of the village- through the Drama Group, the school, through your support and interest in the sports clubs, your support for village organisations and events and your willingness to get alongside ordinary folk.'

Michael was able to hand over a substantial cheque donated by folk in the village towards a Holy Land pilgrimage that Alan hopes to make next year. A basket of flowers was presented to Joyce Haydock by Mrs Hunt whose husband, Fred, was one of the first people in the village to meet Alan 20 years ago, and Fred was able to round off the proceedings with a few words about that.

Many complimentary remarks about the lunch and sense of community that the occasion engendered have been received and the churchwardens are thinking about further social events. Fancy some (afternoon) tea, vicar?

Hilary Geisow

Better Health In Rushcliffe Your Own Healthcare Trust - We Need Your Views

In the last year, Rushcliffe's healthcare has been led by the Rushcliffe Primary Care Group. This is a partnership of doctors and nurses from Rushcliffe General practices together with local pharmacists, dentists, opticians, other healthcare professionals and representatives from Social Services, Rushcliffe Borough Council and local people.



The Primary Care Group is now seeking to become a Primary Care Trust. Trust status will give us the unique freedom and flexibility to do much more for the people of Rushcliffe. As a Trust, independent of Nottingham Health Authority, we would be able to employ staff, have our own budget and have greater powers to meet your healthcare needs.

Applying to become a Primary Care Trust is a big decision that needs the views of local people and copies of the draft application are available for your comments. We are also holding sessions where you can find out more about Primary Care Trusts and PCG representatives will be available to answer any queries.

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Bingham Buttercross	3rd and 17th August	Mornings
West Bridgford Community Hall	14th August	6.30 - 8pm
Kegworth Community Centre	15th August	6 - 7.30pm

For further details please contact Jane Murray at Rushcliffe Primary Care Group, 6 Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AB, Tel: 0115 9143225
Fax: 0115 9143229, email: rushcliffe.pcg@nottch-tr.trent.nhs.uk

The RGO

On 10 August 1675 King Charles II founded the Royal Greenwich Observatory in south east London. It became the national astronomical observatory of the UK and provided navigational information for sailors. After World War II it was moved to Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex, and in 1990 went to its present home at Cambridge. The Observatory also operates telescopes on La Palma in the Canary Islands, including the 4.2 metre/165 inch William Herschel telescope commissioned in 1987. The eminence of its work resulted in Greenwich Time and the Greenwich Meridian being adopted as international standards of reference in 1884.

June Peto hopes that this is still up to date when the magazine is published. David has made a marked improvement and is now at Lings Bar House at Gamston for some rehabilitation. He would welcome visitors but not before lunch.

Volunteering Opportunities in Your Village

IT CAN SOMETIMES be inconvenient and expensive to travel to Nottingham or to get around Rushcliffe. But you don't have to travel outside your own village to get involved in volunteering. There are local opportunities in all sorts of places and with all kinds of groups.

Don't be afraid to give it a go even if you think you might not have the skills at the moment. Most organisations are usually so pleased that someone wants to volunteer with them that they will happily train you or shadow you until you feel comfortable with taking the stabilisers off!

In some cases there might be a need but no-one has been able to respond to it. You could be that person – or you could be put in touch with someone else who would like to do a similar thing.

Volunteers can get involved in the following activities:

- Youth work, setting up a youth club
- Caring for older people through lunch clubs, visiting, fetching prescriptions, gardening etc.
- Delivering magazines, tapes etc.
- Uniformed organisations
- Fund-raising, collecting
- Listening, bereavement, counselling
- Reading with children in schools
- Parents and friends groups
- Driving
- Village hall committees

For more information about how you can get involved in your local community, contact Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service on 0115 981 6988, or visit the local Volunteer Bureau at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham.

Senior Citizens' Lunch

STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 6th September and every following Wednesday in term time a lunch will be cooked especially for senior citizens at St Peter's School. The price will be £2 per head and the time, 12 noon. The Green Room (newly decorated) will be the dining room and the menu will be different from the children's choice.

The school cook, Mrs Orrey will want to know the numbers for catering, so please phone her number 21182 giving a week's notice. This lunch is open to any senior citizen in the village (or in Kneeton) and should be a very welcome addition to the social events of the week. Transport can be provided if necessary. During the holiday period leading up to the autumn term messages for booking meals may be left with Joan Lawrence 20619 or Cecily Atkins 20390

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2000

There will be a collection in the village of East Bridgford from September 16th – 30th.

It is hoped that the usual kind and willing volunteer collectors will be available again, but offers from more helpers would be much appreciated to enable us to cover a greater area of the village.

Please contact the co-ordinator

Alison Powell 20985 if you are able to help with this most worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

Floodlighting Diary

AUGUST

- 6 The Transfiguration of our Lord
- 13 In loving memory of **NINA WIDDISON**
- 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 In loving memory of **BEATRICE MAWBY**
- 24 Bartholomew the Apostle

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Adoration



Prayer is both the natural expression of Christian faith and its vitalizer. The adoration of the glorified Christ and the contemplation of his oneness with the Father inevitably arouse hope and joy. It is not the function of adoration to produce joy because, so understood, the multitudinous beauty of Christian praise becomes a mere pattern of incantatory formulae without reference to what is in fact the state of things. The purpose of adoration is to express faith, to say with utmost joy what we believe to be true, that as we open ourselves to Christ we become receptive to that ultimate power and love who is working continually to bring all things to fulfilment and lead all men and women out of their hates and prejudices and grievances into happiness.

J Neville Ward,
Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy.

Mens' Society

ALL HAIL, we had an interesting visit to Boughton Power Station in June, when we saw how a substantial derelict building can be attractively transformed into a conference hall, offices to let, and display and educational areas. Of particular interest was the production of their own energy from wood chippings, with full utilisation and environmentally beneficial.

On Tuesday August 15th we have the opportunity of visiting Epperstone village. Mrs Monica Stokes has kindly arranged for us to walk through the village hearing something of its history, seeing four dovecotes and possibly one of two gardens depending on time and weather. Of particular interest are the millennium projects, which are the much acclaimed exceptional embroidered panel in the village hall; the millennium book showing every house; the organ and the embroidered wall hanging in the church and the children's millennium wood. The visit concludes with coffee.

All males are eligible and all ladies are cordially invited to join us. The cost will be about £2 each, and will those wishing to come, meet at the village car park on Main Street to leave at 6.40pm. Also please add your name to the list in the church or notify me.

Tony Ford 20932

CRIMESTOPPERS! **Telephone 0800 555 111**

This is a *FREEPHONE* line where you may leave details in complete confidentiality. You may receive a reward for information leading to the arrest or to the frustration of a crime.

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford – June 2000

Date	Offence	Location
21 June	Burglary (shed)	Butt Lane
26 June	Theft	Cricket pavilion

Two further incidents took place in the first week of July:

- A burglary in Crossways Drive.
- An attempted break-in in Trent Lane at 10.00am.

Knowing about these should ensure nobody is complacent. The potential for opportunistic crime exists all the time. Good security, good neighbourhood watching by residents and a willingness by residents to report anything suspicious to the police are the weapons to combat this.

The holiday season is upon us again. This is when Neighbourhood Watch can, and should come into its own. Residents should give priority to security of their property (including items in the garden), and to work with each other and their street co-ordinator, in keeping a watchful eye on houses when residents are away.

Street Co-ordinator Vacancies

Four vacancies still exist as published in May. These are as follows: -

- Main Street – Old Medical Centre to village end – includes Bridleways and Blenheim Gardens.
- Main Street – College Street to Haycroft Way.
- Holloway Close
- Straws Lane – Including Straws Close – College Street to Magdalen Drive.

The East Bridgford scheme is described as good and vigilant. It needs support throughout the village to be really effective and it looks to residents in these 'streets' to find a co-ordinator to complete our full complement.

John Latham
Head Co-ordinator 21092

The Village Hall

Mrs Marion Wheeler has resigned from the position of Lettings Secretary after many years of devoted service. Marion carried out many duties over and above the organisation of the Hall lettings. She was housekeeper, adviser, purchasing officer and on frequent occasions a cleaner! Her husband John often assisted her and the Hall owes them both a great debt of gratitude. We hope that they will now be able to devote more time to their own activities and we wish them both well. However, we hope that Marion will continue to serve on the committee so that her experience and advice will still be available to the management.

We are fortunate in finding a very willing and able successor in Janne Uleberg and we welcome her most heartily to our team. Janne will be pleased to take bookings for activities and her address and telephone number are: -

Corner Cottage, Walnut Tree Lane, NG13 8HN – Telephone 01949 20387

Peter Ward - Chairman

Quiz Team Denied Victory

ON A SATURDAY IN MID JUNE the St Peter's Church quiz team turned up at the Bingham Festival to defend their honour as the previous year's winners. Michael Clarke, Robert Lee, Steve Cumberland and Hilary Geisow faced stiff competition from about twelve other teams – with rounds on history, geography, science and sport as well as general knowledge prepared by Bingham's own TV Mastermind Finalist. The questions were not easy, 'What is a herpetologist?' Nevertheless, we were in the lead at half time, and then the organisers showed their secret weapon. While refreshments were taken, photographs of architectural (or obscure) parts of Bingham appeared on the walls for us to identify. Well, what hope had we - even though one of us had moved there two years previously! A little judicious cheating helped save our face, but this round was too great a handicap and subsequent near perfect scores could not make up the difference.

There is no prize for coming second, but if they should show their faces in OUR village, I think we can find some suitable, challenging material too – the location of the Pea Factory or the Mason's Arms for example. (By the way, a herpetologist studies snakes and reptiles.)

Hilary Geisow

East Bridgford Brownies

Cathy Hodgson has taken over the village Brownies from Brenda Graham, the Guider in charge, who has been with the 2nd East Bridgford Brownies for 17 years. At Brenda's last meeting on the 18th July, in recognition of all her work and support over the years, the Brownies presented her with a thank you gift and a 10 year service guide badge. Cathy would also like to express her particular thanks to Brenda for helping her through her training.

Rights and Responsibilities

A RIGHT OF WAY is a right of access over private land. It must also be remembered, however, that for rights of any kind, there are corresponding responsibilities. It should be stressed, therefore, that when using a public right of way, path users should exercise their common sense, and be aware of the effects, which their actions may have on the livelihood of the farmers and landowners whose land they are crossing.

Some of the more important considerations are as follows:-

- Don't drop litter – It is not only unsightly, but could cause irreparable damage to the feet and internal organs of farm animals.
- Pick up other people's litter – Within reason! Don't think 'that's nothing to do with me'. Serious cases of waste dumping should be reported to the relevant District Council.
- Report evidence of vandalism – Inform the local police or the relevant farmer/landowner, as appropriate.
- Leave gates as you find them – whether open or closed. Gates, which are open for no apparent reason, where, for example there is danger of livestock straying onto a road, should of course be closed.
- Act responsibly when in charge of a dog – Keep it under close control at all times, preferably by using a lead.
- Be careful and considerate when parking – Don't block any access, which may be used by agricultural vehicles.

By following this code of conduct, paths users can demonstrate that they are aware of their responsibilities towards the farming community. Farmers in turn, will then have no cause for complaint when asked to carry out their responsibilities towards the public rights of way across their land.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2000



Earlier this year I reported that unless a 'volunteer' agreed to take over as the Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) then there would in future be no Poppy Collections in our district.

However, having now been persuaded (reluctantly) to continue as PAO, there will be a Poppy collection in our two villages this year, but not in the outlying villages that made up the old 'East Bridgford & District'.

Mrs Felicity Jay has yet again unhesitatingly volunteered to organise and lead the ladies team who do the bulk of the collecting, and to her and them I extend my grateful thanks for such unstinting help. May I ask all readers, when these ladies call upon you in November time, to be welcoming to them and generous in your support of the Poppy Fund.

Although, I have yet to ask I am certain the village business's will, as in the past, being willing to support the Appeal.

John Wheeler, PAO

Ciara Hennessy

Ciara's Mum, Beverley will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 17th August at Ciara's home, 20 Cross Lane, in aid of 'The British Institute of Brain Injured Children'. Beverley would like to take this opportunity to show all Ciara's friends and helpers the accommodation which has been built for her use with the money raised by people in East Bridgford. Beverley and family are very grateful, and would be delighted to see anyone who may be interested. There will be a cake and a white elephant stalls and perhaps a raffle.

All proceeds to go to B.I.B.I.C. who were such a comfort to Ciara's family and do wonderful work entirely funded by public donations.

East Bridgford
Care Group
Mobile answerphone

0976 935476

Just leave your name
and number

Garden Club

Autumn Show

The club's autumn show will be held in the village hall on **Saturday 16th September.**

Exhibits will be welcome from members and non-members (members free, non-members 50p per exhibitor). Any non-member wishing to exhibit can obtain a show schedule from Ian Seel (20526) or from Sue Laver (21311)

There are three trophies to be won:-

- **The East Bridgford Garden Club Trophy** for the exhibitor gaining the largest numbers of points.
- **The Bridgford Garden Centre Trophy** for the best exhibit in the show.
- **The Crossland Brothers Trophy** for the best tray of vegetables.

Prizes are also awarded for class winners –
First £1, Second 60p and Third 40p.

Just for the Kids!

This year there is a new class for children 12 years and under. Now's your chance to see who can make the scariest scarecrow out of fruit and vegetables, displayed on a plate. Prizes awarded to the best.

The show is open to the public from 2pm – 4.30pm, with the prize giving at 4.15pm. The admission charge is 50p, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

House Ends

Being a Hat person

I HAVE NEVER BEEN A 'HAT PERSON'. My mother reckons that my antipathy to hats started at a very early age when I came home from school swinging a very large harvest festival cabbage in my much-hated knitted pixie hood. Later when I was required to wear a beret at school, I fashioned it into a saucer like object and gripped it in place on the back of my head so as to prevent me looking like a yokel from Emmerdale Farm.

Apart from school and the odd celebration I never really had to worry too much about hats, although I did try, especially in the cold weather when it made sense to wear one. Cold weather hats are usually OK, especially if you can wear them in the dark when no one can see you. I did this for many years when I used to walk our dog. I had knitted one of those little hats that intrepid explorers wear, not a Balaclava, but one, which could have supported a pom-pom in days gone by. I knitted one for myself and one for T. Mine was the bigger of the two so that it could completely envelop my hair and part of my face should recognition appear to be imminent.

Talking of T, he looks all right in a hat. Being follicly challenged, he has a need to wear them and frequently does, having three models of flat cap for winter use, a neat pork-pie type for more formal occasions, and a medium brim straw hat for the sun. He is very fussy about his hats and takes his time in choosing them, shunning anything

that does not fit perfectly or does not suit.

Perhaps that is my downfall. I don't take enough time or trouble because I don't really like having something uncomfortable perched on the top of my head. I prefer to spend a ridiculous half an hour of fun in the store trying on the most outrageous looking hats, whilst making the appropriate silly face to match.

But I have had to start thinking seriously about hats. One reason is to keep the sun and glare from my face and eyes when gardening or out and about. The solution has turned out to be a baseball cap, which is amazingly comfortable, keeps my hair tidy and the sun from my eyes. The only trouble is that the peak sometimes gets in the way, making me want to turn it round to face the back – but T tends to disown me when I do that.

But the main reason why I have got to get to grip with a hat is that one of our daughters is getting married next month, and as the bride's mother I have to 'put on a show' – so it's serious business now, getting a hat that suits me, not the baseball cap or the woolly cover-all - one I can wear for a few hours without wanting to tear it off – one that is flattering and doesn't make me look like Carmen Miranda and which, when removed doesn't make my hair look as if it has been plastered against my skull with the occasional tufty bit sticking out at the side.

Do you think I am asking the impossible?

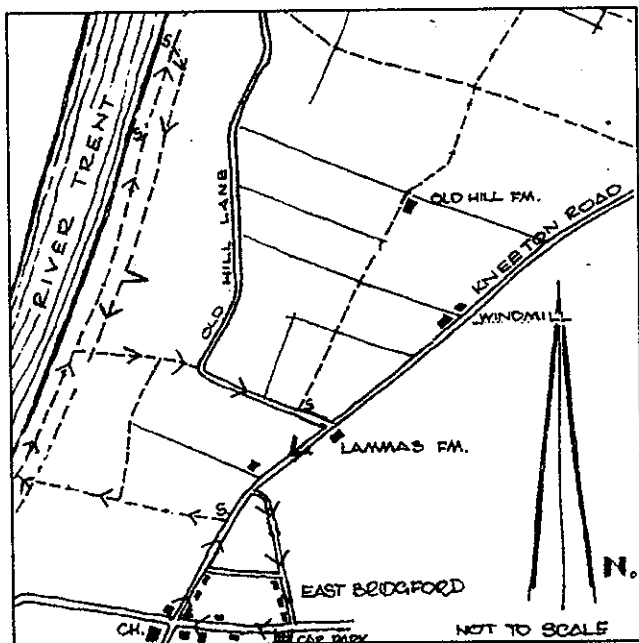
Sue Laver

WALK No 10
By the river and
back along the cliff

Village Walks

Left out of car park to church crossroads. Right up Kneeton Road for about 600yards to footpath finger & stile on the left. Over and straight on through field and down steps. At fence bear right to join riverside path. Turn right and keep straight ahead. The path eventually enters meadows, carry straight on. After about 600 yards the path moves towards base of cliff where it passes through the fence. After 100 yards, cross the stile on your right (next to a large metal gate). Walk up the bank and path will turn right, with the river on your right. Over two stiles. Keep straight on by fence. At the end of the field as the fence bends away to the right, carry on slightly left, looking for the steps that will take you down into a gully. Up the steps on the other side- (affectionately known as the Great Wall of China because of the way it zigzags up the bank). Straight on, with fence on your right. When fence curves to the left, follow the edge of the field away from river. At head of gully, turn right up steps and right again along field edge as path moves back towards the cliff top. Continue along this path. At next gully go down steps to track, turn left. Straight on to Kneeton Road. Turn right. First left down Lammas Lane. Straight over the X-roads to College Street. Continue along to Main St and car park. Approx 4 miles
ACCOMPANY A FOOTPATH WARDEN ON THIS WALK ON SUNDAY 13th AUGUST MEET IN CAR PARK, MAIN STREET, 10.45 AM. FOR DETAILS RING 20818 OR 20676

Weather permitting we hope to stop for a picnic, so bring your own refreshments.



Renewing the Women's Offering Service

Thank you

THE WOMEN'S OFFERING SERVICE 2000 will celebrate 115 years since Lady Laura Ridding made her first appeal to the 'Ladies of the Diocese' in 1885, and 68 years of the Women's Offering itself. The service will take place in Southwell Minster at 2.00pm on Thursday 28 September.

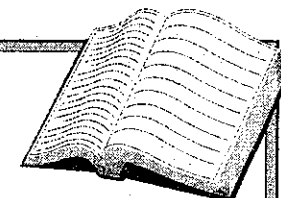
Bishop Alan will attend the service, and the offering will go towards the work of Family Care. Your contribution, however small, will be greatly valued. Everyone is welcome (there will be a crèche, so bring the children), and all are invited to enjoy tea afterwards in Trebeck Hall.

This year will mark a turning point in the Women's Offering, and the service will reflect this – celebrating the years gone by and looking forward to the future. (Watch this space for more news!) As we are partly looking back at the past, we would like to hear from anybody with memories they would be prepared to share with the organisers – maybe of the services, or some fund-raising, or of your own involvement with offering as a beneficiary or recipient. Old Orders of Service and photographs would be interesting, too. If you have anything which may be of interest, or would like more information about the Women's Offering Service, please call Gilly Myers on 0115 960 5447, or email gilly@myers.uk.net.

East Bridgford Bowls Club would like to thank Mr & Mrs Fred Hunt for their generosity in raising approximately £400 at their coffee morning

Ken and Mick Blagg and their families wish to thank relatives and friends for flowers, messages of sympathy on the sad loss of their mother Gladys. They would also like to thank the residents of Holloway Close for their donations for flowers. Again many thanks to all.

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

2 July Heather Rachel HIGGS

Funeral

24 July Mabel Mary ATKIN 89 years

Living Whist

THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED in the village for thirteen years or more may have actually seen it, but those who are relative newcomers can only guess what the spectacle of Living Whist would have been like. You may ask what "Living Whist" is? It is the card game of whist played with people dressed up as a pack of cards.

The idea came from Miss Gertrude Fox, a well-known benefactor who lived at the Hall in the village in the late 19th and early 20th century. Miss Fox was involved in initiating many activities in the village, which included the Girls Friendly Society and WI, and it is believed that she devised Living Whist in 1919 as a way of entertaining and occupying the villagers.

She also took responsibility for designing and arranging for the costumes to be made, which comprised a total of fifty-two tunics making up a full pack of cards, and one joker's outfit, all hand finished in waxed paint. Initially white skirts and white stockings were worn with the costumes, but in more recent years, black trousers or tights were preferred.

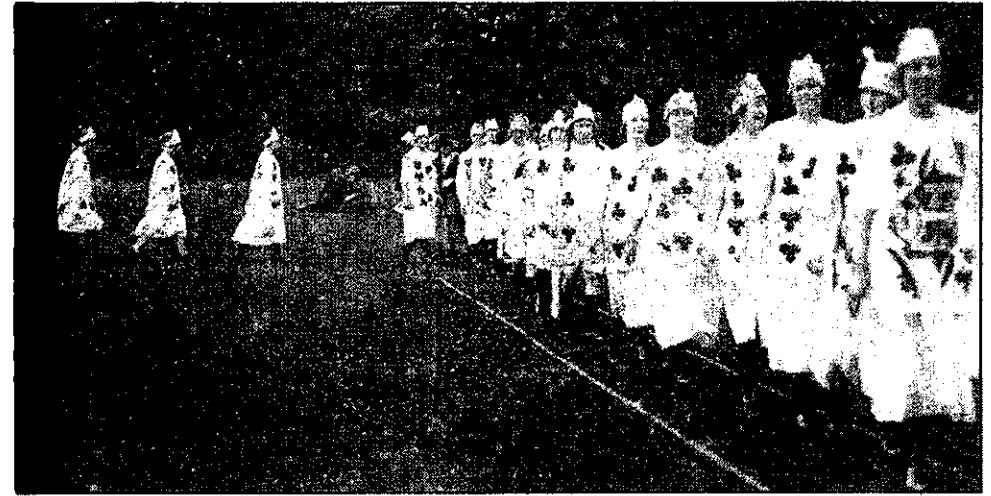
Not much is known about the first performances of Living Whist, but it is believed that it was played in 1919 and later in the 1920's at Lincoln and of course in East Bridgford. It wasn't until forty years later, that it was revived by Felicity Jay for the fiftieth anniversary of the East Bridgford WI in 1967 at Flintham Hall, again for the sixtieth in 1977 in East Bridgford and for the last time, the seventieth in 1987 at Rufford.

Because Miss Fox was a very active member of the WI, being its President for 25 years, the WI has held onto the 'copyright' of the game and is the keeper of the original costumes,

holding photographs of the more recent performances - one of these photos can be seen in the WI hut. Many East Bridgford WI members were involved in the anniversary performances - Cecily Atkins, Jessie Shepherd, Enid Green, Jum Brooks, to name but a few. For the event in 1987, David Atkins was the announcer, and WI members from Car Colston, Flintham and Bingham and school children were included.

The logistics of getting sixty people to the rehearsals was difficult and the actual performance was usually the only time when they had a full complement of players. The sixty people required for the performance comprised the fifty-two cards, one joker, four whist players, an announcer, and two others to look after the music and dancing. However, according to Felicity Jay it all came together on the day of the performance.

The vision of people dressed as cards participating in a game of whist must have made the spectators think they were watching something from Alice in Wonderland, as the cards marched onto a field the size of a croquet lawn, then at the sound of a whistle shuffled themselves before being dealt. Someone from the audience was asked to cut for trumps from a small pack, before the joker dealt out the cards to the players, who were situated at the four corners of the field. Once the cards had been dealt, they tried to keep their face to their player, so that the other whist players could not gain an advantage. The announcer then let everyone know that play had commenced, and as each round was played the human cards tripped to the centre one by one and did a little dance to music, before departing to the line where the winning players tricks were kept.



A 'Twenties' Living Whist game in progress on Butts Field, looking towards the Hall



The full pack photographed in 1969 at Flintham Hall. Any familiar faces?

At the end of the game the announcer declared the winning pair.

The organisation of such a performance was enormous and undoubtedly required a great deal of dedication and hard work in order to get it up and running.

So let us hope that the WI decide to re-enact it on some auspicious occasion in the future, so as to capture a flavour of times past in the life of the village as well as generating a great deal of fun.

Sue Laver

Sports Club News

Golf Day

ON 23RD JUNE, seven teams of four took part in the annual golf event, which this year was held at the Mapperley Golf Club. It must be said that the field did not contain many exceptional golfers, with the majority of players playing off the maximum 24 handicap, and evidence of this was provided by the fact that nobody won the 'nearest to the pin' competition on the par 3 eight hole, since not one ball actually landed on the green! The winning team comprising Dave Thomas, Stuart Ellis, Richard Lycette and Jim Keyworth were each awarded a fine set of 4 crystal glasses for their efforts. Many thanks must go to Mike Unwin of Frontline Kitchens, our sponsors for the day, who provided all the prizes.

A roast dinner and a few drinks rounded off the day, and now we look forward to next year's event, which will take place at around the same time at a different venue, likely to be Belton Woods. We will again be hoping to secure a local sponsor for the event, and if any firm would like to be involved, they should contact Richard Watkins on EB 20080. Next year's event will be advertised in the Village Magazine and elsewhere for a few months before the actual date, and it would be wonderful if even more teams could be involved in 2001.

Sporting Challenge 2000

As part of the Feast Week celebrations, the sports club again

organised a Sporting Challenge Event, which took place on Butts Field on Friday evening 30th June. This has now become a popular fixture in the village calendar, with ever increasing numbers of participants. This year 27 teams of four players took part in games of skill loosely based around the four main sports of the sports club. The tennis club ball machine was deployed to fire balls with great velocity at frightened individuals who were attempting to connect ball with racket on the other side of the court. The bowls club required players to arc the woods, to finish in a target area marked on the green. Teams had to hit as many wickets as possible with a set number of balls to show their cricketing skills, and players were each given two penalty attempts against a goalkeeper for the event manned by the football club.

The overall team trophy was won by "Dellers un Fellers", comprising Peggy Deller, Martin Beacon, Kirsty Deller and Mark Pilgrim, who showed a general all round ability in all four events.

Many thanks must go to all helpers in the individual clubs for all their hard work, which made the evening such a success, particularly to Chris and Sue Brownson, Chris and Jan Sapey for manning the extremely popular Bar B Q and bar.

As well as providing fun for the participants, these two events have produced a profit of around £500 for the sports club, which helps to balance the books in maintaining the sports pavilion.

Richard Watkins

Parish Council News

AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING CAMPAIGN to clean up the village, the Parish Council are considering employing someone to pick up litter. Initially this would be for four hours a week thought this could increase at a later date. Anyone interested in this vacancy should contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Higgs on 20406 who will provide further details.

It is hoped that preparations for the Gateway Scheme will start soon and though these may cause some initial inconvenience, the completed project should help to stop traffic speeding through the village.

Isabel Francis

The Royal British Legion Women's Section

Luncheon

on
Saturday 26 August
in the Village Hall
12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tickets £8 including wine

From:
Mrs M Wheeler 20405
Mrs S Cox 20766
Mrs M Willis 20158

All RBL members and friends welcome

Millennium Farming Pageant

On the sunny day of Saturday 10th June, East Bridgford held a farming pageant to celebrate the Millennium – a history of machines used in farming throughout the centuries.

Five engines, sixteen tractors and two vintage cars proceeded from the village hall to Manor Farm on Kneeton Road through the kind permission of Mr Geoff Hinchley. Cecil Widdison, the organiser of the event set them off with the Derby Serenaders Marching Band leading.

Many of the machines had come from great distances – the Duke of Rutland steam engine had come all the way from Oakham for the event. Local villagers and visitors to the event were thrilled to see such a collection of finely restored engines in their own village. Together with a very successful evening dance in the village hall with the Single Thread band and food, the events raised a magnificent £250 for the East Bridgford Care Group.

There was also a double celebration going on in the village that day as Bill Widdison and Phyllis Marsh of Screveton jointly celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Many thanks to those who helped make the events so successful.

Cecil Widdison.

An extract from

RURAL NEWS

Summer 2000

A briefing on topical issues for the church in the countryside

Schools in Rural Areas

In many villages the primary school is a vital part of the community. The importance of the school in ensuring that the village remains alive is considerable. It is an important way to attract young families into the village, and to encourage them to stay.

In 1999 Nottinghamshire Local Education Authority consulted with schools by issuing a paper, *Support for Small Schools* to governing bodies for a response. The LEA was concerned to ensure that all schools were efficient, provided 'value for money', and were not overly expensive.

Many village primary schools are expensive to run because they are too small. For these schools, the Small Schools Supplement that the LEA provides is invaluable. The LEA is considering how best to deliver this support – especially as Nottinghamshire is poorly funded by central government. Under the Standard Spending Assessment, Hertfordshire receives £134 more per child than Nottinghamshire.

Some problems are inevitable in small schools, such as the necessity of mixed age classes.

These place real demands on teachers, especially as the national curriculum is set for single year classes, as are the Literacy Hour and Numeracy time. In spite of this, small village primary schools have a reputation for providing excellent education as measured in OFSTED reports, and church schools are particularly successful.

What can we as the Church do to support these schools in the community to ensure their continued success?

- Join the PTA or friends group
- Offer to help the school in any way you can – reading to children, helping on trips, painting – whatever is needed.
- Support the school's fund-raising activities.
- Become a Governor.

Church schools have foundation governors appointed by the church but *all* schools have parent governors, co-opted governors and LEA governors. Schools welcome applications to become governors in any of these three categories.

Whatever we do to help keep and raise standards in our local schools, will help maintain thriving communities.

The Diocese of Southwell
Social Responsibilities Office
Catharine's House
St Ann's Well Road

AIRLINE SAFETY

AS THE CROWDED AIRLINER is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an elderly man in the uniform of a RAF Air Commodore is seen slowly walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-spoken officer leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand and quietly fastens his seat belt.

All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause. As the Air Commodore slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, sir," she asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The old man smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars and battle ribbons and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out the plane door, on any flight I choose."

CHUCKLES IN CHURCH

Actual Church Announcement:
This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park opposite the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

WI Report

In theory, a garden meeting in July is fine - a balmy evening with a light breeze wafting scents of sweet peas and honeysuckle, the tinkle of laughter and teacups...

In reality, we usually have weather that would not disgrace a winter month and, more often than not, the decision has to be made to have the meeting in the WI Hut. So it was again this year but we still had a most enjoyable and sociable evening. A shuttle system of cars was organised to take members along Kneeton Road to walk round the Barclay and Case gardens. Special mention has to be made of Bill and Rita's garden - only people with a passion and flair for gardening could produce such magical surroundings and we are grateful to them for their invitation.

There is no meeting in August but look out for details of forthcoming attractions for September and the following months.

Rachel Barclay

*When you are old and gray and full of sleep
And, nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Yours eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;*

*How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true;
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.*

*And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.*

William Butler Yeats

Soups & Starters

MELONS

During the summer we are often looking for something refreshing to eat – particularly if the weather has been kind to us and is hot and sunny. Melons make an ideal starter – they also make an ideal dessert.

The best type of melons for hors d'oeuvres or starters are the following: -

Cantaloupe – Round with rough, warty, dark green or dark gold skin. They have pink aromatic flesh.

Charentais – Small, round, highly scented fruit with well-flavoured deep pink flesh and a light greenish skin marked in segments.

Ogen – another round, highly scented, honey-sweet and pale green flesh with smooth speckled skin divided by stripes of green.

Galia – A distinctive netted skin with rough bark-like lines on the surface.

The flesh is creamy-green with a strong musky scent.

Honeydew – A variety of winter melon – but the one we see the most often with a banana yellow skin, either smooth or ridged and pale yellow, firm, sweet flesh.

Preparation

Try to use a stainless steel knife or spoon for preparation, cutting the melon in half (either lengthways or horizontally) before scooping out the seeds and any membrane. Chill thoroughly before filling.

A Few Ideas

- Serve slices of melon with ground ginger and brown sugar to provide a simple starter.
- Combine wedges of honeydew melon with wafer slices of Parma ham to make a classic Italian hors d'oeuvre.
- Halve melons then steep in sherry, port, Marsala or sparkling white wine then finish with curd cheese and chopped fresh tarragon.
- Make up a salad of melon and orange segments with roast poultry slices and a lemon juice or olive oil dressing.

Choosing Your Melon

Ripe melons feel heavy and the end opposite the stalk gives slightly when you gently press it. If it isn't ripe place it in a brown paper bag and leave in a warm dark place until ready.

Memories for the Millennium is your chance to make your own record of life in the county with the Nottinghamshire Living History Archive Millennium Award Scheme.

Do you or someone you know have a story to tell?

This unique and exciting project will enable you to capture an aspect of Nottinghamshire life. Recording in sound or vision, you could choose to preserve part of a disappearing world, or cut a 'slice of life' from your own community.

Would you like to contribute to the continuing history of life within Nottinghamshire?

Your completed project will be stored in the County's Archives, local libraries and other community buildings as part of a unique record of life in the 20th century.

The Millennium Award Scheme runs for 3 years, having started in September 1999. Each year, 30 Millennium Awards will be available, enabling 90 people to participate by 2002.

Who can apply?

- To be successful you must:
- Live in Nottinghamshire and be 15 years of age or over
- Involve people of different ages in the project
- Complete your Millennium Award by a specific date
- Share your work with others in the community
- Take part in promoting the scheme to future participants

What help will I receive?

- Loan of audio recorders, video equipment and cameras
- Specialist training in use of equipment
- Training in oral history skills and project management
- Expenses to cover postage, travel and hire of premises, childcare, enabling equipment, and loss of benefits if necessary.

Further information and entry forms may be obtained by contacting:
Scheme Mentor
Denis Hill
or
Scheme Co-ordinator
Samantha Holgate-Davey
on Mansfield
(01623) 662672

Planning Applications and Decisions

00/00718/FUL	Mrs P Pickford, Springdale Farm, Springdale Lane. Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling, use of land as domestic curtilage. Council did not object provided that the dwelling is for agricultural occupancy only.
00/00731/FUL	Mr & Mrs P Challis, 1 Lammas Gardens. Conversion of stable/storage building to dwelling, alteration to vehicular access. Council did not object.
RBC Decisions 00/00451/FUL	Mr Bloor, 36 Cross Lane. Three dormer windows. Grant permission.
00/00531/TPO	Paul Bottomley, re: 38a College Street. Removal of ash tree. Grant consent.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

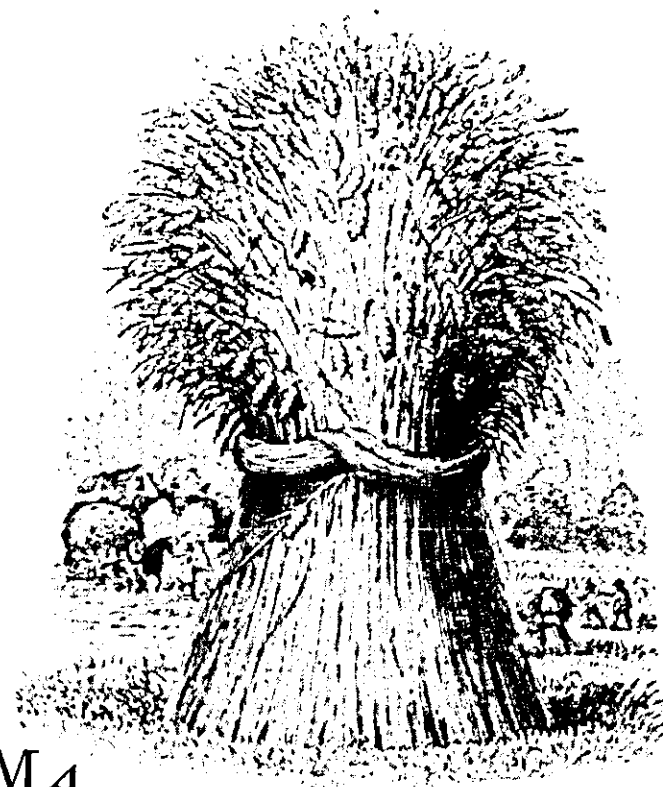
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Village Diary

8	Bowls Club Bingo, 7.30pm Village Hall
9	Bowls Club Jumble Sale, 2.30pm
10	Village Walk No.11, 10.45am, Car Park
16	Garden Club Autumn Show, 2pm - 4.30pm, Village Hall
16	Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am to noon
16	Start of Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal to 30 th September
19	Men's Society, 8pm, Village Hall Committee Room,
20	Mother's Union, 2pm, WI Hut
22	Horticultural Society AGM, 7.45pm, WI Hut
23	Scouts Barn Dance, 8pm Village Hall
24	Craft Fair, 10.30am - 4pm, St Peter's School
30	Coffee Morning, King Edward Club
30	Ciara Jumble Sale, Village Hall

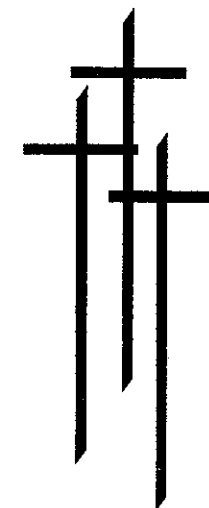
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SERVICES AT ST PETER'S AND ST HELEN'S

Sunday	3 September
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday	6 September
11.30am	Holy Communion at the Manor House
Sunday	10 September
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.00pm	Evensong at St Helen's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday	13 September
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	17 September: 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am	Family Service at St Peter's
6.00pm	Harvest Evensong at St Helen's - Preacher: The Bishop of Southwell
	No Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday	20 September
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	24 September
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.00pm	Harvest Service at the Methodist Church
	No Evensong at St Peter's or St Helen's
Wednesday	27 September
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	1 October: Harvest Thanksgiving
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's



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100 Years ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The weather during August was far from being as favourable to the gathering in of the harvest as we had hoped from the fine weather previously experienced. But the yield has probably been up to the average.

The following Reports have been received from Her Majesty's Inspector of the Evening Schools, which were held last winter in East Bridgford :-

Boys' School - "This new School has done excellent work."

Girls' School - "The girls are under excellent influence, and have derived considerable benefit from a very suitable course of instruction."

The National School re-opens on Monday, Sept 10th. We hope parents will do their best to send their children quite regularly, so that the average attendance may be well maintained, and their children reap the benefit of unbroken instruction.

The Report upon the National School for the year ending June 30th, 1900, has just arrived. H.M.

Inspector says :

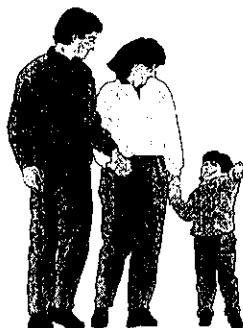
Mixed School - "The geography of the girls was very poor; that of the boys could be more accurate and intelligent. The music was very praiseworthy. The other work was of a good character. The tone was very good. Needlework is suggested as a class subject for the girls."

Infants' School - "The work has been favourably improved. It is not advisable to take two classes in Recitation or Object Lessons at the same time."

T. Morgan Owen,
H.M.I., August 16th 1900.

The Rector's Pages

The Family Service at St Peter's



The Family Service at St Peter's takes place on the **THIRD SUNDAY** each month. The next one will be at 10.45am on **Sunday 17 September**. Coffee and soft drinks are available at the end of the service. These services are carefully prepared with

the needs of young families and children of primary school age in mind. They are topical and lively and enable young children with their parents to worship in a way that is meaningful. The preparation involves considerable time from three members of our congregation, together with those who prepare the refreshments.

During the summer months fewer people have attended these services, which has been disappointing. I do hope that, as we look forward to Harvest, and further ahead to Advent and Christmas, many more young families will want to come along. You will be assured of a very warm welcome.

On the **FIRST SUNDAY** each month the Eucharist is celebrated at 9.00am with children and young people in mind. The service lasts about an hour, but some families choose to come in during a natural break at 9.25am. There is often an excellent talk from Michael Clarke or Rosemary Hutchby and it has been suggested that this should take place at about 9.50am to enable more young children to enjoy it. Once again, refreshments are available after the Service.

Do please think seriously about these two services. With more help and support from both young and older members of our school and village, they could go from strength to strength.

AH

Harvest Celebrations

It makes such a great difference to say 'THANK YOU'. Somehow it completes our enjoyment of things. Ever read a great book and wished you could tell the author just how much you enjoyed it? Ever met a celebrity, whose work you admired, and felt the need to express your admiration and gratitude?

When we look at the world around us, we can be overwhelmed at times by the balance and perfection of nature; not just its beauty, but its provision: the water we drink, the food we eat. "All I see is miracles" wrote the American poet Walt Whitman.

Whitman's sentiments echo the Bible; when it says: "The whole earth is full of God's glory." This harvest time, please join us in saying "Thank you" to God, the author of life itself, who provides all good things by his mighty hand.

Sunday 17 September

6.00pm Harvest Evensong at St Helen's, Kneeton - preacher the Bishop of Southwell.

Sunday 1 October

9.00am Harvest Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm Harvest Eucharist

Please join us for our harvest celebrations.

AH

OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

For a generous bequest in memory of
Miriam Kate WILKINSON.

To John Lawson for the drop-leaf shelf, with cupboard attached in St Peter's Church.

To J.Higgs (Lowdham) Ltd. and Gunthorpe Electrical Ltd. for prompt assistance when help was required urgently at St Peter's Church.

Churchyard Working Party

This month's working party will take place

at

8.30am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 16th September.

We desperately need an hour of your time.

Most of the jobs involve only light work and could be tackled by both young and old.

Please come and help, especially if a relative or friend is interred in the churchyard.

AH

The Bible Study Group

Discover the timeless truth of God's word, and see the relevance for your life!

The Bible Study Group restarts after the summer break on Monday 4th September and anyone who would like to come would be most welcome.

We meet in the friendly informal atmosphere of the upper room at the Methodist Chapel on Mondays at 7.45pm with a repeat study on Wednesdays at 2.00pm at 4, Croft Rise, if this is a more convenient time.

We shall be studying John's Gospel.

Geoff Shaw

Special Services



Sunday 17th September

6.00pm St Helen's Kneeton Harvest Thanksgiving
Preacher: The Rt. Revd. The Bishop of Southwell

Sunday 1st October

St Peter's East Bridgford Harvest Thanksgiving
9.00am Family Eucharist and Presentation of Gifts
6.30pm Harvest Evensong

Sunday 8th October

800th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Peter's,
East Bridgford
6.30pm Festal Service
Preacher The Rt. Revd. Roy Williamson

Make a rule, and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, I have made one human being at least a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day. You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter.

Charles Kingsley,
Daily Thoughts.

Floodlighting Diary

SEPTEMBER

3	In loving memory of ALBERT LODDER
13	In loving memory of JOSEPH GOLIGHTLY
14	Holy Cross Day
21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
26	In loving memory of JEAN BINGHAM
29	Michael and All Angels

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in October's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Golightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before noon on 18th September.

Due to an electrical fault, some of the floodlights have not been working during August. Whilst we are waiting for this problem to be rectified, the floodlight on the Memorial will remain lit to compensate. We apologise to those with floodlight dedications for not being able to offer a full lighting facility.

WEA COURSES

The programme of WEA Courses for the 2000/2001 sessions is as follows: -

Music: stage and concert hall

Tutors: J Duckworth & M Frier

Come and listen to extracts from some of the greatest musicals of the London stage since Gilbert and Sullivan; hear about the fascinating changes in sets, staging, lighting and sound since 1870 and take a look at the London concert halls and the music performed in them.

18 meetings Monday 10.30am – noon
Starts 2 October 2000

The Methodist Chapel
Fee: £54 (concessions
A £40.50, B £5)

The superpowers in the 20th century

Tutor: John Whitfield

The development of the contrasting cultures and ideologies of the USA and USSR will be the first theme, followed by the effects of World War II on them. We shall then study the Cold War, and finally, the breakdown of the communist system in the Eastern bloc.

18 meetings Thursday 10.30am – noon
Starts 5 October 2000

The Methodist Chapel
Fee: £54 (concessions
A £40.50, B £5)

Italian and Modern Art

Tutor: Margarita Poulter

Join our friendly group to enjoy the beautiful colours used by the Italian artists and learn about the different trends in Modern Art. We shall discuss the devices adopted by the artists to interpret the meaning of their paintings.

All welcome.

18 meetings Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm
Starts 5 October 2000

The Methodist Chapel
Fee: £54 (concessions
A £40.50, B £5)

Contact: Mrs L Black, 24 Ludgate Drive, East Bridgford, Notts NG13 8NW.
Telephone 01949 20764.

Please make cheques payable to WEA EMD East Bridgford Branch.

Parish Profile

Mike Handy

When you first meet Mike Handy, you know that he is the sort of guy you could trust and depend upon, and you would find out that you're not the only one who thinks this – many more do and have done so for many years – they have trusted their life with him. And for someone in a high profile, demanding position such as the Chief Executive of the East Midlands Ambulance Service, Mike is relaxed, open about his work, and the rewards, as well as the stresses and strains it brings.

Mike's career started in the early 1960's as an ambulance driver in Warwickshire. After gaining promotion to shift-leader and then controller, Mike took a position with the Hertfordshire Fire and Ambulance Service as a staff officer. He says of this period, "A significant move for me to the outskirts of London - a very good experience, as I was in Hertfordshire when the M1 was at the period when they began to get major pile-ups. There were several in one year, very, very serious accidents with hundreds of cars involved – that was the sort of experience I was getting then."

In the early 1970's Mike made another move, this time to Norfolk as Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer. Then after four years he achieved his first position as Chief Ambulance Officer, in Somerset, where again Mike met new challenges in his career.

"The cover was very spare in ambulance terms, and it was a matter of building it up and developing it. This wasn't easy because we had quite a



few voluntary groups who manned vehicles. Somerset became a very good service and was able to achieve a national response time by the time I was leaving. We had moved into a new control and headquarters centre by the time I came up to Nottingham in 1980." Mike explained.

On being asked why Mike should leave Somerset for an equivalent Chief Ambulance Officer post in Nottingham, he replied, "In those days your pay was based on population and Nottinghamshire's was over 1 million. Somerset's was nowhere near that. But it was a bigger service, more challenging, had got much more going in terms of city hospitals, in one of the busiest cities in the country outside London."

The challenges that have confronted Mike since he has been in Nottingham have been tremendous, not least the

recent merger of the ambulance services. Mike went on to say, "Right through the 80's to the 90's and up until the merger, things needed to be done – like motivating the ambulance crews, and providing new ambulance stations in Nottinghamshire. We succeeded in achieving very good response times – we were fourth in the country.

"Since the merger took place the response hasn't changed, but the way we measure it has. We have to respond to so many calls within 8 minutes. What used to happen was that 8 minutes was 8 minutes 59 seconds, now 8 minutes 1 second is outside the standard – so it's knocked a whole minute off. That's made a significant difference, and we have now got to plan to deal with response times across the whole of the East Midlands.

"The merger took place on the 1st April 1999 which brought together the Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire services. The whole reason for the merger was to reduce maintenance costs by bringing three services into one, by combining management teams, and re-deploying those costs by putting more ambulance crews out on the road for better patient care, better response times - that was the first thing."

The response times has been a 'hot potato' recently and Mike went on to say why he thought they were beginning to improve.

"It has taken some time. This year we have brought about £400,000 back into the accident and emergency budget to help us achieve that particular objective, but nationally there are some new targets to be met by 1st April next year. As a result there has

been some National Government funding, which I have to say is the most significant investment in ambulance services that I have ever seen. It is £21 million nationally and the East Midlands gets just over £2 million, to enable us to appoint an additional 115 extra accident and emergency staff."

When asked if these extra staff were paramedics, Mike replied saying yes but explained, "The TV has blurred the image a little bit – everyone you see in a green suit is a paramedic – but they're not actually. There are two levels – the first level is called the ambulance technicians and they are people who are highly trained, much higher than a 'first aider', but they can't do what a paramedic can do. A paramedic is able to intubate a patient – that's put a tube down their throat so that they can breathe, to set up a drip and to inject drugs and that sort of thing. The technicians can't do that – that's the difference between the two, particularly the responsibility with the drugs.

"What we try to have on every emergency ambulance is one paramedic and one technician, able to deal with anything out there in terms of an emergency. They are fully equipped, fully trained, and fully skilled. You may see two paramedics together occasionally, but that is mainly down to training and mentoring because they have to do that for a period of time before they're out on their own. Across the East Midlands we are also developing - what we call rapid response paramedics, and those are paramedics in smaller vehicles who are able to get out very quickly, assess the situation and cancel further back-up if they can deal with the situation."

When Mike was asked what he thought were the biggest changes he had seen during his career, and what he saw for the future, he responded, "I think two things – one of the biggest and most significant changes was the introduction of defibrillators on every vehicle. A defibrillator is an electric machine that enables an ambulance crew to stabilise the heart and get the patient back into a stable condition. The second one was the introduction of paramedics.

"As to the future, I think paramedics are going to become much more highly trained than they are at the moment. I see the possibility of paramedics working in accident and emergency departments as part and parcel of the establishment of those departments for say six months a year – a continual turn-round through accident and emergency so that they are constantly updated."

In addition to controlling the accident and emergency ambulance service, Mike has responsibility for the non-patient carrying side. In the past Mike has trained ambulance drivers and was involved in a national instructor's course, helping to change the whole method of teaching. It should come as no surprise that Mike was awarded the Queen's Medal for long service and services to the ambulance organisation in 1995, when Princess Alexandra presented him with his medal. This plus attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace, being a guest at a sumptuous dinner at Chatsworth House have been some of the highlights that Mike has been able to share with his wife, Julia, during his career.

Despite many moves through Mike's promotion, Julia has been successful in

maintaining her career by finding a new job each time they moved. Starting off by working for the Midland Bank in Birmingham, Julia's knowledge and expertise in finance and pay services has enabled her to progress in her work, and she is now the Pay Services Manager for Nottingham City Hospital.

Although Mike's work is demanding, he does find time to relax with Julia in the garden, where he says she is the 'professional gardener' and he just tidies up. And as if he doesn't have enough responsibility at work Mike has been the Chairman of the Horticultural Society's Flower Show in the village for the past three years, again another job where change is taking place.

"We've reached the stage where it has been running as it is now for many years and I think we've got to stop and take stock to see what the people in the village really want. I don't believe anybody wants to see the Flower Show disappear but what we want is for some new people to come and take over. I don't believe everyone will walk away from it, they won't, they want to help, but I think it just needs some new blood, some new thoughts, some fresh ideas to try things out so that it can move on."

Having lived in East Bridgford for the past eleven years, Mike and Julia find the environment relaxing and pleasant, and a good antidote to the stresses and strains that their jobs bring. But despite all the hours they work, they are both well known in the village, contributing to the excellent community spirit, and moreover to the health of the East Midlands in no small measure.

Sue Laver

Garden Club



Autumn Show

The club's autumn show will be held in the village hall on Saturday 16th September. Exhibits will be welcome from members and non-members (members free, non-members 50p per exhibitor). Any non-member wishing to exhibit can obtain a show schedule from Ian Seel (20526) or from Sue Laver (21311)

There are three trophies to be won:-

- The East Bridgford Garden Club Trophy for the exhibitor gaining the largest numbers of points.
- The Bridgford Garden Centre Trophy for the best exhibit in the show.
- The Crossland Brothers Trophy for the best tray of vegetables.

Prizes are also awarded for class winners – First £1, Second 60p and Third 40p.

Just for the Kids!

This year there is a new class for children 12 years and under. Now's your chance to see who can make the scariest scarecrow out of fruit and vegetables, displayed on a plate. Prizes awarded to the best.

The show is open to the public from 2pm – 4.30pm, with the prize giving at 4.15pm.

The admission charge is 50p, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

Garden Refuse Bags

As a lot of people already know, garden rubbish bags are available at about 43p each from the paper shop and that these will be collected with the other refuse on a Friday. There was a blip one Friday when some were not removed, and when I asked why, I was told they were too heavy because they contained soil, not true garden rubbish. RBC did kindly send a special lorry and so these were taken away. Due to Health and Safety regulations, garden rubbish will be taken up to a **maximum weight limit of 25kg**. As long as householders observe this limit, the eyesore of bags of garden rubbish left on the footpaths will be avoided.

M. Burnett

CIARA FUND

We have booked the village hall to hold a jumble sale on 30th September. Please if you have any jumble we will be happy to collect if you will ring Pat or John West on 20946. We plan this time to share the proceeds with Ciara's school – Ashlea School at Cotgrave. They are raising funds to provide a swimming pool for their children.

VILLAGE PLANNING

A summary of comments given
to East Bridgford Parish
Council 6th August 2000

Development Threat

- a) There are rumours of options – perimeter land/access acquisition attempt off Ludgate Drive – an offer of purchase of large house and garden adjacent to new medical centre. (See also Lammas Lane proposal – information very recently received by the parish council with request for parish council comment – see pc minutes)
- b) Rushcliffe Borough Council second report: Removal of green belt from land around new medical centre/proposal for 75 houses on Butt Lane site, Lammas Lane and Closes Side Lane both noted in the RBC report but at present are in green belt. We need to understand green belt control and administration. There are a number of potential development sites just in the green belt.
- c) If the Newton development is rejected, will East Bridgford be scheduled for more than 75 houses?
- d) Planners have verbally told us they “would have difficulty” in rejecting perimeter proposals.
- e) We have agreed (with conditions) that we would not oppose 75 houses.

What Arguments Exist?

- a) What is a village? Only the cricket club definition i.e. maximum of 3000 population

exists. How can it be said the present size is a limit? There are functional objections: sewage mains, traffic load, open space, school capacity and space between settlements. There should be a village plan – is this mandatory? How thorough should it be? We should find out.

- b) Our Present villagers say “no more”.
- c) The development of 75 houses, the type and range needs to be explored; perhaps we should work with Bryants and Rushcliffe Borough Council on this. The RBC said they would help, and the RCC. The village has clearly said (see appraisal) that they wish for some older person and starter home accommodation.
- d) Can we effectively object to more than 75 houses? We should look at ways of doing more than reluctantly accepting ‘we will object but THEY will do as they want’. We need expert advice. We have warnings that sites around the village could be developed and not count towards the 75 (since writing, a proposal to develop the Lammas Lane site has appeared). Are the authorities right in saying they would have great difficulty in opposing such schemes? We are told the green belt is our defence.

- e) How secure is it? Some authorities do seem to be able to influence development without the threat of huge penalties.

Considerations

Apart from the ‘nimby/OK as we are/ other places are possible’, how do we establish that our size is right and that 75 houses are a reasonable limit? There seem to be plenty of sensible development opportunities in the borough, much better than here. The third report from the borough should be presented in October.

Cllr David Meylan

BARN DANCE with KURLY KALE

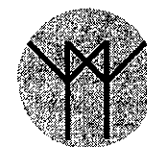
8pm Saturday 23rd September

East Bridgford Village Hall
Tickets £5 (including supper)
from

Steve Cumberland
01949 20780 or 20997

Licensed Bar

Hosted by 1st Shelford
& East Bridgford
Scout Group



HOME - START with SURE START

needs

Parents or Grandparents

Home-Start is a charity supporting parents with children under the age of five in their own homes.

Volunteers

Are needed to help support our families by offering a friendly listening ear or practical support to parents who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives.

Please help

Full training, regular support and travelling expenses are offered to all our volunteers.

Interested?

For further information about our organisation please contact Tina at
HOME START - SURE START
0115 962 4262

HOME - START NOTTINGHAM
Supporting families
Homefield House, 2 First Avenue,
Sherwood Rise, Nottingham NG7 6JL

Soups & Starters

For those keen gardeners who like growing tomatoes, September is the month when they are rapidly harvesting their produce, wondering quite what to do with them all. Here are a couple of ideas.

Tomato and Basil Soup

1½ lbs tomatoes – chopped
1 potato – peeled and chopped
2 small onions – chopped
½ pint of vegetable stock
1 clove of garlic – crushed
1½ tablespoons of oil
2 teaspoons of freshly chopped basil
Salt & pepper to taste

- Cook the chopped onion and potato in the oil in a thick saucepan, until they are softened.
- Add the tomatoes and continue to cook the mixture for a couple of minutes, whilst adding garlic, salt and pepper.
- Pour the stock over the mix, and simmer for approximately 25 minutes.
- Either sieve mixture to remove pips and skin, or place in liquidiser to blend.
- Return the soup to heat whilst adding chopped basil (dried basil can be added earlier with the tomatoes).
- Check the seasoning and serve with bread rolls.

Stuffed Tomatoes

Select large tomatoes for this:

- Prepare by cutting the top off the tomato and then scoop out the middle.
- Place the tomatoes on a baking tray; mix the filling together and spoon into the centre of the tomato.
- Replace the top back on the tomato, and bake in a moderately hot oven, Gas Mark 6, 200C, 400F for 10 – 15 minutes.

Fillings for 4 tomatoes

1 teaspoon lightly fried finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons of cooked long grain rice, or breadcrumbs
Salt & pepper
Chopped parsley

To this you can add:

1 oz of cooked ham – finely diced
and/or 1 oz of grated cheese
and/or 1 oz of chopped mushrooms lightly cooked

Village Curiosities Uncovered

The East Bridgford Local History Group, which exists to study, understand and preserve historic details of our village organised a "Heritage Hunt" on 28th July.

It was a wet Friday evening when 16 teams consisting of over 50 adults and an assortment of children and dogs assembled on the Village Car Park for the start. Solving 40 cryptic clues and identifying 20 photographs taken from unusual angles, formed the main part of the event. However, if anyone thought that was too easy, there was the further challenge of finding the route, counting the number of times telephone lines crossed it (65 in case you wondered) and collecting a number of "historic" items.

All teams managed to set off in the right direction (or, rather, the left) but in their enthusiasm to get started most missed the first clue which was a photograph of part of the car park sign. Heading off down Walnut Tree Lane the route returned to Main Street via Ludgate Drive and then turned into College Street (R where historically there would have been 3Rs). A footpath just beyond Moss Close (where a racing driver might have had a close finish) emerged near Cherryholt Lane where translating a Latin inscription proved difficult – a pity because the organiser (who failed O level Latin miserably) was hoping someone would know what it meant...

From there, to the top of Lammas Lane and back down Kneeton Road where no one realised that Tacet Lea, could be a quiet field. Back into the other end of Cherryholt, a further footpath to Brown's Lane finally took us to the finish where there isn't any snow darling (Reindeer – sorry!).

All teams made it to the finish, having performed mental gymnastics matched only by the disturbed intellect of the organiser. Many arrived clutching items of treasure including Victorian postage stamps, sepia photographs, war medals, 3d coins and some simply wonderful family trees.

The well-deserved winners were the Crawfords and the Meylans.

Special thanks must go to Bill Whitaker for helping out with the scoring at the finish and to both Bill and my wife Leonie for helping at the start. Thanks are also due to Jo at The Reindeer for kindly providing the prizes. But most of all, thanks to everyone who braved the weather and came along on the night to make the event a success.

John Fox

The King Edward Club

The Club will be holding a coffee morning on 30th September

Looking backwards with gratitude, looking forwards with confidence:

Another year at St Peter's School

In July for the first time this year we introduced a Sunday afternoon Year 6 Leavers' Service at the Church. This was to celebrate the achievements of our oldest children, thank them for all they had contributed to the school over the years and wish them every success in the future. The theme was 'Looking backwards with gratitude, looking forwards with confidence'. In the same way we can look at the life of St. Peter's as a whole.

Although it is always possible to pick out moments when things don't go as well as we would like, overall last year was another very successful year for the school. We were crowned Notts Schools' Cross Country Relay Champions, Lacrosse Champions, Rushcliffe Hockey Champions, reached the finals of the Millennium Song Competition (performing at the Albert Hall and Concert Hall) and saw several children achieve individual honours, including one boy representing Notts at chess. We also maintained high academic standards, 100% of our 7 year olds and 98% of our 11 year olds achieving the national standard or higher in Maths, English and Science.

However, it is not these examples of achievement I want to dwell on, gratifying as they are to a headteacher, but rather the people whose efforts made this success possible. Firstly, make no mistake, St. Peter's has very good teachers and learning support assistants, who continue to work extremely hard to give pupils the very

best chance of growing both intellectually and as people as a whole. I am particularly grateful not just for their efforts in the classroom, but also for the time they continue to give to providing a broad programme of extra-curricula activities. Whether it is music, sport, art, dance, drama, the environment or taking children on residential visits, all of this makes a significant contribution to making St. Peter's the lively and vital place of learning and growing it tries to be. Moreover, they are marvellously supported by the non-teaching staff – secretary, caretaker, midday supervisors and catering staff. How grateful I have been to our school cook, who this April had the courage and energy to take on the job of providing a meals service independently of any outside organisation, adding yet another extra bit of flavour to school life!

This year our governing body also grew in numbers and how grateful we should all be for the tremendous work, often unsung and in the background, that they do (as volunteers) in ensuring the smooth running of St. Peter's. Each year the Government requires more of our school governors and on every occasion they respond in a most committed and professional manner. If nothing else they keep me under control and everyone should be grateful for that!

The chairman of the governors is, of course, Canon Haydock and we are

reminded through this of the importance of the Church's influence throughout the school. This is not in an evangelical sense but in a way which helps set St. Peter's caring ethos, where we look to, 'Take care of ourselves, each other, our world and with our work'. It is a quiet, yet profound, influence and one which is ever present.

Nor could anything of significance be achieved without the marvellous support we receive from parents. In the 21st century successful education is truly a partnership between school and home. Being entrusted with the education of a person's child is perhaps one of the most responsible jobs anyone could have, but whatever the impact of a teacher, it is nothing compared to that of a parent and even the simple act of a parent being interested in what his/her child has done that day, can have a profound influence on that child's learning and development. Parents need a school that values their children, but even more teachers need parents who value their children. This we have at St. Peter's.

Yet, most significantly perhaps, I am grateful to the children themselves. School is no longer something that happens to children, it is something they are involved in. I am always reminding pupils that the success of St. Peter's, which they should want as much as me, relies on them. In the end they are the ones that have got to work hard and take hold of all the opportunities that we are offering. They are the ones that before, during and after school have got to meet the

challenges set, sometimes even exceed our high expectations and keep coming back for more. This they invariably do and for this we are grateful. If St. Peter's has had a successful year, more than anything it is their success.

But let us not forget when we look backward with gratitude to a successful school and all the people that make this possible, that St. Peter's is a community school. It cannot and does not stand in isolation in East Bridgford, but sees itself as a fundamental part of what makes East Bridgford such a pleasant and rewarding place to live in. We recognise our responsibility to you and hope you are keen to see us do well. We are proud to be a part of the life of East Bridgford and hope you are proud to be associated with St. Peter's. For this is not just about teachers, governors, parents Church and children, this is about all of us together sharing in the success of a whole community, and in this way St. Peter's is your school too.

When the school's motto says 'Together in Achievement', I hope this is not just a nice saying, but something that is real and alive. For it is this partnership that has brought us success and allows us to look backward with gratitude. But more than that it is this same togetherness that will challenge us and encourage us to move forward with both courage and confidence, to achieve even more for both our children and our community as a whole.

David B. Maddison

Brotherhood



So this commandment of the love of our brethren is the supreme wish of Christ: it is so much His desire that He makes of it, not a counsel, but a commandment, His commandment, and He makes the fulfilment of it the infallible sign by which His disciples shall be recognised.... It is a sign all can understand, none other is given: no one can be mistaken as to it: the supernatural love you have for one another will be the unequivocal proof that you truly belong to Me. And, in fact, in the first centuries, the pagans recognised the Christians by this sign: "See," they would say, "how they love one another".

D Columba Marmion
Christ: the Life of the Soul

U3A

Learning and Leisure Activities for Retired People

**Public meeting to Start U3A
University of the 3rd Age - In Bingham**

**11.00am, Friday 22nd September
WI Hall, Station Street**

Speaker - Mike Long, Development Organiser

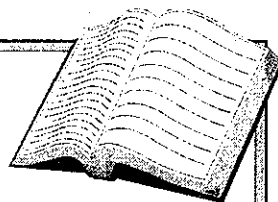
U3A is a self-help group, a learning co-operative, using members' skills and interests to foster new activities in leisure and learning

Want to know more??? Then do join us!

Refreshments free!!

For further information contact:
Peter Thompson 01949 837366
Lorna Wallace: 01949 875681

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

30 July Harry John ASHDOWN

Holy Matrimony

28 July Stephen John CROSS and Susan Geraldine HAND
19 August Nicholas John O'DOHERTY and Olivia Kirsty SHORT
26 August Kevin Stuart HINDSON and Sally Elizabeth HARRIS
26 August Paul Robert John HALLAM and Catherine Louise Zillah BELL

EB Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford - July 2000

Date	Location	Offence
1	Crossways Drive	Burglary - Jewellery stolen
6	Trent Lane	Attempted burglary - Kicking door disturbed occupant
14	Butt Lane	Burglary - quad bike and horsebox stolen
16	College Street	Theft - wallet stolen from coat in changing rooms

In the twelve months including July, there have been 44 incidents, a moving average of 3.67 per month. This is an upward trend.

Andy Jackson, our Beat Manager has advised us that there is a large increase in crime in the village, particularly auto crime. He requests that motorists show a greater awareness of vehicle security, in particular by placing valuables, e.g. handbags, out of view. In the month of August up to the 10th, he has reported 5 thefts from motor vehicles, mostly in the Main Street area.

There seems to be a trend in burglaries from properties on the outskirts of the village, mainly outbuildings. It is as if these properties have been targeted for potential theft. Residents should make their property as secure as possible.

Reports have been received about an aggressive salesman in parts of the village. Residents should be on their guard and report anything suspicious, including distractions, immediately to the police.

Street Co-ordinator Vacancies

The scheme is delighted to welcome David Scarrott of 3, Bridleways (20197) as street co-ordinator for Main Street, Old Medical Centre to the village end (including Bridleways and Blenheim Gardens).

Vacancies still exist for:

Holloway Close
Straws Lane (Magdalen Drive to College Street, including Straws Lane)
Main Street (College Street to Haycroft Way)

John Latham - Head Co-ordinator 21092

Parish Council News

The Council was pleased to hear that the village has reached the final stage of the Best Kept Village Competition and has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for its provision of maps and information, also that the Flintham Show is to be held in this village in September 2001.

The presentation of the prizes for the best kept allotment and for the best hanging basket, tub or window box visible from the road will be made at the Garden Club Show to be held on Saturday 16th September in the Village Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs Mollie Wood in donating a bench, passengers should soon be able to rest their legs while waiting for a bus at the Holloway Close terminus. It is hoped to install a 'perch' at the stop opposite the Royal Oak in the near future.

We were concerned to hear of the vandalism of crops locally and the continuing problem of dog fouling on Butt Field. Anyone with information leading to a prosecution in either case should contact the clerk on 20406.

Isabel Francis

Mens' Society

All hail; on 18th July, 22 of us enjoyed a visit to Belvoir Castle. We were fortunate that one of their guides, Bill Whitaker showed us around, giving interesting comments on the many paintings, military and other treasures.

On Tuesday 19th September at 8pm, we start out with the 2000/2001 programme of talks with "Industry in Nottinghamshire in the 18th Century". This will be given with slides by Don Morley of Ravenshead, who has been to us previously. All males are welcome. We meet as usual at the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Main Street. There is no business, just the talk. As there is no subscription, we have a charge to defray expenses, which remains at £1 (50p schoolboys and students).

The remainder of the 2000/2001 programme is: -

- 17 October** Impressionist Paintings
1800-1950 *B Widdowson*
- 21 November** Tal-y-Llyn Railway *Tony Thorpe*
- 19 December** That Infernal Nonsense Pinafore
M A Butler
- 16 January** Journey to Uganda *G Oliver*
- 27 February** Badgers *D Warren*
- 20 March** Reading Between the Lines
Valerie Henstock
- 17 April** An Historical talk is being arranged

All the meetings will be on the same basis as the above.

Tony Ford - 20932

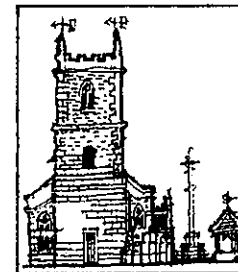
St Peter's Church

(Affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music)

Main Choir

Choristers aged 10 plus.
Especially welcome -
tenors/basses.

If you enjoy singing, come
and join us on Friday -
choir practice starting at
6.30pm.



St Peter's Young Singers

Children
aged 6 - 9 years

If your child enjoys singing
let him/her come to our
Friday rehearsals starting
at 5.30pm.

Professional tuition is given.

If you would like to know more then please telephone our Musical Director, Ken Jennings on EB 20908.

Singing is good for you - come and join us!

GETTING INVOLVED

**A study day on practical skills for ministry
and evangelism with older people**

**10.00am - 3.15pm, Tuesday 31 October
St Jude's Parish Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham**

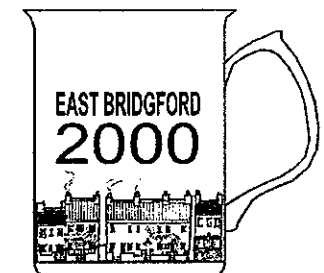
The day will include discussion groups and
workshops on a variety of ministries and skills.

Cost: £8.00, including lunch and refreshments

This day is for:-

Retired people/older people interested in this ministry
Clergy and laypeople interested in pastoral care of
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Elders; readers; carers,
Families caring for elderly members
Christians whose work involves caring for elderly
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The family of Winnie Curtis wish to thank everyone for the kind donations received. These donations went to Newark Hospital where Winnie stayed for approximately two weeks. Thanks also go to the Matron and staff at the Manor House where she stayed for five years, and to Canon Alan Haydock.

St Peter's Bellringers

The bells were rung on the evening of Friday 4th August in celebration of the Queen Mother's 100th birthday.

East Bridgford
Care Group
Mobile answerphone

0976 935476

Just leave your name
and number

Drama Group



The Drama Group's next production, "Down to Brass Tacks" by Derek Benfield will be held in the village hall 14 - 18 November. The setting is the living room of the Holroyd's house in a small industrial town in the north of England.

This is a gentle Lancastrian comedy involving a family, who thought they had won a holiday abroad. Instead the abroad comes to them, when their home is transformed into a patch of Spain, complete with a Councillor, who cooks paella and tries to seduce the mother of the house. He ends up with a flea in his ear!

The cast:

Henry Holroyd	Michael Clarke
Maggie Holroyd	Jean Starbuck
Rhoda Holroyd	Helen Hirst
Grandma Holroyd	Molly Wood
Percy Holroyd	Mark Pilgrim
Fred Fothergill	Alan Haydock
Councillor Brownlow	Jeff Casterton
Mrs Ramskill	Kate Thornburrow
Vi Ramskill	Shani Sauers

The Director Peter Salter

Tickets are available from St Peter's Church, the Post Office and East Bridgford News - £4 with concessions for older people - £3 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

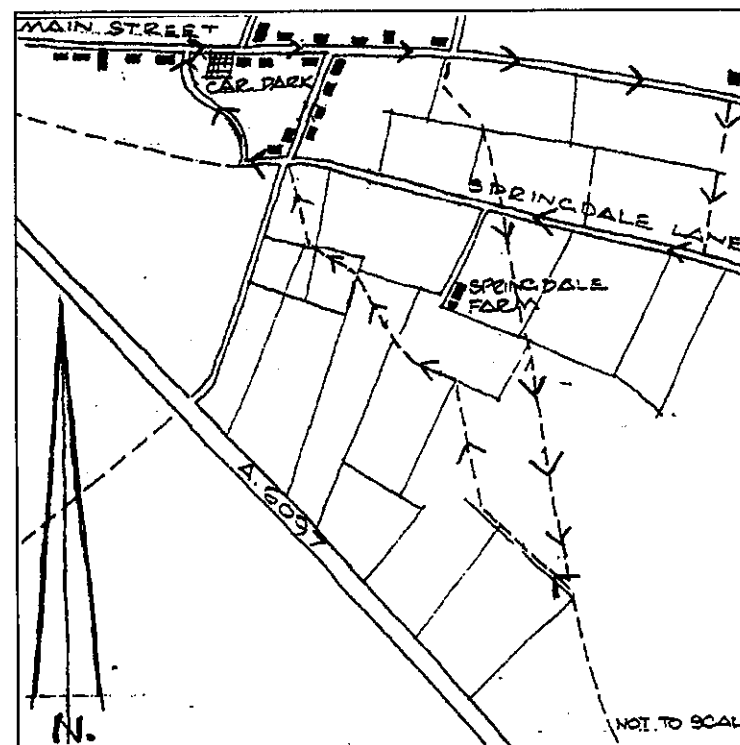
WALK No 11

To allotments and
back over the fields

Village Walks

From Car Park, turn right, cross road opposite the Village Hall & keep forward. Continue ahead, over Cross Lane. Continue until Old Telephone Exchange. Cross over road to large gate with Permissive Path notice (500 yards). Through gate, straight ahead until track is reached. Turn right into Springdale Lane. Just before farm track on left (400 yards), at finger-post left diagonally across field to gap in hedge by tree. Diagonally over the corner of the next field to gap. Follow path over large field to left end of far hedge (white post). Turn right along hedge, looking for a post in the hedge (approx 150 yards). A quarter right to far corner of field. Left and straight over field to stile. Quarter right to stile in far corner. Over to stile next to small barn. Quarter right to stile by gate in far corner. Second left along Walnut Tree Lane to Main St and right to Car Park. Approx 2 ¼ miles.

ACCOMPANY A FOOTPATH WARDEN ON THIS WALK ON SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, CAR PARK at 10.45. FOR DETAILS RING 20676 or 20818



Planning Applications and Decisions

00/00799/FUL A Watson, 5 Cherryholt Lane. Erection of dwelling and garage, formation of vehicular access following demolition of existing bungalow and garage. The council objected for the following reasons:- The proposed access would be at right angles to the road, at a point where it is narrow and visibility would be restricted. There are objections to the felling of trees and to the close proximity of building foundations, which may cause trees to die. The fencing on the street front is out of character with the area. The Council would prefer to see a suitable hedge. There are no objections to the house.

00/00820/FUL Mr T M Large, Potts Farm, 20 Kneeton Road. Conservatory. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

00/00517/FUL C Hoult, re 16 Main Street. Single storey extension to shop. Grant permission, with conditions.

00/00584/FUL Mrs Bibby, Mulberry Close, 18 Cherryholt Lane. Grant outline planning permission, with conditions.

00/00589/FUL Mr Park, 3 Cuttle Hill Gardens. Conservatory. Grant permission.

Parish Paths Partnership

It has been brought to our attention that three people have injured themselves on the new kissing gates. We feel very upset about this, as we had asked for them to be installed to make "easy access" walks, avoiding the need to climb over stiles, especially for the less able.

When using a kissing gate it is important to open the gate, keep hold of the gate, walk into the "V" turn, still holding the gate and walk out. There are no springs on these gates. They work on gravity and need to close to ensure control of livestock.

OTHER MATTERS: We apologise for the ongoing problem with Footpath 19. This goes from the corner of Lammas Lane down the side of the old allotments and on across the fields. One section of this is very overgrown with a part rickety fence on the one side and a very big old hedge on the other making it difficult to walk. We were promised this would be dealt with earlier in the year, as it has been a problem for a long time. To date – August 8th – nothing has happened.

On the whole we feel the network is much better. Cross field paths are better marked, not always to the correct width of 1 metre but better, and the headlands are much easier to negotiate. We would like to think the people who walk feel the same.

M Burnett, H Linnington, T Ford. (Footpath Wardens)

Loose Ends

Electrical Charges

I don't know quite why it has happened this way, but four of our electrical appliances needed replacing all at once. You may think it was because we bought them at the same time - the average life span of anything electrical tending to be somewhere in the region of ten years. But no, our washing machine had reached a geriatric 14, our dishwasher not far behind at 11 years, the fridge just at the 10 year norm and a mere stripling of a vacuum cleaner at 8 years old.

Quite apart from the cost of replacing these appliances, with a daughter's wedding on the horizon, the search for suitable replacements at equally suitable prices has been a long and painful journey for us. As some of you will know we are fully versed in the cyberspace revolution, thus keen to use the Internet whenever possible for these very practical purposes. So the idea of searching the Net to buy the cheapest electrical appliance was very appealing – until we tried it of course.

The Net is fine and dandy provided you know exactly what you are looking for and have the logical thought processes of a 24-year-old computer nerd. However, we did after many hours 'on-line' find information and prices about various dishwashers, washing machines and fridges. But they all had mysterious models we couldn't find in the shops, and interestingly low prices, until you remembered to add the VAT, all from electrical retailers we'd never heard of.

We did wonder what the back-up service would be like if something went wrong, should we ever fathom out how to order an appliance over the net in the first place.

Not that we haven't ordered something from the net – one book, one CD and some computer equipment. This was quite hard to do; having to fill in the correct box, not having anyone to ask to make sure you were doing the right thing, and getting extremely frustrated when, having made one tiny omission, the whole process was rejected and you had to go back to the beginning again. No wonder that only 3% of sales are made 'on-line'!

But the prices on the Net did help with our search for the replacement goods. We bit the bullet and have now replaced these four items having recognised good value locally, with the reassurance that should anything go wrong we don't have to spend ages 'on-line' trying all kinds of computer contortions to let them know the problem we have. Should the occasion arise a simple phone call to our local supplier will do the trick.

Anyway all that was left for me to do was to decipher the instruction book and learn how to operate the new fangled, energy and labour saving, super up-to-date electronically controlled appliance and register for its guarantee. But it says here 'in case of any problems please contact us by e-mail on.....'!

Sue Laver

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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This month we publish photographs taken at the weddings of daughters from two families who live in the village. (one of them is our own younger daughter, Claire).

We will be happy to receive pictures taken of newly wedded couples who have a connection with the village, for inclusion in the magazine - subject to there being space available.

Due to limitations in the printing process we would prefer 'head and shoulder' shots of the couple in order to retain detail.

The Editors

Village Diary

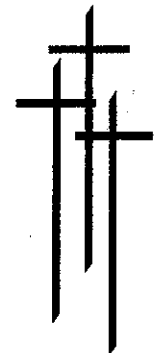
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- 6 Bowls Club Bingo, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- 7 Churchyard Working Party, 8.30am -12noon
- 7 Pre-School Jumble Sale, 2.30pm, Village Hall
- 8 Village Walk No.12, 10.45am, Car Park
- 13 Garden Club, 7.45pm W.I. Hut
- 14 WI Coffee Morning, 10-12pm
- 17 Men's Society, 8.00pm, Village Hall Committee Room
- 18 Mothers' Union, 2.00pm, W.I. Hut
- 20 Square Dance, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- 21 Scouts Jumble Sale, 2.30pm, Village Hall
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Services at St Peter's and St Helen's

Sunday	1 October: Harvest Thanksgiving
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am	Family Eucharist with presentation of gifts at St Peter's
6.30pm	Harvest Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday	4 October
11.30am	Holy Communion at the Manor House
Sunday	8 October: Dedication Day
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
3.00pm	Special Presentation Service for St Peter's School
6.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the Dedication of the Church in 1200 - preacher, the Rt Revd Roy Williamson
	No Evensong at St Helen's
Wednesday	11 October
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	15 October
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am	Family Service at St Peter's
6.30pm	Service of Readings and Hymns for St Luke's Day at St Peter's
7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wednesday	18 October: St Luke's Day
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	22 October
8.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.00pm	Evensong at St Helen's
6.30pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wednesday	25 October
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday	29 October
9.00am	Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm	WI Millennium Service at St Peter's



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100 Years Ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The Evening School for boys, men too if they will come, will commence on Tuesday, October 9th at 7 o'clock at the National School, and will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock during the winter. The subjects taught will be Commercial Arithmetic, History, English and Drawing.

At the Harvest Thanksgiving Service held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 27th, the Rev. W. Lush, Vicar of Kneeton, kindly undertook to preach. On the following Sunday, the Rector having exchanged to help some of his neighbours at their Harvest Thanksgiving, it was arranged that the morning service should be taken by the Rev. T. W. Peck, Curate of Holme Pierrepont, and the evening service by the Rev. F. C. Cursham, Vicar of Tithby-with-Cropwell-Butler. We are not yet able to announce the amount of the Harvest Thank-offerings, which are to be divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society and the Sunday School Fund.

S.P.G. On Sunday morning, November 4th, the Rev. E. Symonds, pioneer missionary in Australia will preach, and on the following Tuesday, November 6th he will give an address on the occasion of our Annual Missionary Tea. As this is the bicentenary year of the oldest of our Missionary Societies "for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts," founded in 1701, and well known as the "S.P.G.," we ought to try to make our meeting a great success, and our subscription list a larger one on this occasion.

The Rector's Pages

There are three things that last for ever: Faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of them all is love. *1 Corinthians 13:13.*

THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL IS LOVE

MOST CHILDREN LOVE SMARTIES. Lots of people love football and cricket. Some folk love dogs or cats or horses. If we really like something, we often use the word LOVE. The Old Testament prophet, Hosea used love as a word to describe the unbelievable way in which God cared for his people. Even though they rejected him and turned to other Gods, he could never abandon them, because his love for them was so strong.

In this famous passage from 1 Corinthians St Paul went to great lengths to describe how powerful love is.

He wrote that love is patient and kind. We find it very difficult to be patient all the time. Some situations and certain people bring out the very worst in us. They sometimes "try the patience of a saint"! This is exactly the point about true love. When Jesus had been let down by his friends; betrayed, beaten, tried and nailed to a cross, he forgave those who abused Him. Compared to Jesus' suffering, our minor irritations fade into insignificance, yet even within our congregations, we fail to show the kindness, tolerance and patience that true Christian love requires and demands.

Love is eternal. Our world is made up of passing trends and fashions. Very little is of permanent value. Entertainers, sportsmen, politicians and clothes come and go and are quickly forgotten or discarded. God's love is not a temporary thing.

Like the people of Israel, we can forget about Him, but He never forgets about us, nor does He stop loving us. The trouble is that we don't always appreciate that love. Not only that, but we fail to share that same love. We are very selective. If someone rejects our love, we find it very easy to give up. St Paul wrote that love never gives up.

We may think that the world is in a mess. It would be in a worse mess - in fact, it would not be able to exist, if God had given up loving us; if He had run out of patience. The fact of God's love for us is seen in the truth of the Cross. Through that truth He gives us the greatest gift of all; the gift of love.

Alan Haydock

Special Services at St Peter's Church



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| Sunday
6 30pm | 1st October
Harvest Thanksgiving |
| Sunday
3 00pm | 8th October
Special Presentation Service for St Peter's School |
| 6 30pm | Service commemorating the 800 th Anniversary of the Foundation and Dedication of St Peter's Church:
The Rt. Rev'd Roy Williamson |
| Sunday
3 30pm | 15th October
Readings and Hymns for St Luke's Day |
| Sunday
11 30pm | 29th October
W1 and Young People's Service of Praise |

Churchyard Working Party

This month's working party will take place at
8.30am - 12.00 noon
Saturday 7th October

Please give an hour or two
of your time.
With lots of help so much
more can be achieved.

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East Bridgford and Its Church

At the crossroads of our village stands St Peter's Church, one of the earliest Christian sites in Nottinghamshire. Following the erection of a preaching cross, fragments of which still remain, the Saxons built a cruciform church with a central tower as is recorded in the Domesday Book. The church, damaged by fire at one stage of its history, survived through Norman times but was completely rebuilt at the end of the 12th Century. The rebuilding began in 1193 and it is safe to assume the first phase was completed by the year 1200.

With this in mind, there is to be a special service of thanksgiving at 6.30pm on Sunday 8th October, when the preacher will be the Rt. Revd Roy Williamson.

SQUARE DANCE

Dancing to Dave Morton

20th October
8.00pm - 11.30pm

Village Hall

Tickets £6.50
(includes supper)

Bar available

Tickets:

Jackie 20460
Sue 21311
Rita 21297
Sue 20552

All proceeds to the New Breast
Cancer Unit at the Nottingham
City Hospital

Men's Society

Greetings; on August 15 we had an enjoyable visit to Epperstone, organised for us by Mrs Monica Stokes. She and other Epperstonians kindly showed us around their attractive village, which is unspoilt and well looked after, concluding with refreshments. The twenty-two of us were impressed with their Millennium projects including the improved organ and the beautiful symbolic embroidery in the church, the wonderful large embroidered map of the village and the book of photographs of every dwelling - all in the village hall.

On Tuesday 17th OCTOBER at 8pm we have a talk on IMPRESSIONIST PAINTINGS, 1800 to 1950. This will be presented by Mr B. Widdowson of Long Bennington who will show us his favourite paintings from the Tate & National Galleries. As usual the venue is the Village Hall and all males will be welcome; there is a requested charge of £1. to defray expenses.

For your diary: Tuesday April 17th is now 'The Civil War in the Notts Trent Valley' by Mr Thomas Leaf.

Tony Ford 20932

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

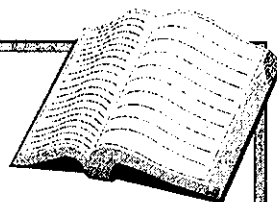
10 September Ben Harvey RAWSON

Holy Matrimony

2 September Clive Charles TURNER and Claire Jane STEVENS
9 September Christopher James WEBSTER and Samantha Clare CASE
16 September Trevor Julian HIGGS and Carol Pamela STURTON

Funerals

19 August Peter Robert (Pete) HUTCHINSON 56 years



Floodlighting Diary

OCTOBER

- 1 St. Peter's Harvest Thanksgiving
- 2 In memory of **JACK BULLERS**
- 2 In loving memory of **EVA SELBY**
- 4 **Private dedication**
- 8 **800th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Peter's, East Bridgford**
- 11 Happy birthday memories **WILFRED METCALFE**
- 14 In loving memory of **JACK NORTH**
- 16 Happy birthday memories of the late **FRANK EMERSON**
who would have been 100 years old this year
- 17 In loving memory of **WILF PEARCE**
- 18 Luke, the Evangelist
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 28 In loving memory of **MAY WALLIS**

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in November's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Golightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before noon on **Friday 13th October**

QUIZ NIGHT

A quiz night is being held in the WI Hut on 28th October at 7.30pm. This is to help contribute to Jennifer Brook's fundraising target of £2995, because in January 2001, Jennifer is undertaking a three-month expedition to Chile with Raleigh International to help with environmental and community based voluntary work. All proceeds will go to Raleigh International, which is a registered charity. Entrance will be £7.50 per person and tickets can be obtained from Jennifer or Julie Brook on 21364. There will be prizes, a bar (licence applied for) and a light supper will be provided.

Drama Group

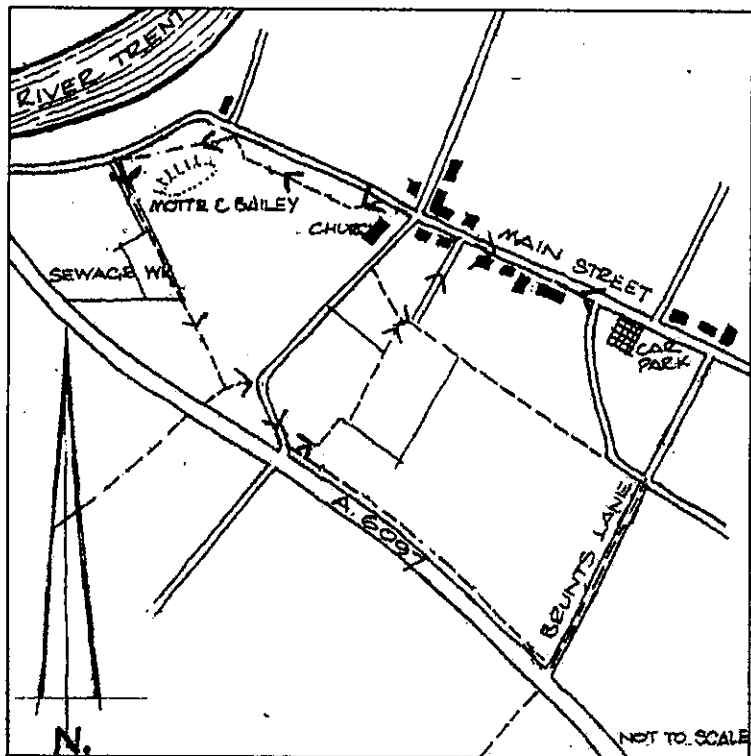
Sales have gone exceptionally well for the next play "Down to Brass Tacks" a North of England comedy by Derek Benfield, but tickets are still available for some nights from the Post Office, East Bridgford News or members of the Drama Group. The production is from **Tuesday 14 November - Saturday 18 November 7.30pm.**

WALK No 12
Down to old bridge
and back through
the hole in the wall

Village Walks

From car park left to cross roads. Straight over to Trent Lane. After 50 yards, up steps on left and follow path to steps down to Trent Lane. On left, diagonally across fields, over stiles to road. Immediate left over stile and up tarmac road. At sewage works, straight on, with metal fence on right. Continue up field edge. Through wood, ignoring path to right, to Hole in Wall. Turn right and follow pavement round looking for fingerpost on left, just before A6097 is reached. CAREFULLY CROSS ROAD to fingerpost. Quarter turn left across field to post. Turn left, keeping fence on left, straight on. At path junction turn right. After 30 yards, left down unmade road to Main St. Turn right back to car park. Approx 1 ¾ miles.

ACCOMPANY A FOOTPATH WARDEN ON THIS WALK ON SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER MEET IN CAR PARK, MAIN STREET, 10.45. FOR DETAILS RING 20676 OR 20818



Soups and Starters

With the onset of cold weather and dark nights, it is always satisfying to have a dish that is economical, tasty, warming and potentially filling. Not that a starter should be too filling, but this dish could be used in smaller quantities as an excellent appetiser, and in large quantities as a vegetarian main course.

Italian Bake

(Sufficient for 4 people for a starter or 2 people as a main course)

- 1 potato thinly sliced
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 4 or 5 button mushrooms sliced
- 6 tomatoes sliced
- Parmesan cheese
- Salt & pepper
- 1 teaspoon of oregano or marjoram
- A little milk
- Oil

Method

- Layer the slices of potato into 4 greased ramekin dishes or small ovenproof pots.
- Season and pour a couple of teaspoons of milk over the potatoes. Bake in moderately hot oven, 400°F, (200°C, gas mark 6) and bake for 10 minutes.
- While the potato is cooking, fry the onion and mushrooms until they are lightly browned.
- Remove the dishes from the oven and layer each ramekin with the onion/mushroom mix, followed by the sliced tomatoes.
- Sprinkle the oregano/marjoram over the tomatoes and top with a generous layer of Parmesan cheese.
- Continue to bake in the oven until the cheese is brown and the potato is cooked – approximately 15 – 20 minutes.
- Serve immediately.

NB. If preparing this dish as a main course, place the ingredients into a larger ovenproof dish. Cheddar cheese can be used instead of Parmesan.

IN THE EARLY HOURS of Saturday 5th August a group from the unofficial traveller's club set out for an eight-day tour of the Austrian Tyrol. We followed the now familiar route to Folkestone, the Channel Tunnel and Calais before setting off to Metz for our overnight stop.

The following day began with a leisurely tour into the parts of France known as the Alsace and the Vosges. These areas are renowned for the production of crystal glass in Baccarat, together with wine production and growing masses of sunflowers. We had

a lunch stop at Kayserberg a 16th - 17th century town which has lost none of its charm over the intervening years and which still boasts a number of its original buildings. Many of these are built over the River Weiss, which runs through the town, also the birthplace of Dr Albert Schweitzer. During the afternoon we crossed the frontier formed by the river Rhine and entered Switzerland, to be met by heavy rain for most of the journey through this picturesque and beautiful country, before arriving at our destination of St Anton am Alberg in the late afternoon. Before dinner we were welcomed by the hotel with a complimentary glass of wine, which was followed by an excellent meal and the opportunity to view a video of the area both in summer and winter.

On Monday we awoke to an overcast sky. This was a free day and during the morning, most of the party chose to explore the village of St Anton. The village is situated in the Stanzertal Valley and is dominated by high peaks on either side, the highest of which is the Valluga at 2809 metres. There are numerous shops, restaurants and cafes, many of which are situated in the pedestrianised area and most of us

chose to spend a leisurely morning before embarking on the first of our holiday highlights. A trip by cable car up the Valluga, although blanketed by cloud and mist at the summit, provided us with an unforgettable experience.

The following day we set off in bright sunshine over the nearby Arlberg Pass and into the high peaks and meadows, which were to dominate the views over the coming days. Perhaps only the camera can properly portray the splendour and grandeur of the area with its numerous waterfalls, tortuous roads and tiny hamlets, nestling

in unexpected valleys. Our ultimate destination was Lindau, a medieval island fortress on the shores of Lake Constance. We crossed the border into Germany and arrived in Lindau where we had time for lunch and an exploration of this picturesque small medieval town. Many decided to sit and relax on the shaded terraces of one of the numerous cafes and bars, which line the shores of the magnificent lake, taking time to admire the view of the harbour and the mountains beyond. We returned by a different route through the mountain passes to Feldkirch and back to the hotel.

Few wanted to miss the optional Wednesday tour, to see the famous Silvretta Pass. We followed the course of the River Rosetta to its junction with the River Trisanna and started a steady climb through the narrow tree-lined valley and into the higher mountains. Our journey took us through the small villages, which are typical of the region, each house seeming to vie with its neighbour to produce the most dazzling array of flower-bedecked balconies. Climbing ever higher into the mountains we were treated to breathtaking views before arriving at the summit of the pass, 2036 metres above sea level.

The huge Silvretta Reservoir, with the snow capped mountains beyond, was the background for our lunch stop as we anticipated making the descent of the pass, but nothing could have prepared us for what was to follow.

The descent involved no less than thirty-two hairpin bends, each with its attendant sheer drop to left or right, and many of us were trying to ignore the consequences of a mishap! Malcolm, our ever trusty 'chauffeur', calmly and skilfully negotiated each bend in its turn as we cautiously descended some 1000 metres to the valley below. The journey back to the hotel was something of an anti-climax with even the Arlberg Pass being taken completely in our stride. For many of us the day finished with a visit to a nearby brass band concert, where we were treated to a varied selection of traditional Tyrolean and modern music.

We had an early start on Thursday as we travelled down the Inns Valley and made our way through the mountains before crossing the border into Italy. Our destination was a village completely submerged by a vast reservoir, with only a church spire protruding above the water to remind us of its original existence. The lake formed by the reservoir, with its backdrop of peaks in Italy and Austria, offers outstanding views, where we took the opportunity to have our lunch before setting out for the next stop. We retraced our steps into Austria before heading for Samnaun in Switzerland.

The village nestles high in the mountains and is approached by a narrow twisting pass, which seemed to many of us the equal of the Silvretta we had negotiated the previous day. A tax-free haven, we spent some time exploring the many shops and cafes before making the decision on which duty free goods represented the best value. Purchases made, we faced the

daunting descent of another precipitous and winding pass, but once again Malcolm made light of the hazard, and delivered us safely to the Hotel. Our last night was spent enjoying a Tyrolean evening given by the 'Volkstumgruppe d'Arlberger', a local group who treated us to a superb display of thigh slapping dances and songs.

Friday heralded the day of our return journey, and we travelled back through Switzerland and into France. We paused for lunch at the medieval town of Colmar, much of its original centre devoted to particular crafts and trades, before continuing our journey to the overnight stop of Metz. The following morning the ever-resourceful Malcolm chose not to follow the route of our outward journey, taking us instead through Luxembourg and into Belgium. There we took advantage of our old haunt - the Chocolate Factory. Then we drove on to Calais, the Channel Tunnel, arriving back in East Bridgford during the mid-evening.

This, the most ambitious tour to date, would not have been possible without a great deal of planning and thought 'behind the scenes'. In the words of one of our fellow travellers "these things don't just happen". We are all indebted to Mary Hall, supported as ever by Sandy and Malcolm our courier/driver who provide us with such unforgettable holidays and cherished memories. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and selfless trio, and a simple 'thank you' hardly seems adequate to express our appreciation and gratitude. Finally our thanks to the 'Spice Girls' and again to Sandy. Where would we be without our liquid refreshments served with a smile and good humour - despite bumps, twisty roads and unexpected hazards?

Keith Cottee

CHRISTMAS CARDS



For the seventh year running you have the opportunity to buy your Christmas cards in the comfort of your own....village!

Yes, we are holding the Grand Charity Christmas card sale again this year but for a change it will be in the Methodist Church during their coffee morning on Saturday 4th November, 10am - 12 noon. We hope to have many of the usual national charities represented but also one or two new and local ones. As always all the money from the cards and other Christmas items goes directly to the charities concerned. There are no 'expenses'; we just enjoy doing our bit to help you and the charities.

If you cannot manage Saturday, some of the cards will be available after the Family Eucharist in St Peter's Church on Sunday 5th November from about 10 - 11am.

For good card design at a reasonable price and no travel costs - you can't do better, so why not come along and see for yourself.

Maggie Teare and
Hilary Geisow

The Village Hall

THE VILLAGE HALL has a committee room in addition to the main hall both of which are available for letting. The main hall is approximately 50 feet long by 30 feet wide with a very high ceiling and can accommodate up to 120 persons for most functions with comfortable flexible seating. The following are some of the functions for which it is ideally suited: -

Children's parties
Wedding receptions and Anniversary celebrations
Dances and discos
Official luncheons and dinners
Jumble sales

The kitchen is fully equipped with a very modern gas cooker, fridge, microwave and a large boiler. A full range of crockery, cutlery, glasses and tablecloths are available, so it is possible to cook food on the premises or bring it pre-prepared. Alcoholic and soft drinks can be consumed on the premises and given sufficient notice, it may be possible to arrange a licence for the sale of alcoholic drinks.

The hall has excellent toilet facilities on the ground and upper floors and access for wheelchairs is available through a side entrance.

The upstairs committee room can accommodate up to 40 people and has its own toilet facilities but no wheelchair access. It is really suited to: -

Lectures
Committee meetings
Tuition Classes

To obtain further information, charges and availability contact our letting secretary Janne Euleberg - 20387 or Peter Ward on 20487.

Don't forget - whatever your function or activity, contact our village hall first.

WI Report

THE HEADLINE COULD HAVE READ 'WI hit by fuel crisis. Local artist saves the day!' Our speaker from Environmental Health was understandably unable to come due to the restrictions on the use of petrol. However, following a 'three line whip' on committee husbands, Frank Stannard stepped ably into the breach to amuse and entertain us with tales of his experiences leading groups round the art galleries of Paris. October will be a busy month for WI! Our monthly meeting (always on the second Tuesday) will hear Robin Brackenbury outline the history of the Pierrepont Family.

Please make a note in your diaries of our Coffee morning on Saturday 14th October when we hope to welcome as many as possible to the WI Hut from 10am till 12 noon. There will be the usual attractions plus the 50/50 nearly new clothes stall - items should be labelled with your initials and the price.

We look forward to a very special occasion on Sunday 29th October when the 6.30 Evensong Service will incorporate a Millennium celebration of the Women's Institute. We are very grateful to Canon Alan Haydock for this kind gesture.

Rachel Barclay

RNLI Sponsored Walk Update

With only a few sponsorship forms left to come in, £7,300 has been paid into the bank for the Millennium Sponsored Walk - everyone involved with the organisation is delighted with the wonderful response. We have decided to donate this amount to the Mablethorpe Lifeboat Station Appeal to help with the RNLI's work in saving lives on the Lincolnshire coast.

Rachel Barclay

Local History Group

The Group was delighted to learn in August that we have been awarded a grant of £3,825 from the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Millennium Festival Awards For All scheme. This substantial grant will be used to finance the publication of a book of photographs of East Bridgford recording aspects of village life over the last hundred years.

With the benefit of the award it is our intention to provide each household in the village with a free copy of the book.

Our first meeting of the winter season will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. We are looking forward to hearing about the Sporting History of East Bridgford from representatives of some of the sports organisations of the village.

Meetings are open to all and whilst we would like to encourage you to join our Group it is not necessary to be a member to attend our meetings.

Bill Whitaker 20982

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Planning Applications and Decisions

00/00799/FUL A Watson, 5 Cherryholt Lane. Erection of dwelling and garage, formation of vehicular access following demolition of existing bungalow and garage (revised plans).
The council objected to the revised plans for the following reasons: -
The proposed new access would be dangerous as it creates a blind exit.
When the garage is demolished, the adjacent 12' high wall may become unstable.
There is no reason why the existing access could not continue to be used.
Tree roots may be damaged by the close proximity of foundations and construction of the driveway.
The removal of several trees has destroyed the tree canopy and the concealment of the dwelling from public view.
The proposed dwelling is totally out of character with the rest of the village.

RBC Decisions

00/00718/FUL Mrs P Pickford, Springdale Farm, Springdale Lane. Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling, use of land as domestic curtilage. Grant permission, with conditions.
00/00731/FUL Mr & Mrs P Challis, The Coach House, 1 Lammas Gardens. Conversion of stable/storage building to dwelling, alteration to vehicular access. Grant permission, with conditions.
00/00820/FUL Mr T M Large, Potts Farm, 20 Kneeton Road. Conservatory. Grant permission.

Garden Club

Autumn Show

There were 190 entries in this year's show, with the standard of vegetables, fruit and flowers extremely high, despite the rainy weather we had recently suffered. The number of entries and entrants to the show was up on last year, as was the number of visitors - 98 people attended. **The East Bridgford Garden Club Trophy** was awarded to **Geoff and Liz Reed** for the highest number of points for their exhibits, and **The Bridgford Garden Centre**

Trophy was presented to **Geoff Johnson** for the best exhibit in the show. **Geoff Johnson** also received **The Geoff Crossland Memorial Cup** for the best tray of vegetables.

Meetings

The Garden Club will be starting its winter programme on meetings on Friday, October 13th at 7.45pm. The first speaker for the season is Jeff Bates who will give an illustrated talk about the Royal Gardens at Windsor.

Parish Council News

RESIDENTS WILL BE AS FRUSTRATED as their Council to learn that publication of the updated Rushcliffe Development Plan has been delayed, probably until next year. The good news is that this is due to the storm of protest that has been provoked by the original draft so perhaps we may hope that our views will prevail.

Our congratulations go to Councillor John Higgs who returned from the World Championships for Muzzle Loading Weapons held in Australia, with an individual bronze and a silver team medal. The Council also sent congratulations to our newly elected county councillor Mr Martin Suthers of Flintham and hope that he will continue the interest in parish affairs shown by his predecessor.

A Brighter Bridgford

The winners of the competition sponsored by the Parish Council were presented with their prizes by Councillor Reed during the Garden Club annual show.

The standard of floral displays was very high with over 300 eligible containers for the judges to choose from. The first prize was awarded to Mr John Archer, 1 Holloway Close for an exceptional hanging basket. The second prize was taken by the window boxes grown and tended by Mrs Jean Hunt, 46 Kneeton Road and Ms Sallie Anthony, 17 Magdalen Drive gained third prize for her hanging basket of toning begonias.

The judges could not differentiate between the standard of two of the allotments so the joint winners of the best-kept allotment are Mr Harold Blagg, 7 Straws Lane and Mr George Guy, 33 Cross Lane.

Well done to all the prize winners and our thanks to everyone who took the trouble to brighten up not only their own property but also the whole village. The council intends to carry on the good work by planting more bulbs around the village to welcome the spring. Volunteer planters welcomed.

Isabel Francis

Your Letters

In 1998/99 East Bridgford Parish Council decided not to get involved or take part in any Millennium celebrations. Other people had different ideas.

When I was first asked in 1997 I said East Bridgford has always been known as a farming village, so my answer was a pageant - 'Farming through the ages'.

What could be more suitable for the

double Millennium than my brother, a farm worker for many years, who would be 90 on 7th June 2000. Also Mrs Phyllis Marsh, farmer's wife, from Screveton, who would be 90 on 10th June 2000.

Rushcliffe Borough Council was delighted to hear about our pageant of 'Farming Through the Ages', and has granted East Bridgford a place on their website. This is indeed a great privilege.

Cecil Widdison

Royal British Legion Branch Funds

IN 1995 WHEN OUR VILLAGE men's branch of the RBL disbanded we were informed by the Legion's Nottingham office, that the branch funds would be 'frozen' for five years, in case the branch reformed, and then the money would be transferred to the Poppy Appeal fund. As the 'old' PAO I have always given this explanation to any former member who over the past five years has asked, 'What happened to the funds?' However, it would appear we were given incorrect information back in 1995!

Nevertheless, as the five years since disbandment are now up, in early July I entered into prolonged correspondence with the Head of Poppy Appeal, the Chief Accountant of the RBL and finally the Secretary General of the RBL to determine the amount and whereabouts of the old HEHO4 East Bridgford funds. I have now received the Secretary General's reply: -

"The balance of funds of a closed branch is transferred to the Benevolent Fund after 3 years. It is then ear-marked for a further three years pending any reformation of the branch. In the case of East Bridgford & District - HEHO4 - the sum amounted to £4,402.42p."

Thus if any gentlemen are desirous of reforming the village branch there are still twelve months to go before the £4,402 is 'lost' into the Legion's Benevolent Fund. Certainly that £4,402 would make a substantial financial start to a reformed East Bridgford branch. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

John Wheeler

Robert Thoroton Secondary School Flintham

A Reunion for former pupils from the years 1950 - 1955 is to be held at

Elston Village Hall
on

Saturday 28th October
at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5 each
Licence applied for -
Buffet Supper

Come and meet old friends

There will be some former staff members from those days present. Spouses and partners welcome

Your local contact is:
Michael Foster - 20517

WI Coffee Morning

in the WI Hut

on

Saturday 14th October
10am till 12noon

50p entrance
(to include coffee)

Cake stall
Books
Bric-a-brac
Tombola
Raffle

50/50 nearly new clothes

The Friendship Club

Coffee Morning

Saturday
28th October

Village Hall
10 - 12 noon

50p including coffee
and biscuits

Raffle, tombola,
cakes, bric-a-brac

Proceeds to
Christmas party

Update on Tubes for
Millennium Millions Appeal
(new Breast Cancer Unit at
Nottingham City Hospital)

So far just over £2,000
has been collected in the
20p tubes in East Bridgford.
A magnificent effort by
villagers and friends.
Please keep up the good
work to help reach the
target of £3 million.

Rita Case

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Congratulations to East Bridgford Pre-School

PRE-SCHOOL WAS INSPECTED by OFSTED in June this year, two years after our previous inspection. This is the normal period of review. Once again the report produced by the Inspector was full of praise and positive comments. The following extracts speak for themselves:

"The East Bridgford Pre-School provides a very good service for the children who attend and their families. Their development is fostered in the happy secure atmosphere of the Pre-School."

"The standard of teaching and assessment is very good and promotes the desirable learning outcomes in all areas of learning."

"The partnership with the parents is excellent and is a real strength of the Pre-School."

"The liaison between the Pre-School and the primary school further enhances the children's learning opportunities."

These glowing comments reflect the high standards which have been achieved and which are being maintained. The result of the inspection is a tribute to the many serving and past members of staff, volunteer helpers, committee members, parents, relatives and other individuals and groups who, over the recent years have given their time and support.

Pre-School is not a 'stand-alone' organisation existing solely in the confines of the W.I. hut. We are very much an active part of the rich and varied life in the community.

For example, did you know:

Several village residents (not necessarily parents) regularly attend Pre-School as volunteer helpers, either on a day-to-day basis, or sharing their particular skills, e.g. woodwork and guitar playing?

Pre-school had its own Easter service, led by Mr Maddison (Head Teacher at St Peter's) and assisted by a stuffed sheep at St Peter's Church?

Pre-School takes part in the Fancy Dress Parade at the East Bridgford Flower Show?

Pre-School children created a display of self-portraits that now hang in the Village Hall to mark the Millennium?

We believe we have a unique partnership with St Peter's School, whereby the Government funding for four-year-olds is shared between the two establishments. In other areas the funding has been used to facilitate the setting up of 'pre-reception' classes in schools, which have 'poached' four-year-olds from the pre-schools and playgroups resulting in falling numbers. In the country as a whole over 3,000 pre-schools and playgroups have closed for this reason, leaving communities with no opportunities for the 2½ and 3 year olds who form the remainder of eligible children.

The setting up of this partnership some years ago was indeed a far-sighted move to ensure the future of East Bridgford Pre-School. It enables children, in the two terms before they attend St Peter's full-time, to go to pre-school in the morning, be taken to school for lunch and to attend the 'early years' session at St Peter's in the afternoon. Most children gradually increase their sessions over this period, with the result that when they join St Peter's full-time, they are familiar with the school and its atmosphere and the transition is smooth and happy.

We are fortunate indeed to have such a centre of excellence here in East Bridgford. We extend our wholehearted congratulations and thanks to everyone who has contributed to the continuing success of East Bridgford Pre-School.

Sarah Henwood
Chairperson - East Bridgford Pre-School

Thank you

Peter Willis Barker
Car Colston 12.11.27 - 27.8.00

Christine and family wish to send special thanks to Dr Rob Scaffardi, the nurses from the Medical Centre, and to everyone in East Bridgford and district for their messages of sympathy, cards, letters and support at the church service.

Donations to Dove Cottage Day Hospice, Stathern, have exceeded £600.

Elaine, Andrew, Jamie and Anya Hutchinson wish to thank neighbours and friends for all their love, support and kind donations on the sudden death of Peter. We would also like to thank Canon Alan Haydock, Revd John Hudson and Chris Dolby for the lovely service.

Mrs Alice Davis (Croft Rise) wishes to thank all those kind neighbours who rallied round to help her on the morning in June when she fell and broke her arm. After recuperating in the QMC and Lings Bar Hospital, she is now back home and well on the way to recovery.

Oberammergau and the Passion Play

Oberammergau, a very pretty village in southern Bavaria, nestles in a valley between the Alps. Every ten years it becomes the focus for pilgrims from all corners of the globe as the villagers perform the Passion Play, depicting the last week of our Lord's life from Palm Sunday to Easter morning.

In 1633, soldiers returning from the Thirty Years War brought the Black Death – the plague – to this part of Germany. For some time the villagers were able to escape this horrific disease by isolating their community and setting guards on all the roads to the village to keep out any visitors. But one man, who had left the village to find work elsewhere wanted to return to see his new bride. He knew a way into the village through the forest which would bypass the watchmen. He must have been carrying fleas, which spread the bubonic plague, for in a short while 84 people had died out of a population of around 600. The people of Oberammergau met in the parish church to pray about this crisis and made a vow that if the deaths from the plague ceased; they would perform a Passion Play every ten years. There were no more cases of the plague, and, true to their vow, the villagers performed their Passion Play for the first time in 1634 and thereafter every ten years until; in 1680, it was decided to perform it during the first year of each decade. With the exception of 1780 and 1940 the Passion Play has been produced regularly with additional performances in 1934 and



View towards the Kofel

1984 to mark the 300th and 350th anniversaries of the first production.

Every decade the villagers meet to decide whether they are going to continue to honour the vow made by their predecessors. It is remarkable that, in these days when many people break the vows made at confirmation or marriage, these people are willing to keep a promise made nearly 400 years ago. Some of the cast and those involved in the production can trace back their family's involvement in The Play over many years and are either long-term residents in

Oberammergau or else people who were born there. Two actors are chosen for each of the main parts, because of the commitment of five days a week for nearly six months.

Thus the year 2000 saw the 40th performance of the Passion Play, and it was this that Pattie and I were immensely privileged to attend.

Our holiday began with a stay at Ehrwald, a beautiful spot in the Tyrol at the foot of the Zugspitze, which is Germany's highest mountain although the summit is actually on the border with Austria. As the weather was brilliant on our first day, we rode in the cable car to the top, from where there are wonderful views of over 400 alpine peaks as well as the lakes and valleys below.

But the highlight was the visit to Oberammergau for the Passion Play and fortunately our hotel was less than five minutes walk from the Passion Play Theatre and the village centre. Five thousand visitors a day come to see the Play, and in addition to hiking and sightseeing tourists, the village, with a population of five thousand people, cannot accommodate everyone. Many have to stay in surrounding villages and are bussed in for the Play. With meticulous German efficiency, hotel places, Play tickets and everything else are thoroughly organised.

The performance takes place in a specially built theatre, seating 4,600 people under cover, but with a huge stage open to the sky, and the surrounding forest and hills in the background. At 9.30 am the Play begins with a large choir singing a meditation on the events we are about to witness. This is followed by one of

the tableaux, which intersperse the scenes of the Play. These depict events from the Old Testament, which prefigure the events of Holy Week. Then the Play itself begins with the scene of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Around six hundred people – men, women and children (as well as animals – sheep, goats, a donkey and a baby donkey) were on stage waving palm branches and shouting 'Hosianna' (the play is, of course, in German, but we were given a copy of the text translated into English). The moving portrayal of the events of Holy Week continues through the morning – Jesus turning the traders out of the Temple, the meal at Bethany, Judas agreeing to betray Jesus, the Last Supper, and the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. After a break for lunch, the Play continues at 3pm, with the last three hours depicting the most moving scenes of the trial and crucifixion and ending with the scene at the tomb on Easter morning.

People naturally have asked us if we enjoyed it, but 'enjoy' is altogether the wrong word. To witness the Passion so brilliantly portrayed – the quality of the acting and the excellent production – is such a moving and memorable experience that to say we 'enjoyed' it would just not be doing it justice.

If you get the opportunity to see the next Passion Play, we would definitely recommend you not to miss it. In the meantime, if anyone would like to share in this experience in a small way by borrowing our book of photographs of the Play and the CD of music, please do ask us.

Michael Clarke

The Village Diary

EVENT ORGANISERS

Remember to make a note of your forthcoming events in the Village Diary as soon as you have fixed the date and place so that we can include the information in a subsequent issue of the Magazine. This will also help you to avoid dates clashing with other events, particularly if they are at the same venue.

The Editors.

1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group

Jumble Sale

2.30pm
Saturday 21st October
in the Village Hall

Proceeds to Scout Funds

The Hall will be open
between 9.00am and
11.00am on the day to
receive jumble.

If you wish to have jumble
collected, please ring
Steve Cumberland on 20997

St Peter's out of school Club

IF YOU ARE A WORKING PARENT or occasionally need care for your child outside of school hours, there is a club based in the Green Room at St Peter's School, East Bridgford that is able to help.

In term-time, the club caters for primary age children (including part-time) who attend St Peter's School.

The club opens at 7.45 am to 8.45 am and then for the afternoon at 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm.

Rates: £1.00 per child per morning
£3.75 per child per afternoon
Payable at time of booking.

From September 2000, the Club came under the management of a committee of volunteers and is now registered with the Under Eight's Unit.

The Club has been the recipient of a grant from the New Opportunities Fund and this has enabled its facilities to be completely up-dated with a huge selection of games, toys and activities to suit all ages. The club room was recently redecorated and is a warm and inviting place for the children. Along with the experienced and dedicated staff team now in place, we can ensure that your children are well cared for in a happy and safe environment.

If you already use the club, you will be aware of the new procedure that means you must pre-book places. If you are new to the village or are thinking of using the club for the first time, please call in to the school office to pick up booking/registration forms via Lynda Jarvie.

It will be of interest to those parents whose children are not St Peter's pupils, that we are able to offer places, subject to availability, during holiday periods to children attending other schools. The usual booking procedure is in operation, so if you are interested, please call in at the school for a booking/registration form.

If you need further information, please contact Wendy Cloughley on 01949 21145.

Do you have some spare time on your hands?

St Peter's Out of School Club, East Bridgford, (caring for children of working parents both before and after school) is looking for additional staff to act as occasional emergency cover.

The club opens at 7.45am till 8.45am and then from 3.30pm to 6.00pm in term time. Additionally, the club is open from 7.45am through to 6.00pm during the holidays. The age group using the club ranges from 4 ½ years up to 11 years.

The rate of pay is £4.63 per hour and is open to both men and women – those in the older age group/retired people are very welcome to apply, all we ask is that you are reasonably fit and in good health.

Although some experience of working with children would be an advantage, it is not a necessity; more important is the ability to communicate well with the staff team and demonstrate a caring, enthusiastic and patient approach towards the children.

If you are interested, please write with details to:

Wendy Cloughley
Out of School Club
c/o St Peter's Primary School
Kneeton Road
East Bridgford

As a legal requirement, successful applicants will be required to undergo police checks prior to commencing work with the club.

East Bridgford Pre-School

Jumble Sale

2.30pm
Saturday 7th October
in the Village Hall

Please deliver any jumble to
49 Kneeton Road before
7th October, or to the Village
Hall on the day from 9.00 am.
Ring Belinda on 20814
for jumble to be collected.

Proceeds to
East Bridgford Pre-School.

The Bible Study Group

Discover the timeless truth of God's word, and see the relevance for your life! The Bible Study Group has now restarted and anyone who would like to come and join us would be most welcome. We meet in the friendly informal atmosphere of the upper room at the Methodist Chapel on Mondays at 7.45pm with a repeat study on Wednesdays at 2.00pm at 4, Croft Rise, if this is a more convenient time. We are studying John's Gospel.

Geoff Shaw

Conscience



Conscience is an experience of God. It is said that conscience is the voice of the repressed good in us, which is not very different from saying it is the voice of the repressed God. It is true that ideas of what is right and wrong vary from age to age and from place to place, but the significant thing is the abiding conviction that there is a distinction between right and wrong. The inner compulsion to do right and the shame we feel when we are aware of having done wrong are an experience of God.

Leslie J Tizard
Facing Life and Death

Conscience in man is a God-given thing. The operations of conscience can be perverted, and its findings can be distorted by wrong assumptions. Yet it is always a phenomenon to be revered because it is God-given, and the Christian duty of educating consciences in the light of Christian truth goes with this reverence for them. Not seldom has it happened that Christians have found themselves corrected by the consciences of pagans, and the will to admit this need not weaken the claims made for Christian revelation.

Michael Ramsay
Through the Year with Michael Ramsay



Claire Laver and Richard Handley, who were married at Christ Church, Abingdon, in Oxfordshire, on 9th September



Catherine Bell and Paul Hallam, married on 26th August at St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Louise Evelds *Idle thoughts about weddings*

SUDDENLY, I HAVE NOTICED WEDDINGS everywhere. Our younger daughter was married in Oxfordshire at the beginning of September, so my 'wedding antenna' has been activated. For example there have been four in East Bridgford in August and three in September – but I suspect that the year 2000 has been a very popular year for marriages.

Being intimately involved in one of these occasions is vastly different from just being a guest. There is the worry of whether the flowers will turn up, whether the cars arrive on time, whether you have invited all the friends and relatives you should have done, whether the small children will behave, whether the outfit will look right and the hat won't look silly.

These concerns apart, I wasn't quite prepared for the sudden realisation a few weeks before the wedding, that not only were we 'gaining a son' but also a new vast network of relatives-in-law, as our new son-in-law has his fair share of relations: this, depending upon your disposition to be sociable can either be an awesome prospect, or as in our case, a welcome addition to the family network.

On the day, we had a taste of what it is like to be royalty – not that we have aspirations in that direction – but we had an official line up to greet the guests – all ninety of them. I have heard that this ritual is discarded at many weddings, but we went in for it and it took ages. We had to think of things to say to people we didn't know and also to people we had already chatted to earlier. The 'flying saucer' brim on the hat I was wearing got in the way of the many 'mwaah' kisses that were being bandied about and I

dropped a couple of clangers – getting someone's husband's name wrong, and greeting an unknown guest twice who had discovered that if he rejoined the line again, he could obtain a second glass of Pimms.

The other notion that struck me, particularly as the wedding day progressed is how our own marriage was on view. But we were on view in a different way too, as both sets of parents, complete with groom's brother as best man and bride's sister as chief bridesmaid, were placed at the top table on a dais during the reception with a wonderful view of all the guests, but the equally dangerous position of being easy targets for missiles, should the speeches not go down too well.

The speeches did go down well, as did the sausage and mash and apple crumble with custard. Yes really, sausage and mash, morning suits and champagne. What a combination, but I have heard it said from sources other than our daughter that 'nursery food' is the trendy menu for weddings these days. Most people tucked into the food, and many danced the calories off later at the barn dance and the following disco. T and I changed clothes for that – we weren't about to cavort about impeded by our best wedding gear and that hat.

The sun shone on the bride and groom, and everyone thought it an extremely relaxed and joyous occasion, so we were very sorry when it ended. But now we are looking forward to the photos, the video and reminiscing about the day's events. The sharing of these happy memories is after all, what helps to bind family and friends together.

Sue Laver

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr. Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev. John D. Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St. Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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From the Village Desk

Your editors now represent the village in a list of 'Parish Pumps', of which there are currently approximately 1,000 spread around the UK. The aim of the scheme is to provide anyone who is actively involved in their local community with environmental news, information and contacts which could be useful, and it was thought that selections from such data might usefully be included in the magazine from time to time. The initiator of the scheme is The Conservation Foundation, (president: Prof. David Bellamy).

We'll keep you posted. *The Editors*

Village Diary

November

- 4/5 Sale of Christmas Cards,
10am - 12pm, Methodist Church
- 7 Local History Group, 7.30pm,
Methodist Church
- 10 Garden Club, 7.45pm, WI Hut
- 15 Mother's Union, 2pm, WI Hut
- 17 Left Hand Thread Dance, 8pm,
St Peter's School
- 21 Men's Society, 8pm,
Committee Room, Village Hall
- 24 Pre-School Curry & Quiz Night,
7.30pm, Village Hall
- 25 Scouts Soup 'n Spud Morning,
11am to 1pm, Village hall

December

- 1 Bowls Club Bingo, 7pm,
Village Hall
- 2 Village Hall Coffee Morning,
10am - 12 noon

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Services at St Peter's and St Helen's

Wednesday 1 November

11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House

Sunday 5 November

8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm Installation of Rural Dean at All Saints, Bingham
No Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 8 November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's — Revd A Graham

Sunday 12 November

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.50am Act of Remembrance at St Peter's
6.00pm Remembrance Evensong at St Helen's
No Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 15 November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 19 November

9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
10.45am Family Service at St Peter's
6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
7.30pm Holy Communion at St Peter's

Wednesday 22 November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 26 November

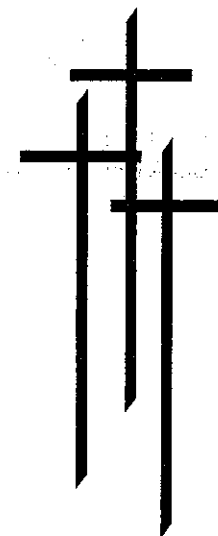
8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.00pm Evensong at St Helen's
6.30pm Missions Sunday Evensong at St Peter's:
Preacher Miss Hazel White CMS

Wednesday 29 November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 3 December

8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



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100 Years Ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

The following reply has been received from the Local Government Board with reference to the water supply:-

Gentlemen,
I am directed by the Local Government Board to inform you that they have had under their consideration the Report made by their Inspector, Mr Ducat, after the inquiry held by him with reference to the complaint under Sect. 299 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the Rural District Council of Bingham have made default in providing the Parish of East Bridgford with a proper supply of water. The Board direct me to state that the evidence, which was submitted on the behalf of the complainants was quite inadequate to enable the Board to satisfy themselves that the Authority have been guilty of the alleged default. No details were forthcoming as to the number of houses, which are without a proper supply of water, and it was not proved that danger arises to the health of the inhabitants from the insufficiency or unwholesomeness of the existing supply, or that a proper supply can be got at a reasonable cost. It is essential that detailed evidence on these points should be forthcoming, and as matters stand the further consideration of the complaint would be fruitless. If, however, the complainants were able and willing to adduce further and complete evidence on the points upon which the Board are required to be satisfied under the section, the Board will be prepared to direct the holding of a further inquiry in the matter.

I am, etc.,
NOEL T. KERSHAW, Assistant Sec.

The Rector's Pages

Discovering My True Self

"I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the law; until its purpose is achieved."

St. Matthew 5:18

Sitting at the traffic lights, or touring around a one-way system in a strange town can be frustrating. On the other hand, seeing someone drive like a maniac is infuriating. Such drivers are a danger to themselves, fellow drivers and innocent pedestrians. Ultimately, traffic laws protect people and allow relative freedom on the roads.

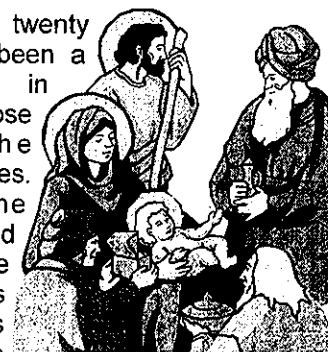
God's Law also offers freedom. It isn't threatening, nor is it a burden. Jesus came to fulfil the law; to restore its God-given purpose in order that we might enjoy the freedom of the children of God. His intention, throughout His ministry was to communicate His Father's irrefutable love and concern for people. In allowing this belief to permeate our life, we experience an inner freedom; a freedom to do good.

It is easy to become caught up in laws and regulations, binding ourselves and others. We can tie ourselves in knots, believing God to be traffic policemen, waiting to pounce at our first indiscretion. Jesus, however, liberates us from such an interpretation of God's Law. As we begin to realise that God's love and friendship are unconditional, we become free to do good for ourselves and our neighbours. That is the fulfilment of God's Law.

Alan Haydock

CHRISTINGLE

Over the past twenty years there has been a gradual increase in the number of those attending the Christingle Services. Last year the number exceeded 700. There are early indications that this year as many will be coming to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.



With this in mind, once again, we shall be holding two **Christingle Services, on Saturday 23rd December at 3.00pm and 5.00pm.** The 3.00pm service will relate more to children under the age of seven years and the 5.00pm service to those, who are over the age of six years.

It is not our wish to divide families, however. Anyone will be welcome at either service. In order to help us prepare the church, we shall be issuing different coloured tickets, free of charge, and we invite you to obtain these from the church or school, the post office or East Bridgford News. The tickets will act as a guide to those of us, who prepare the church to receive a large number of people, but if your plans should change, even on the day itself, *do please come to whichever service you find the most convenient.*

We shall be aiming to send at least £600 to the Children's Society, and invite you to obtain a collecting tube from the same sources, fill it with coins (20p pieces?) and make your offering at the Christingle Service.

On Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December at 4.00pm there will be a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

Alan Haydock

OUR CHURCHES ARE GRATEFUL

- For a generous donation towards carol music for Christmas and for other general purposes.
- For the efforts of those who gave time preparing the church for Harvest, and for the Harvest gifts from Parish, Pre-School Group and St Peter's School.
- To those who clean our churches and prepare them for worship week by week.

Special Services at St Peter's



Sunday 12 November

10.50am Act of Remembrance.
Ex Service men and women, together with our uniformed organisations are invited to parade.

Sunday 26 November

6.30pm Missions' Sunday
Evensong

Sunday 3 December

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Family Services at St Peter's before Christmas



Sunday 19th November
and
Sunday 17th December

The services start at 10.45am and last about 40 minutes, followed by refreshments for both children and adults.

Please come and join us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



**Sale of Christmas
Cards in aid of
various charities**

Saturday 4th November
10.00am to 12 noon
at the Methodist Church
and on
Sunday 5th November
10.00am to 11.00am.

Maggie Teare
and Hilary Geisow

WI Report

Our speaker at the October meeting was Robin Brackenbury of Holme Pierrepont Hall who outlined the history of the Pierrepont Family against the broader background of national events over the centuries. It was a pleasure to listen to someone who has such a grasp of his subject and clearly enjoys sharing this knowledge with others.

Next month we should have a few rays of sunshine to brighten a cold November evening when Alan Bowker tells us about the hill towns of central Italy!

Our Coffee morning on 14th October was very successful and raised £280. We would like to thank everyone who supported us and gave so generously.

Rachel Barclay

Bridge in Bridgford



There is now a Bridge Club in East Bridgford. It meets every Wednesday from 7.30 to 10.00pm in the WI hut.

Bridge Lessons for beginners started last September and have continued throughout the year with the proportion of play to tuition gradually increasing. We now regularly have four or five tables and play duplicate bridge with occasional inputs on bidding or play.

There is always a very friendly atmosphere and no one takes the game too seriously.

If you play bridge (rubber or duplicate) and would like to play either on a regular or occasional basis in the village, come along on any Wednesday at 7.20pm.

If, on the other hand, you would like to learn to play Bridge or to know more about the club, phone John Chater on 20882.

Men's Society

All hail; On 19 September, although heavy rain restricted attendance to a hardy eleven, we enjoyed hearing about the seventeenth-century industry in Nottinghamshire. On 21 November, we have a talk on a favourite subject - railways this time - THE TAL Y LLYN RAILWAY. The talk, which will be illustrated by slides will be given by Mr Tony Thorpe from Carlton, who is very familiar with this narrow gauge railway.

As usual we start at 8pm and meet at the committee room of the Village Hall. All males are welcome and as there is no subscription, we have a requested contribution towards expenses of £1 for adults (50p for schoolboys and students). The programme is available at St Peter's Church or from myself.

Tony Ford 420932.

Ciara Fund

Our jumble sale on 30th September raised £391. This is quite a poor result, due to a serious lack of customers - normally we do so well. However, we had a wonderful response once again to our request for jumble and we thank everyone who donated items.

Thank you also to everyone who helped us on the day and also to Steve Smith who disposed of the leftovers for us. We were able to send a cheque for £200 to Ash Lea School towards their swimming pool fund.

Our coffee morning in aid of the British Institute for Brain Injured Children raised £218. Thank you to everyone who supported the morning.

Treasurer for Village Hall

After many years of devoted service Tony Ford has decided that he wishes to retire from the above position, hence we are anxious to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible.

The position of treasurer is as rewarding as one cares to make it. The holder is an ex officio member of the hall's management team and can thus make a valuable contribution to its vital place in village life. The appointment would be ideally suited to a retired person and previous accountancy experience is not necessary. Anyone interested in filling this challenging position, should contact either of the following for further details: -

Peter Ward 20487
Tony Ford 20932

P. Ward, Chairman,
East Bridgford Village Hall
Committee.

**East Bridgford
Care Group
Mobile answerphone**

0976 935476

*Just leave your name
and number*

The King Edward Club

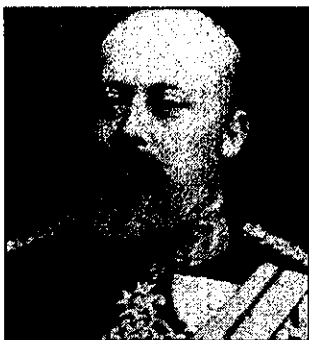
The members of our club would like to thank all who attended our coffee morning on 30th September and contributed so generously; also to those who provided prizes and assisted in ensuring a social and financial success.

We are often told (to our shame) that many people have never heard of our Club, hence the following is a copy with slight amendments of an article which appeared in a special edition of the Flower Show magazine in 1996, which may be of interest.

It is worth mentioning that at a time when it is said that interest in some older village activities is dwindling, we have a high percentage of younger members.

Once again we thank everyone concerned for their generosity.

Peter Ward, Secretary.



The King Edward Club was founded in 1902 and acquired its name from King Edward VII who was crowned in that year. A wooden hut together with a billiard table were the generous gifts of the Misses Fox, who also provided the first premises for the W.I.

Our original hut still survives and is

currently used by the Scouts and partly as a scene-dock for the Drama Group. The club moved into its present brick premises situated at the back of the village hall in 1980. The single-handed efforts of the late Dr Brooks enabled this fine building to be constructed.

The club was originally open from October to April and in addition to the main attraction of billiards - dominoes, darts, table skittles and card games were available. Selected newspapers and periodicals were also supplied. Hence in the days before mass entertainment it is not surprising that membership was in great demand and considered a privilege.

The minute books from 1922 onwards are in our possession and they make fascinating reading. Well-known village names re-occur over the years and the minutes record their fine voluntary service to both the club and the village.

It is perhaps unfair to mention any one in particular, but the late Les Hand must be an exception. The club's survival is largely due to his devoted attention to its needs. It is also a pleasure to record that Edwin Hunt, father of our present President Fred, and the grandfather of Russell, was a founder member; thus we have an uninterrupted link with the club's origins.

From the minutes we learn facts of general interest. Electricity did not arrive in the village until 1930, followed soon after by gas and the main sewer. This is a reminder of how Spartan was village life until relatively modern times and within the lifetime of many older residents.

For those who can remember the ominous days of 1940, it is of particular interest in the 60th anniversary year of

the Battle of Britain, to refer to the following extracts the minutes of August of that fateful year viz: -

- That no change be made in the agreement with the Electric Power Company on lighting.
- That the clock should not be repaired. Mr Kemp kindly promised to try to get a new electric clock.
- That (the) approach to the club be repaired by club members.
- That the cycle shed be erected by the members.

They continue in this prosaic manner. It would be difficult from these extracts to conclude that Hitler's armies had recently conquered the whole of continental Europe and that the invasion of our country seemed imminent.

Somehow they seem to epitomise the indomitable spirit of the times more than many subsequent learned accounts. Defeat was never a consideration, or apparently a matter of discussion!

Today our club, which is open every day is socially in good spirits and is financially sound. We would however, welcome further members and if anyone is interested in playing snooker (which has eclipsed billiards as the favourite game) they would be very welcome to view our club and its facilities. Please contact the writer or any of our members, as we are anxious to ensure that the club continues for another century.

Peter Ward
Secretary 20487

A Millennium Calendar for 2001?

Rather belatedly, I have produced a calendar with photographs that I have taken recently together with archive photographs from the year 1900. There are shots of Kneeton Road, Kirkhill, and Trent Lane showing what the village looked like in those days. One photograph shows two of the horses used to deliver coal outside the coal merchants in Trent Lane, other photographs give an insight into the types of clothes villagers and their children wore then. There is also a shot of this year's Flower Show procession, so I hope no adults or children will be offended by being included.

The calendar has been produced with the help of the East Bridgford History Group who have provided all of the old photographs. They are still looking for more photographs, so if you have any, please contact Nigel Lawrence (20619). They will not want to keep them, only make a copy. The calendars can be ordered through the post office.

John Chater

Left Hand Thread

Dance to a Live band

8.00pm, 17th November
at St Peter's School

Tickets £5 each

Proceeds to school funds

Tickets available from the
school office and the Post Office

Planning Applications and Decisions

- 00/01031/FUL Mr & Mrs J Whitt, Squirrels Leap, 56 Kneeton Road.
Two storey front and single storey rear extension.
Council did not object.
- 00/01066/FUL Mrs E Price, Topfields Farm, 115 Kneeton Road.
Two storey and single storey extensions, new
vehicular access. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

- 00/00799/FUL A Watson, 5 Cherryholt Lane.
Erection of dwelling and garage, formation of
vehicular access following demolition of existing
bungalow and garage (revised plans).
Grant permission, with conditions.

Garden Club

Winter Programme 2000/2001

10th November

Steve Furness
'How not to build a Rock Garden'

8th December

Social Evening
Eleanor Fisher
'A Year in the Garden'

12th January

David Meylan
'Gardens and How They Influence Us'

9th February

Margaret Thomas
'Restoration of Gardens'

9th March

AGM
Steve Lovell
'Water as a Garden Feature'

6th April

Janette Merilion
'Plants for Difficult Places'

As usual all meetings are held in the WI Hut, at 7.45pm, on the second Friday of

the month (except 6th April 2001, which is the first Friday).

Royal Gardens at Windsor

At the last meeting, Jeff Bates spoke about his time as an apprentice gardener at the Royal Gardens. Although Jeff only spent two years of his life working at this famous castle, the beauty of the grounds left a lasting impression upon him. Subsequently he has visited each year to keep himself updated with the latest developments.

Jeff described the gardens, designed and created by Eric Saville seventy years ago, and showed pictures of the Valley Gardens, resplendent with rhododendrons during the spring; walled gardens that had been constructed so as to create a micro climate to grow tender plants; and some of the biggest and best herbaceous borders, 100ft long by 24 feet deep, to be found in the UK. A definite must on the list of gardens to visit.

Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents - August and September 2000

Date	Offence	Location
14 August	Attempted burglary	Lammas Lane
20 August	Theft, motor vehicle	Kneeton Road
4/5 September	Burglary	Butt Lane
9 September	Theft from motor vehicle	Main Street
10 September	Theft from motor vehicle	Crossways Drive
Between 22 & 27 Sept	Theft of millstone	Kneeton Road

The twelve-month moving average is now at 3.42 incidents per month.

Street Co-ordinators

We are pleased to welcome two new street co-ordinators: -

David Scarrott, 3 Bridleways (20197) who covers Main Street (Old Medical Centre to Village End - including Bridleways and Blenheim Gardens).

Rosemary Oglesby, 37 Main Street (20155) who covers Main Street (College Street to Haycroft Way).

A vacancy still exists in Holloway Close and Straws Lane (College Street to Magdalen Drive) - it includes Straws Close.

Meeting

A meeting was held on 5th October and details are available from your street co-ordinator, thirteen of whom attended. Two points of interest came from the meeting: -

- Based on recent figures, which may be distorted, the location 'hot spots' in the village for incidents is Kneeton Road and the category 'hot spot' is vehicle crime - theft from motor vehicles.
- Your Head Co-ordinator is standing down as from the next meeting (April 5th 2001). A Mechanism to replace him has been put in motion. If anybody in the village is interested, please contact your street co-ordinator or John Latham (20192) for more information.

John Latham
Head Co-ordinator

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Floodlighting Diary

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 In loving memory of **CHARLES CUMBERLAND**
(floodlights will be additionally lit on the 3rd)
- 2 In loving memory of **GUY OGLESBY**
- 9-12 The Memorial will be lit to remember those who died
defending our liberty
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 14 In loving memory of **KEN CUPIT**
- 14 In loving memory of **JOAN ARUNDELL**
(floodlights will be additionally lit on the 15th)
- 21 In thankfulness for the life of **BARBARA ARCHER**
- 26 Christ the King
- 29 In Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church
- 30 Andrew the Apostle

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in December's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Golightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before press closing **Friday November 17th**.

Cricket Club

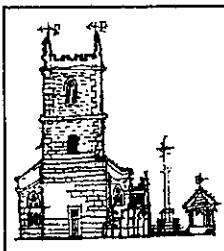
East Bridgford Cricket Club are seeking to recruit new members for the 2001 season. With this in mind we are pleased to invite potential players and their partners to a social evening with a buffet supper in the Royal Oak, East Bridgford, Thursday 14th December 8.00pm. It would be a good opportunity to meet players and others linked with E.B.C.C.

St Peter's Church Choristers

Choristers are needed to sing in the choir of our historic church. Sing and enjoy the carols for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Come on Friday evening for rehearsals commencing at 6.30pm (All parts required). Scholarships are available for young choristers aged between 8 and 15 for singing, piano and organ.

Details from the Musical Director at the Church or telephone 20908.



Parish Council News

Congratulations to everyone who helped the village to gain second place in the Best Kept Village competition. The parish council has tried to lead the way in making our surroundings as pleasant as possible but need the backing of the whole populace in keeping the village tidy and bright.

To this end it has been decided to employ someone for a few hours a week to remove litter from the main village streets. Initially this will be for a six-month period and if successful will be continued and extended, though it would obviously be better if litter wasn't deposited in the first place! We intend to continue our efforts to clean up the remaining village black spots – then maybe we can replace Shireoaks in first place of the Best Kept Village competition.

Following up on the Village Appraisal, it has been decided to proceed on a housing needs survey, which in turn will strengthen our position in relation to the Rushcliffe Development Plan. More information next month.

Our newly elected County Councillor, Mr Martin Suthers attended our October meeting and promised his support in our application for a footpath between Ludgate Drive and the Medical Centre, which would obviate the need to cross Main Street on the bend.

Isabel Francis

Just when you thought you would be spared any more exam howlers – we've dug up some more! Brace yourselves for a few choice examples over the coming months:

The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sahara Dessert and

travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sahara is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain parts of the dessert are cultivated by irrigation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

HOLIDAY AVAILABLE
(cancellation, deposit already paid)

HOW ABOUT A HOLIDAY IN FLORIDA?

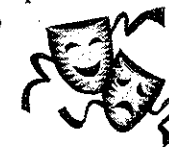
Would you like an opportunity to take a 14 day holiday for two (or three) in Florida, staying for 6 nights in Orlando, 2 nights cruising aboard the SS Ocean Breeze and 5 nights in Fort Lauderdale?

The holiday must be taken by 4th February 2001.

If you are interested please contact Agnes Baird on 20577.

Drama Group

It would appear that all tickets for the next production, "Down to Brass Tacks" have been sold. However in the event that there are any late cancellations, enquiries can still be made to the Rectory on 20218



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Soups and Starters

Three quick and easy recipes – ideal for those who lead busy lives, or those who don't want to spend too long preparing food in the kitchen.

Avocado Pear

Allow half an avocado person

Lemon Juice

French Dressing

Lettuce leaves

- Cut avocado lengthwise – give a slight twist to halve the fruit and remove the stone, brush cut avocado with lemon juice to prevent browning.
- Arrange lettuce leaves on small plate.
- Place avocado half in middle and spoon in dressing.

NB – The hollow in the fruit can be filled with prawns, shrimps or flaked crab.

Prawns with Mayonnaise

(Serves 4)

8oz of cooked prawns

4 lettuce leaves

1 small jar of mayonnaise

4 lemon wedges

- Dry the prawns.
- Place one lettuce leaf in each of the glass dishes.
- Fill with quarter of the prawns.
- Top with a spoonful of mayonnaise and a lemon wedge.

Cheese and Onion Soup

(Serves 4)

2 cans of onion soup (to make up 1½ pints)

6 oz of grated cheddar cheese

2 slices of bread

Chopped parsley

- Heat canned soup gently.
- Toast the bread on one side. Sprinkle 2 oz of grated cheese on the untoasted side and grill until the cheese melts.
- Remove the soup from the heat and stir in the rest of the grated cheese. Pour into soup bowls.
- Garnish the soup by cutting the toast up into squares and floating them on top of the soup.

News from the Surgery

Farewell Dinner for our Surgery Practice Manager

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone so much for the very generous donations that were given to me as I headed towards retirement, having been practice manager at the surgery for what seems like a lifetime! Now that it has happened, I suddenly realize that mornings can feel very different (and calmer) compared to the last twenty-five years. The doctors and staff gave me a rousing send off with a glorious evening at Langar Hall where I received a beautiful bike and TV/video recorder (I wonder why I also received a Rosemary Conley Hip and Thigh Workout Video – are they trying to tell me something?) As soon as I have decided on what I would like to purchase with the money, I will certainly let you know.

Thank you all again for being so kind.

Molly Wood



Molly (right), seen here with Chris Dolby, our Senior Practice Nurse, at the Farewell Dinner

With true style and a sense of occasion, the staff, doctors and invited guests attended Langar Hall for the leaving party of their practice manager, Mrs Molly Wood, who had worked at the surgery for over twenty-five years. After a very pleasant meal and witty speeches, Molly was presented with leaving gifts of a beautiful new maroon and silver bike (look out for her pedalling around the village!) and a combined TV and video. Patients had also been extremely generous in showing their appreciation for everything Molly had done for them over the years and a cheque was handed to her on behalf of all who had donated.

Molly can still be seen at the surgery on a Wednesday morning where she is keeping an eye on us for a few more months!

Glenda Pearson
Secretary at the Surgery

From the Methodists

Harvest Celebration

Thanks are extended to all who attended our services, the Harvest Supper and joined in the spirit of the Fun Auction of produce.

You will be pleased to know, as a result of your generosity, that a cheque for £398 has been forwarded to SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

God bless you all.

Waste Paper Recycling

The Methodist Church administers an arrangement with Nottinghamshire County Council for Recycling Credit, and to encourage every household in the village to use wastepaper containers on the village car park, it has been our practice to distribute 50% of the proceeds to other village charitable organisations.

We appeal to any group which does not benefit, to contact JOHN HUNTER on 20179, to ensure your organisation is added to the distribution list.

Our church, and those who benefit are grateful for your support in this environmentally good practice.

St Peter's out of school Club

If you are a working parent or occasionally need care for your child outside of school hours, there is a club based in the Green Room at St Peter's School, East Bridgford that is able to help.

In term-time, the club caters for primary age children (including part-time) who attend St Peter's School. The club opens at 7.45 am to 8.45 am and then for the afternoon at 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm.

If you need further information, please contact Wendy Cloughley on 01949 21145.

Driven to Distraction

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The traffic lights were red but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, 'I must be losing my mind, I swear we just went through a red light'. After a few more minutes they came to another intersection and the lights were red again and again they went right through. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the lights had been red, but was really concerned that she was mistaken.

She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the lights were definitely on red and they went right through. She turned to the woman driving and said, 'Mabel! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!'

Mabel turned to her and said, 'Oh, am I driving?'

St Peter's Bellringers

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles (1260 changes) was rung on 8th October before the special service of thanksgiving for the 800th anniversary of the founding of St Peter's Church.

Valerie Allen	Treble
Elizabeth Harrison	2
Valerie Robertson	3
Ann Moore	4
Clive Allen (C)	5
Erica Allen	Tenor

Funds Raised for the New Breast Cancer Unit - Nottingham City Hospital

Square Dance

£543.50 was raised on 20th October. This sum also included £30 of donations. Many thanks to those who gave, helped with the organisation and attended what proved to be a highly successful event

In Remembrance of the Late Pete Hutchinson

Grateful thanks to Elaine, who has made a £100 donation to the above cause.

Weddings



Chris Webster and Samantha (Sam) Case, who were married on 9th September at St Peter's Church. Sam is the younger daughter of Bill and Rita Case. The happy couple honeymooned for 15 days in Mauritius - *How Delicious!*

Scouts

1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group

Saturday November 25th

Soup 'n Spud Morning

East Bridgford Village Hall

11.00am - 1.00pm

Jacket spuds with various fillings,
soup, hot peas

cake stall, tombola, competitions, raffle

Proceeds for Scout Group Funds

FLOWER SHOW NEWS

Following on from the successful staging of the millennium 2000 Flower Show a new steering group has been formed with a view to taking the show forward into the new millennium.

The move will finally allay fears and speculation that the show might not continue, ending 137 years of history and tradition.

The new group will, with the support of the existing committee and members, look to stage the 2001 show and hope to bring a new enthusiasm and fresh look to the traditional show hopefully broadening its appeal to a greater cross section of our village and community.

It is planned that as well as bringing some new ideas to the 2001 show the steering group will poll local opinion with a view to reshaping and modernising the show as required over the coming years thus ensuring the show meets the future needs of people in the village and surrounds.

The new show steering group look forward to the continued support of the many unsung committee members and supporters who have over the years made the flower show a success and trust that everyone can help to ensure that East Bridgford continues to have a village showpiece to be proud of.

Finally a note for the diaries... The show will take place on the 30th of June 2001 maintaining its traditional link with Feast week.

Bruce Sutherland

John Gillespie McGee, a Canadian fighter pilot, wrote this hauntingly evocative poem shortly before being killed in action during the Battle of Britain.



HIGH FLIGHT

*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Off sunsplit clouds-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of; wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air;
Up, up the long delicious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor even eagle flew;
And while, with silent lifting wind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

Despair



I can picture one teacher there—I can't remember her name. She was short and spare, and I can remember her eager jutting chin. Quite unexpectedly one day (in the middle, I think, of an arithmetic lesson) she suddenly launched forth on a speech on life and religion. "All of you," she said, "every one of you—will pass through a time when you will face despair. If you never face despair, you will never have faced, or become, a Christian, or known a Christian life. To be a Christian, you must face and accept the life that Christ faced and lived; you must enjoy things as he enjoyed things; be as happy as he was at the marriage of Cana, know the peace and happiness that it means to be in harmony with God and with God's will. But you must also know, as he did, what it means to be alone in the Garden of Gethsemane, to feel that all your friend have forsaken you, that those you love and trust have turned away from you, and that *God Himself* has forsaken you. Hold on then to the belief that that is *not* the end. If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life."

She then returned to the problems of compound interest with her usual vigour, but it is odd that those few words, more than any sermon I have ever heard, remained with me, and years later they were to come back to me and give me hope at a time when despair had me in its grip. She was a dynamic figure, and also, I think, a *fine* teacher; I wish I could have been taught by her longer.

Agatha Christie
An Autobiography.

EB Local History Group

The subject of sporting groups in East Bridgford formed the subject of a very lively and informative opening meeting to our winter season on 3rd October. When the time comes for the History Group to compile the written record of the village in the 20th Century there will clearly be no shortage of material for a chapter on this subject.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. We are privileged to have as our speaker Adrian Henstock, the Principal Archivist of the Nottinghamshire Archive Office. He will be talking about the 17th Century Estate Maps of the village. This promises to be a very interesting talk about some key records in the history of our community. On this occasion there is a requested contribution of £1.00 per adult towards the speaker's expenses.

I am pleased to report that excellent progress has been made on our book "Images of East Bridgford - The Twentieth Century in Photographs". By the time this magazine is distributed the book should be with our printers.

If you would like to know more about the place in which you live and about its past, why not come along to our next meeting - you do not have to be a member of the group to attend our meetings.

Bill Whitaker 20982



Loose Ends

Electronic Letters

I must confess I'm a bit of a computer nerd, if that term can be applied to a woman of a certain age. I love having access to a computer and most particularly I would be lost without e-mail. To me when the computer crashes, it is as bad as losing the telephone connection and almost as infuriating as the washing machine breaking down.

Several years ago I was introduced to e-mail, or rather, its predecessor at work. This was called 'Memo' and it connected the 3,000 or so employees who were spread over a large geographical area. Sending messages electronically was wonderful, so quick, so instant and so much better than the phone, because it didn't matter if they were in a meeting or not. You knew they would get the message - all you had to do was sit back and wait for the reply.

Well that was a bit of a problem - the reply. Some didn't read their messages, and others who did still didn't bother to respond. Some who never had quite mastered the key board, having never had a reason to hone their typing skills, used to send terse or incomprehensible messages, for example - 'i hav mtg at 2# wl u attd'.

Sometimes arguments broke out over this system, because no one had taken the time to use the niceties and format of the polite letter - after all this is quick and instant electronic communication. People who would normally pick up a phone and go through short but relatively meaningful

courteous small talk before getting down to business, abandoned this when faced with the computer screen. The result was that various internal paper memos were circulated, exhorting people to phone, or at least to couch their electronic words in civil and polite tones.

This introduction did not put me off E-mail at all, as I could see the benefits. Now, T says it is the lazy person's way to write a letter, and he might be right, but at least in this house more E-correspondence is originated than the pen and ink type. It encourage us lazy types to make contact where we wouldn't have bothered to toil over a more formal epistle. Since we've been on e-mail, not only have we been able to receive copy for this magazine by this wondrous route, we have made contact with friends and relatives who are scattered all over the place.

There have been e-mails from a friend describing life in America; our daughter's dissertation was piped down the tubes to Australia for final comment from her antipodean tutor; photos and jokes are received and sent by attachment file; queries and information sorted out on accounts, purchases and services; but best of all, regular contact with friends and relatives who send short but quite often funny messages. The shortest of which just said 'Great' when I'd E-mailed an uncle to confirm that a parcel had arrived safely. Let's face it - you'd never write or phone to say that.

Sue Laver

THE CHURCH CLOCK

A Report by Sue Laver

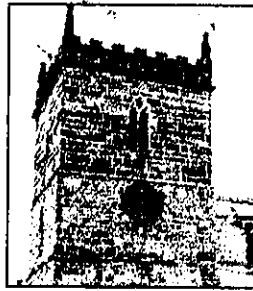
The chimes of the church clock seem to penetrate our subconscious as we go about our business in the village. We think, "Oh, is that the time?" and don't give it another thought, especially as to exactly how the clock keeps its good time, year in and year out.

You might be surprised to hear that the clock is 113 years old, and was installed on the occasion of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. Many years before there had been a clock in the tower until it was rebuilt in 1778. The current clock cost £80 when new and was set up to play quarter chimes, commonly called 'Westminster', using the smaller 1st, 2nd, 3rd bells and the 6th bell, the largest, which also strikes the hour. As the clock is mechanical it has to be serviced once a year, and would

twice a week in order to keep the chimes synchronised with the clock, and the time correct.

A man who has a great understanding of the clock, its mechanics and its foibles is Fred Hunt. Fred's 'love affair' with the instrument started about twenty years ago when the Sexton, Les Johnson, fell ill and was unable to continue with the twice weekly winding of the clock. Fred soon learned the intricacies of this task and together with Ron Bullivant, and afterwards with Patrick Blandy, set up a regular routine of winding to make sure the clock told the right time.

'I remember putting a penny weight on the pendulum - that was a traditional



way to help regulate the clock then.'

Said Patrick Blandy, recalling his time climbing two sets of narrow winding stone stairs to where the clock mechanism is housed. There, a large handle, not dissimilar to a canal lock handle, is used to wind up the three weights that operate the quarterly chimes, the hourly chime and the clock itself. Fred Hunt has calculated that in total they require 700 cranks per week.

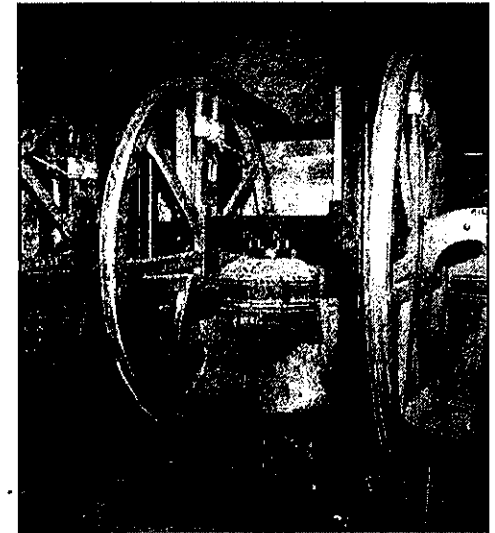
Nowadays Tim Rogers and Jerry Moore share the responsibility of winding the clock, but Fred, assisted by his son Russell, still keeps a close eye on the timepiece he understands so well. Fred has transformed, keeping the clock accurate into an art form. He says, 'the clock often loses two minutes a month, so I go up once a month to adjust the pendulum. The minutest turn of the screw will slow it down or speed it up.

'The clock will go beautifully for six months then it won't work. And it is easily upset when I have to change the hour.'

If Fred cannot sort the problem out, then Smiths of Derby are called in. This company specialises in mechanical clock repairs and have undertaken the clock's annual service and repairs for many years.

Village people living near to the church will have noticed that there are no chimes at night. The reason for this is that in 1965 at a cost of £30, an automatic night silencing device was installed, resulting in the first chime of the day starting at 8.15am and the last at 10.00pm, allowing nearby residents to sleep in peace.

Often the question has been asked 'why hasn't the clock been electrified?' The answer is simple - it is too costly.



There are six bells in the belfry, four of which are used for the chimes of the clock, but all are used when the bells are rung. There is a device to disconnect the hammers that make the clock chime, before the peals can begin.

Smiths of Derby quoted £900 to do this work forty years ago, so the cost today would be very high. But there is a feeling among the hardy clock winders that they would feel very sad to see it electrified. Tim Rogers summed it up by saying, 'Nowadays in this world of 'high tech', the good old church clock still ticks on as it has done for all these years. May it go on ticking for many years to come.'

Clock Winders Wanted

Should anyone show an interest, please get in touch with either Jerry Moore, 20200 or Tim Rogers 20918. A possible first step would be to help out during holiday periods.

PAST TIMES

We will be delving from time to time into the Revd Arthur Du Boulay Hill's 'East Bridgford Notes, *The Story of an English Village*', published in 1932.

VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS: East Bridgford Feast.

As far as living memory goes back, Feast Sunday has been observed on the Sunday of the week in which St Peter's Day falls. There is, however, no ancient record of the dedication of the church to St Peter. In the 'King's Book' of 1535 the dedication is given as St Mary's, but that is not always a reliable guide, for it seems to have sometimes been inserted when no other dedication was supplied. A careful writer (F.A. Forster, *Church Dedications*, 1899) states that ancient York Registers give the dedication as St John Baptist, but I have not myself succeeded in verifying this statement. We have preferred to trust to the local traditions of the last 150 years and to call it St Peter's church, holding our Dedication Festival and Feast Week at that date.

Feast Week is duly observed by East Bridgford folk as a holiday time, and for the reunion of absent friends. A fair, a flower show (since 1864), and cricket matches are held during the week; and on Feast Sunday afternoon a service is held at the War Memorial Cross in the churchyard, being the anniversary of its dedication in 1920, supported by the British Legion and other village organisations.

The fair held at East Bridgford has a very ancient history. In the time of King

Edward III, Philip de Caltoft, as joint lord of the manor with his cousin Thomas de Multon, claimed the right to hold two customary fairs, one on the Feast of St Barnabas and for eight days following, the other on the Feast of St Luke and for eight days following. Philip obtained a charter from the King on 14 June 1327, confirming the dates but limiting the duration of each to three days.



No doubt when the calendar was rectified in 1752 and eleven days were omitted, people stuck to the old system and held the fair eleven days later. 22 June would then be regarded as old St Barnabas's Day, which is near the date at which our fair is now held. The charter required that the fair shall not be to the injury of neighbouring fairs; and it is said that Carcolston and Shelford go by Bridgford Feast, theirs being held the week before and after ours. Shelford church is dedicated to St Peter and St Paul, and may have its own tradition of a dedication festival, but I do not think this can be claimed by East Bridgford. The dates of the two fairs may have been chosen to avoid the time of harvest work; but it is more than likely that the statutory

St Barnabas fair, though not held on the actual day of dedication, came to be regarded as the customary church feast of the parish. There is no further evidence either of the holding or of the discontinuance of the St Luke's fair; one Feast was probably found to be enough.

The fair, which has long been looked upon as a fixture by travelling showmen, no doubt was held in the wide roadway by the Market Cross, until transferred to hired fields. It has lately returned to the ancient recreation ground of Butt Close.

The practice of Archery may be included among the recreations of old times, though to a great extent it was a legal obligation. In 1285 the Statute of Winchester, required all males over seven years to learn to shoot an arrow, and was not repealed until 1557. In the time of Edward III bows and arrows were to be locally provided; under Richard II servants were enjoined to practise Archery, especially on Sundays; and under Edward IV every Englishman was required to possess a bow of his own height, costing about 2s. if made locally, but foreign yew was considered superior and cost half a mark, 6s. 8d. (W. Johnson, *Byways of Archaeology*).

Butts were erected and kept in repair by the local authority up to the seventeenth century. They are shown by our old map of 1612 to be in existence on the unenclosed waste by the side of the road still called Butt Lane. Shakespeare, who was alive at this date, gives evidence that archery was still practised in England.

Hints and Tips *Cleaning*

microwave To clean your microwave, mix a teaspoon of baking soda in a microwave proof cup of water. Place cup in microwave, run for 2-3 minutes then remove. Wipe inside of microwave with a damp cloth, or mix a teaspoon of lemon juice in a microwave proof bowl with a cup and a half of water. Place in microwave and run for about 10 minutes. Wipe clean.

pots and pans To easily remove burnt on food from your pan, add a drop of washing up liquid and water enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Bring to a boil on hob, let cool and washing up is easy!

scuffs To remove scuffs from shoes use nail polish remover.

sticky residue To remove sticky residue from glass or any other surface use WD-40, or soak with vinegar and it will scrape off with ease.

vase, glass Fill with water and add 2 Alka-Seltzer tablets to clean those tough stains on the bottom of a glass vase.

Odours

air To absorb odours in the air, place bowls of vinegar, or baking soda around the house but be sure to keep them out of the reach of children and pets!

drains To remove odours from drains pour in one cup of baking soda followed by one cup of white vinegar.

plastic containers To remove odours fill with newspaper and cover overnight.

shoes For smelly shoes put some tea leaves into a pair of stockings and stuff each into shoe. Leave for a day or two and the smell is gone.

**SUNDAY SERVICES
AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES**

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

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Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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Images of East Bridgford

If all has gone according to plan, every household in East Bridgford should have received a copy of "Images of East Bridgford" delivered with your copy of the Village magazine.

The Local History Group, with the very generous assistance of the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Millennium Festival Awards for All Scheme, has been able to provide each household with a free copy of the book. Copies will also be donated to the School, the Library Service and to some other relevant organisations.

The production of the book by the Group could only have been achieved with the kind assistance of the many people who have provided us with photographs to copy. We are most appreciative of their help.

Bill Whitaker,
Secretary, Local History Group

Village Diary - December

- 1 Bowls Club Bingo, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- 2 Village Hall Coffee Morning
- 2 8 till late, 70's Disco, Tennis Club
- 5 Local History Group, 7.30pm, Methodist Church
- 8 Garden Club, Christmas Social, 7.45pm, WI Hut
- 14 Cricket Club Social, 8.00pm, Royal Oak
- 16 Walnut Grove Studio, 'Beside the Sea', afternoon, Senior Citizen's Christmas Party
- 16 Walnut Grove Studio, 'Beside the Sea', 6pm, Village Hall
- 19 Men's Society, 8.00pm, Committee Room, Village hall
- 20 Carol Singing, 7.00pm, Car Park
- 20 MU, 2.00pm, Village Hall

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Services at St Peter's and St Helen's

Sunday 3 December: ADVENT SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at St Peter's

Wednesday 6 December

- 11.30am Holy Communion at the Manor House

Sunday 10 December

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's
 No Evensong at St Helen's

Wednesday 13 December

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 17 December

- 9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 10.45am Family Service at St Peter's
 11.00am St Peter's Church Choir visits East Bridgford Manor Home
 6.00pm Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols at St Helen's
 No Evensong at St Peter's

Wednesday 20 December

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Saturday 23 December

- 1.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Peter's
 5.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Peter's

Sunday 24 December: CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8.00am No Service at St Peter's
 10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 4.00pm TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS at St Peter's
 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS at St Peter's

Monday 25 December: CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
 10.15am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Wednesday 27 December

- No Service at St Peter's

Sunday 31 December

- 8.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
 6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's

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A Time to Rejoice

APPROPRIATELY THE FIRST WORD of the Epistle for the Sunday before Christmas Day is *Rejoice* (Phil 4:4). It ushers in a week when nearly all, in their different ways, will seek to rejoice.

The writer of the book Ecclesiastes was of the opinion that "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun". "There is a time to weep and a time to laugh." So too we normally think there are occasions for joy and occasions for sorrow.

But St Paul writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." He writes, it seems, about a kind of joy that does not depend on changing circumstances of life. Elsewhere he writes, "Rejoice even in tribulation".

This joy is not an irrational excitement, which causes us to forget for a while the ugly facts of life. It is one which accepts, but is not dismayed by them. It depends upon a belief and an act of faith - *The Lord is Near* - and on the practical expression of that faith in the putting aside of anxiety and in making our requests known to God, who is revealed to us in the Christ Child.

This prayer and thanksgiving is the gateway to inner peace: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." The joy is tranquil; not an emotional and transitory self-

forgetfulness, but a quiet self-possession, which rests on God.

All this would be written, one might imagine, by a calm and passionless philosopher, who was sheltered from the storms of life. St Paul was neither passionless nor sheltered. Rather, this man of tireless energy and ardent temperament, who lived in almost constant crisis, is giving us a glimpse of the source of his patience and courage. At the centre of this harassed and indefatigable personality, there is an inexpugnable joy. He and the other Christians of the 1st century were strong because they rejoiced in the Lord.

These reflections have some bearing on the joyous festival of the birth of Christ at Christmas; "a time to laugh" with all our hearts. Could we perhaps avoid that aftermath of reaction, which dogs so many of us once the festivities are over and the workaday world reasserts its claims? Shall we be able to rejoice, when the bills come in and the taxes have to be paid and all the worries that beset us are surging back?

We should be fortunate indeed if, having really rejoiced in the Lord on Christmas Day, we are able, by his grace, to rejoice in all the days that followed.

Joyce and Sally join me in the hope that it may be a Happy Season for you all.

Alan Haydock

Gratitude for the Past: Plans for the Future

AS WE APPROACH THE END of this Millennium year, I write to thank everyone who has supported the ongoing work and the service provided from St Peter's Church during the course of the year. I feel sure that I write, also, on behalf of St Helen's Kneeton and East Bridgford Methodist Church.

It is to St Peter's Church that generations of East Bridgford people have turned at the moments of most significance. To be presented to God in Baptism; to be confirmed by the Bishop; to be married or to end life's journey. As I visit in and around the village, more and more people tell me how much the church has meant to them in the past and how grateful they are for its presence on the crossroads of the village, overlooking the War Memorial, Garden of Remembrance and churchyard, all lovingly maintained. The village without the church at its centre is unthinkable.

The generosity through covenanted giving, along with practical support of all sorts has enabled us to do a worthy job of meeting the needs of those who live within the parish or who live elsewhere but worship at St Peter's.

Relieved of financial pressure, we have devoted time to improving the quality of worship, as we look forward to the new prayer book, "Common Worship", and exploring ways of attracting more people to our regular services. We have been able to maintain our regular giving to missions and charities, including a number of projects within the village, and have supported our own Bishop's Appeal, Southwell 2000. Moreover we are planning a programme of further essential repairs to the fabric of the church, recommended by our Architect, David Atkins. A new scheme for lighting the church more effectively is also nearing completion and an attractive notice board is to be sited in the southwest corner of the churchyard.

The families, who contribute to St Peter's by whatever method, have made possible all this and so much more. I want it to be known how grateful I am and how grateful we are to each other.

Alan Haydock

Compline in Advent and Lent

It has been suggested to me that a number of people would value a short mid-week evening act of worship during Advent and Lent.

With this in mind, we shall be using the service entitled: 'Night Prayer - Compline' from the new service book 'Common Worship' at 7.30pm (i.e. after choir practice) on Friday 8th, 15th and 22nd December. The service will last 20-30 minutes. I commend it to you.

A.H.

*O Come
All Ye Faithful*
and beginners too

**CAROL
SINGING**

around the village
with WI and friends
Wednesday
20th December
starting at 7.00pm,
Car Park, Main Street

Collection for NC
and CECS
- children's charities

100 Years Ago in the East Bridgford Magazine

We are now reaching the actual end of this nineteenth century; we have entered upon the last month of the 1900th year of our Lord. We see that all things come to an end, even when they seem sure and enduring. Life is passing, death is drawing nearer – that deathless death which must be busy amongst us always till the end of earthly time, – “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” Who of us can think of all this unmoved, who can contemplate the continual ending of things around without being reminded of his own end? “And after that the Judgement.”

It is not then a comforting and helpful thing that blended with these solemn thoughts, the season of Advent brings its yearly remembrance of the coming of Jesus Christ to be our Saviour, with the thoughts of the Holy Birth, of the new power to conquer, the new life of peace, the new hope of heaven. May we all use our privileges of time and Christian knowledge, so that this Christmas may leave us stepping forward more firmly into a new century, more closely drawn to Christ, more reliant on the gifts of heavenly grace.

A.D. Hill, Rector

Principal Services in December



- Sunday 3rd December**
6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Peter's
- Sunday 17th December**
6.00pm Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols at St Helen's
- Saturday 23rd December**
3.00pm Christingle Service at St Peter's
5.00pm Christingle Service at St Peter's
- Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve**
4.00pm Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Peter's
- Monday 25th December- Christmas Day**
8.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
9.15am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
- Other Services are detailed on page 3

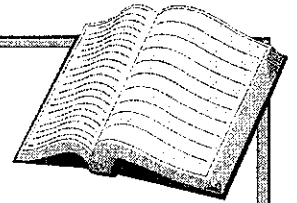
OUR CHURCH IS GRATEFUL

- For several gifts and a generous donation towards choir resources, which have been received in the course of the past few weeks.
- To all who have assisted in the preparation for the recent special services, held at St Peter's.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL IS GRATEFUL

- To John and Peter Higgs for responding so promptly, when the school's heating system failed at the beginning of term.
- To the school's governors who spend hundreds of hours each year assisting with the managements of the school.
- To parents and other friends who support the school with their time and skills and money.

From the Registers



Holy Matrimony

4 November Duncan John Sanders OWEN
and Sophie Elizabeth STANNARD

Funerals

13 November Cissie SHAW 81 years

Methodist Church



- Christmas Fayre** 10.00 am – 12 noon
Saturday 9th December
- Morning Worship** 10.00 am (Rev J D Hudson)
Sunday 17th December
- Carol Service** 6.00 pm (Rev G O Coleman)
Sunday 17th December
- Family Service** 10.00 am (Rev V Bullock)
Christmas Day
- Covenant Service** 3.00 pm (Bingham Church)
Sunday 7th January
- United Service** 7.45 pm
Monday 22nd January
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

ALL OTHER SERVICES ARE AS NORMAL

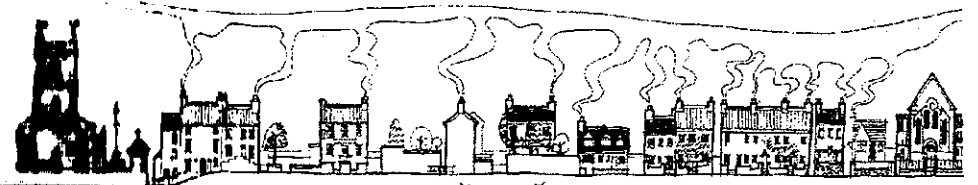
St Peter's Bellingers



A quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles (1260 changes) was rung on 29th October before the WI Millennium Service in celebration of the 90th birthday of Miss Enid Green, a long-standing member of the WI.

Ringers:

Valerie Allen	Treble
Valerie Robertson	2
Ann Moore	3
Susan Dawson	4
Clive Allen (C)	5
Erica Allen	Tenor



The Hen House



THE STORY BEHIND the hen house probably illustrates the character of village 'care' better than most.

A record book in the possession of Mrs Brooks shows that in 1906 there was a Loan Society, which lent out articles such as crutches, hot water bottles, wheelchairs and steam kettles to the sick and needy, who paid a fee or made a donation. These loans appear to have gone into abeyance between 1922 and 1945, though Miss Richardson and Miss Campion started the 142nd detachment of the Red Cross in the village prior to the war, and this had its storehouse in the hen house, which farmer Henry Hall sold them for £100. The site, used rent-free was in the corner of the egg farm between Brunts and Walnut Tree Lanes. The hut still had its perches in place and a great deal of elbow grease was required to scrape it out and remove all traces of the hens prior to use.

In 1952 Mrs Brooks took over as lending officer-cum-treasurer of the organisation, which had no formal committee structure but ran on goodwill and donations from patients and supporters.

The first physiotherapist to work in the hut was Katherine Cave, followed by Mrs White from Radcliffe and in March 1958, Mrs Felicity Jay M.C.S.P. took over and remained until 1987

when the service closed. For 29 years she donated her professional skills every Monday and Friday morning cycling from Daffodil Cottage at 8.30am to get the heating on and prepare for the ten or so patients who attended at each session.

When new equipment such as a diathermy machine was required, the money was quickly raised by coffee mornings and jumble sales held by ex-patients in this and other local villages from which the doctors had referred patients. For a few years Mrs Naomi Stocker assisted with treatments and Miss Doris Hand helped with the general care of the hut and made appointments for the NHS chiropodist who attended for a short time.

Though the treatments were professional the atmosphere was informal and provided a much-appreciated service within the village. Many villagers will have memories of their visits and Mrs Jay still remembers the day that, having been inadvertently locked in by a patient, she had to make her escape by slithering through a high hopper-type window.

Although the hut always sported the Red Cross emblem, the links with it became very tenuous and when the clinic closed the locals had to dispose of the equipment and sell the hut.

The NHS now provides a community physiotherapy service based at the Medical Centre as well as lending out equipment, but the voluntary service lives on in the East Bridgford Care Group formed in 1996. The need now is to provide transport for patients who are unable to get to medical, dental or hospital appointments by other means. The service has been extended to

include transport to social events such as the Friendship Club and Mother's Union as well as shopping trips. Members also visit and shop for those who are housebound.

Although a small charge is made to cover transport outside the village, the voluntary tradition carries on and donations and coffee mornings have allowed the group to purchase a wheelchair to be used by the Medical Centre and the group. So the wheel goes full circle!

Isabel Francis
Local History Group

RNLI

Please keep the used stamps from your Christmas mail for the RNLI - all types, definitive and commemorative issues, can be recycled to sell to stamp collectors.

We have already sent several boxes up to the North East Region office in Harrogate for sorting and so far this year nearly £4,000 has been raised nationally.

Rachel Barclay

Floodlighting Diary

December

24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
26	Stephen, the First Martyr
27	John, Apostle and Evangelist
28	The Holy Innocents

31st December
to 1st January Floodlights will mark the beginning of the New Year

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generous contributions towards floodlighting costs in 2000, and look forward to continued support in 2001.

The Church will be delighted to receive your sponsorship requests for the floodlighting of the church, to mark a special memory or a celebration. These can be accompanied by a dedication in the magazine or by a private dedication.

All requests for floodlighting to be included in January's magazine should be made in writing to the Rector or Peter Golightly (5 Orchard Close) or by phone (20528) before press closing, noon on Friday, 15th December.



EAST BRIDGFORD



Christmas Beach Party

for senior citizens

East Bridgford scouts and pupils of Walnut Grove Studio cordially invite all villagers over 60 to a gala party and entertainment:

BESIDE THE SEA!

Sunday 17th December in the village hall from 2.30pm to 5.30pm

A 'fishy' Revue will be followed by a splendid Tea Party. Guests are welcome to enter the spirit of the occasion by donning their sun hats and sunglasses as protection against dazzling performances.

To attend simply complete the form at the bottom of the page and hand it in at the Post Office before Sunday 10th December.

Steve Cumberland 20997/20780 Janice White 20702

I/We would like to come to the free party

I/We would like transport to the free party

Name.....

Address.....

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Loose Ends

*Through
The Years*

When I was a child I can remember the excitement of Christmas Eve, just waiting for that moment when I could open my presents. They were left in a pillowcase at the end of my bed and in the dawn light I could see mysterious square and oblong shapes peeping above the packed out white case. As I don't ever remember it arriving in my bedroom, it must have meant that I must have slept part of the night, although not for long as my brothers and I were not in a sleeping mood - we were anxious to start the day. After the delights of opening the presents came the family gathering with Christmas dinner and tea with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, followed by charades, cards, Ludo and a myriad of other games before being sent off to bed - the grown-ups needed a rest after that excitement.

In the first couple of years of married life, it was difficult to decide which branch of the family we should visit, and we tried very unsuccessfully to get everyone together by organising a Christmas meal in a local restaurant. We made the mistake of choosing a Chinese restaurant, whose version of a typical festive meal included chips, luke-warm turkey and something indescribable that passed for Christmas pudding.

Young children bring Christmas alive and when our two daughters were young, I found I was able to re-live the excitement of opening presents left by the mysterious Father Christmas. I didn't mind at all being woken up at 5.30am in the morning - in fact I was awake wondering when they were going to come charging into our bedroom dragging their sacks behind them.

As time passed and I started working full-time, Christmas Day became a bit of a chore and seemed to be more expensive. The planning, the cooking, the decoration of the tree all palled, although the break was pleasant enough - that is when I was able to get time off during that period. When you work full-time, you can be obliged to attend a plethora of office Christmas dinners and to exchange Christmas cards, all adding to the general cost, as well as spoiling the prospect of yet another turkey dinner on the properly appointed day.

As the family began to move to various parts of the country, a visit down to Cornwall or up to Co Durham was in order, and when we moved to East Bridgford eight years ago, we had to accommodate people overnight, whereas before, most of our relatives lived within easy travelling distance. So suddenly I had to become innovative, with Christmas catering not only for the dinner, but also for breakfast, tea and supper - that is of course provided the pace of obligatory festive food could be sustained.

But by now I have learned a few tricks on coping with Christmas and I will share these with you. Young children can make Christmas delightful, especially if they have toys that adults can play with! Older relatives prefer the quiet traditions of Christmas; they do not favour new activities like a family outing to go 'Paint Balling' on Boxing Day. You always buy too much food for Christmas, and if you feel you cannot buy less, just make sure that it is either tinned, or frozen. And finally, suggest that office colleagues forego the Christmas card routine (I had upwards of 60 cards one year) and give the money to charity.

But most of all, relax and enjoy the day, for either its relative peace and quiet or the bustle and bustle of a family gathering.

Sue Laver

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year, East Bridgford and Kneeton together achieved the splendid total of £1,674.98, which when compared with the equivalent areas of last year's collection shows an increase of £145.70 (9.5% up). Therefore, thank you everyone who collected or contributed, together with the help of the local businesses and St Peter's Church - the Legion is most grateful.

As always, I wish to record my personal thanks to my 'front-line' troops - the door to door collectors - who in some pretty abysmal weather were again out and about in the village:

East Bridgford *The ladies:*
Marshall, Barclay, Cox, Pearce,
Curtis, Glover, Marczak,
McCullough, Tutin, Case, Wheeler,
Beves, Francis, Seel, Whitehouse,
Brennan, Clarke, Brooks, Mr Barnes,
and their 'leader' Felicity Jay MBE.

Kneeton
Ann Romalla

Now I wish to record my sincerest thanks to Felicity who is retiring, having given the Poppy Appeal at least 39 years unstinting service, but especially for the never ending help and friendship she has given me during my 15 years as the PAO. She has been my trusty 'right arm' upon whom I have relied implicitly to organise and lead the lady collectors. I never needed to check if the job was done - it was, always. I could no have asked for a more steadfast colleague. Thank you, Felicity.

Lastly, my thanks to Mrs Edna Tutin who has willingly stepped forward, a genuine volunteer, to take over as the leader and organiser of the lady collectors, and for which offer I am most truly grateful.

John Wheeler
PAO

Here's another sprinkling of exam howlers to groan over:

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history.

The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric and Ionic. They were a highly sculptured people. They also had myths; a myth is a female moth.


One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the river Styx until he became intolerable.

Achilles appears in "The Illiad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group

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Once again, courtesy of East Bridgford Post Office, we will be providing a delivery service for all your Christmas Cards to addresses in :-

- East Bridgford
 - Newton
 - Gunthorpe
 - Shelford
 - and Kneeton.
- 

For just 10p per card!

Just take your cards, and your money to East Bridgford Post Office and we will do the rest.

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Remember - just 10p per card

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East Bridgford
Care Group
Mobile answerphone

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and number

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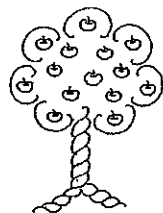
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Choir & Junior Choir	Mr Ken Jennings	
Mothers' Union	Mrs J Dyke, 18 Nursery Road, Bingham	837052
Flower Rota	Miss B A Mallett, 15 Ludgate Drive	20828
Readers' Lists	Mrs M Howell, 23 Walnut Tree Lane	20091
Bellringing	St Peter's Church, Mondays 7.45 pm Tower Captain - Clive Allen, 1 Prospect Villas, Lowdham	0115 966 3224

ST HELEN'S CHURCH, KNEETON

Churchwardens	Miss Ann Neale Mr Dennis Pepper	20236 21286
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister	The Revd. John Hudson, 2 Aspen Close, Bingham	837330
Secretary	Mr John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road	20179
Lettings	Mr Paul Bancroft, 27 College Street	20812

The Rector is always available to visit people in their home or to invite them to his home for whatever reason they may wish to see him. It helps if he is told of newcomers to the villages, happy events or sickness.

All residents can use the photocopier at St Peter's School. The cost of an A4 copy is 5p. Enter by the second gate on the footpath alongside the school. The Head Teacher's and the School Secretary's offices are on the left.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL

Friendship Club	All senior citizens welcomed Alternate Tuesdays 2.00 pm, Village Hall Mrs Janet Richardson, 34 Straws Lane	20169
Bingham & District Round Table	Mr David Waddingham, Bingham	876453
Conservative Assoc	Sqdn Ldr D R Atkinson, 8 Cherry Holt Close	20649
Garden Club	Meetings 2 nd Fridays between October and April, WI Hut Mrs Joan Lawrence, 15 Moss Close	20619
Horticultural Society	Mr Bruce Sutherland, 20 College Street	20591
Life Boat Guild	Mrs Rachel Barclay, 42 Kneeton Road	20525
Men's Society	Village Hall Committee Room, 8.00 pm 3rd Tuesdays Mr Tony Ford, 46 Main Street	20932
Radcliffe on Trent Lions	Serving East Bridgford, Radcliffe, Cotgrave and surrounding villages Mr M Fairy, 1 Crossways Drive	20489
Royal British Legion - Women's Section	Mrs M Willis, 53 Main Street	20666
W.E.A	Mrs L Black, 24 Ludgate Drive	20764
Women's Institute	WI Hut - 7.30 pm, 2nd Tuesday Mrs Doreen Corcoran, Eastville Cottage, Newton	20750 21190
WI Lettings	Mrs V Rhinds, 7 Cherrymolt Lane	
East Bridgford Care Group	Mrs Alison Powell, Bridleside, Cherry Holt Lane Mobile 0976 935476	20985

SPORTS CLUBS

Badminton	Club, Thursdays 8.00 pm Mrs S Day, 3 Brooks Close	21218
Bowls	Mrs Rose Lewis, 3 Blenheim Gardens	21348
Cricket	Mr G Willis, 53 Main Street	20666
Football	Manager - Mr Mark Wilson	21332
King Edward Club	Snooker and indoor games in brick building behind Village Hall Mr Peter Ward, 10 Moss Close	20487
Tennis	Grass courts entrance Kirk Hill Hard courts at Butt Close Richard Watkins, Cherry Lodge	20080

EAST BRIDGFORD FLOWER SHOW

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Questionnaire

Following the formation of the new Flower Show Steering Committee the next Flower Show will take place on 30th June 2000.

In line with the steering groups ongoing review of the show we are hoping to canvass the views of a greater cross section of the village and local community. In order to find out which elements of the traditional show should be maintained or expanded and which elements may be in need of modernising we have prepared a small questionnaire.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read and complete the following form which members of the steering group will call to collect week commencing the 11th of December. Your views will help us to shape future shows to meet the needs of the community ensuring the long term popularity and security of the show so that East Bridgford continues to have a showpiece to be proud of.

The census is blind so you have no need to add your name to the form. Your reply can remain anonymous.

If however you have any specific item or ideas you wish to discuss personally with us or you feel you wish to help in some way with next years show please feel free to add your name on the last page... with either an address or a telephone number where we can contact you.

Finally, we have received so many votes of encouragement from people pleased to hear the show is continuing into the new millennium but remember it is your show so make sure you come out and support it in numbers next June.

We look forward to your continued support.

• Firstly did you visit the Flower Show this year or last year? (June 1999 or 2000)

(tick one box)

YES

NO

• Did any of your immediate family? (numbers would help)

Numbers

Spouse

Parents

Children

Relatives/friends

• Overall how would you rate the show you visited?

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Poor

Very Poor

• If you answered good, very good or excellent, would you please tell us which parts of the show you most enjoyed?

1.....

2.....

3.....

4.....

• If you answered poor or very poor, would you please tell us which parts of the show you dislike or find disappointing?

1.....

2.....

3.....

4.....

Please consider the following elements and their importance for future shows:

(Mark each element from 1 – 10 where 1 has no importance and 10 is very important)

1 Location of show

2 Vehicle Parade

3 Marching Band

4 Fancy Dress Parade

5 Marquee Events

Home craft Demonstrations

Home Craft Exhibitions

Floral Show Entries

Agricultural Show Entries

Art Show Entries

Children's Art Entries

Children's Craft Entries

6 Arena Events

Band

Dancing/school participation

Paid Entertainers

Sporting competitions Children

Sporting Competitions Adults

Rural Craft Exhibitions

Side Shows/Stalls

Bar facilities

Food/catering facilities

7 Show Day Evening

Children's Disco

Family Barn Dance

Family Disco

Adult Dance/Disco

- The show has its traditions in horticulture. Do you think the show should be of broader appeal and be run more as a village show?

(tick one box)

Yes

No

- Do you feel there is sufficient content in the show to appeal to the following age groups?

0 - 6 Years

Yes

No

7-13 Years

13-16 Years

Adult

- Would you like to see the show Smaller? As is? Larger?

- Given the opportunity what changes or improvements would you like to see implemented in the coming years? (Please attach a further sheet of paper if necessary)

- Finally just to give us a profile of those who have responded to our questionnaire would you please be kind enough to give us the following details about yourself.

Sex: Male

Female

Age: Under 18

18-30

31-55

56-65

Over 65

Someone will call to collect this questionnaire week commencing 11th December. Thank you for taking the time to help us.

There is no need to add your name as this is a blind census. If however you feel you might be able to assist in some way with the show organisation for the forthcoming show we would be pleased to hear from you.

Name.....Contact number.....

YOUTH GROUPS

Brownies	2 nd East Bridgford Pack, School Hall, Tuesdays 6.00pm – 7.30pm Mrs C Hodgson, 3 Straws Lane	21329
Guides	1 st East Bridgford Guide Company Sandy Wright Wednesdays 7.15pm – 8.45pm Scout & Guide Hall, Main Street	01636 525134
<u>1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group</u>		
Group Scout Leader	Mr Steve Cumberland, 25 Croft Rise	20997
Beavers	Mr Nick Jackson, 48 Straws Lane	21375
Cub Scout Leader	Mr Tim Cains, 7, Straws Croft	21246
Scout Leader	Mr Neil Walton, Buckthorpe Cottage, Oxon Road, Southwell	01636 812161
Ventures	Mrs Cate Golightly, 5 Orchard Close	20528
Mothers & Toddlers	Mums-to-be & Toddlers up to 3 years & carers Village Hall, Fridays 10.00 am - 11.30 am Mrs Jenny Pupholme Mrs Andrea Frost	20823 20308
East Bridgford Pre-School	Ages 2½- 5 years WI Hut, Monday to Friday 9.00 am - 11.30 am	
Admissions	Mrs Jo Mantle	0115 966 3885
Babysitting Circle	Mrs Shirley Wragg, 3 Walnut Tree Lane	20995

ART AND DRAMA

Art Class	Thursdays 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in Village Hall All welcome	
Drama Group	New members welcomed	
Chairman	Mr Peter Salter	20470
Secretary	Mr Michael Clarke	
20682		
East Bridgford Local History group	New members welcomed	
Secretary	Mr Bill Whitaker	20982

CLASHING DATES can be avoided if organisers of events in East Bridgford use the Village Diary kept in the Post Office. Such an entry ensures a listing in

GENERAL

Rushcliffe Boro' Cllr	Mr Ken Pratt, Manor Farm, 8 Kirk Hill	21349
Parish Council - Chairman	Mr G Powell, Bridleside, Cherry Holt Lane	20985
Clerk	Mrs Angela M Higgs, 6 Orchard Close	20671
Medical Centre	Dr Andrew Harrison) Dr Rob Scaffardi) 2 Butt Lane Dr Ann-Mane Stewart)	20216
Post Office	16 Main Street	21057
Post Collections	9.30 am & 4.30 pm Monday to Friday 9.30 am Saturday, 12 noon Sunday	
Police	In emergency dial 999	0115 945 5999
Neighb'd Watch Head Co-ordinator	John Latham, 2 Malthouse Court, Main Street	21092
Village Hall Letting Secretary	Mrs Janne Uleberg, 24 Main Street	20387
Caretaker	Mr Grenville Smith, 15 Cross Lane	20189
Luncheon Club	Lunch for Senior Citizens 12.30pm Tuesdays and Fridays, Methodist Chapel Mrs Joan Lawrence, 15 Moss Close	20619
St Peter's School Head Teacher	Mr D Maddison	20226
Ch. of Governors	Canon Alan Haydock	20218
WASPS (PTA)	Julie Sutherland, 20 College Street	20591
Mobile Library	Visits alternate Tuesday mornings from 9th January 2001 Post Office 10.05 am - 10.15 am Cherry Holt Close 10.20 am - 10.30 am St Peter's School 10.35 am - 11.00 am Village Hall 11.05 am - 11.15 am Holloway Close 11.20 am - 11.50 am Straws Lane 11.55 am - 12.05 pm	
Skittle Alleys	The Royal Oak Mr F Smith 20314 The Reindeer Dominic Sadler 20227 (Darts played at the Royal Oak, Table Games at both venues)	

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Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents in East Bridgford, October 2000

Date	Offence	Location
6th	Burglary	Kneeton Road
18th	Criminal damage (vehicle)	Croft Rise
26th	Criminal damage	WI Hut

In the 12 months including October, there have been 41 incidents, a moving monthly average of 3.42. We are trending down from the high in May, but we all need to make sure all residents are aware that the dark evenings and the build-up of presents for Christmas is a fertile time for crime. Last December we had only three incidents in the village, but December 1998 was our record month with eight! *Be warned.*

We have reported a white van, possibly a Toyota, with two men who have been trying to sell videos and similar equipment in the area. The police are aware of the details, but if anybody is approached, please pass information to PC Andy Jackson, East Bridgford Beat Manager.

Head Co-ordinator

Following the announcement in last month's magazine that I am standing down next April, nobody has as yet asked for details of the role, nor expressed any interest. I hope someone will come forward in sufficient time for a smooth handover, and move the Scheme forward from what is a sound and effective base.

A merry Christmas and a crime-free New Year to all residents of our village!

John Latham
Head Co-ordinator 21092

WI Report

The special service organised last month by Canon Alan Haydock was greatly appreciated by our members and those present found inspiration in the well loved hymns and carefully chosen, thought provoking readings.

Our November speaker, Alan Bowker, took us on a tour of the hill towns of central Italy and captured the atmosphere of that beautiful region with

his excellent slides.

In December Pat Pring will entertain us with more ideas for Christmas. Her demonstration last year was a real highlight and sent us skipping off home to get busy! Do join us for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie - and a chance to find a solution to some of those 'problem' presents.

Rachel Barclay

Drama Group

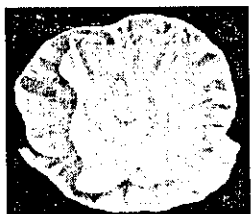


The next production entitled "The Village Fete", a bawdy comedy by Peter Tinniswood will take place in the Village Hall, 20th - 24th February.

There is every indication that tickets will be in as much demand as they were for the recent successful production.

They may be obtained from the Post Office, East Bridgford News or members of the group - £4 with concessions £3 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

POPPY APPEAL



The magnificent sum of £356.29 was donated to the Poppy Appeal from the collection at the Service of Remembrance at St Peter's Church on Sunday, 12th November.

1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped and supported our Group in any way during the course of the past twelve months. May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year.

I am particularly grateful to all the parents who have helped at Beavers and Cubs, to the members of our Executive Committee and especially to our wonderful team of Leaders.

If you would like to become part of this team, either as a Helper or as a Leader, please give me a call on 01949 20997 - we currently have vacancies in every section!

Steve Cumberland
Group Scout Leader

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Luke Hampson, Tim Pearson and Joseph Smith all of whom have recently completed their Adventure Crest Award - the top award in the Cub Section. They were presented with their awards by the Mayor of Rushcliffe at an Awards Ceremony held in the Rushcliffe Borough Council Offices in West Bridgford.

Well done to all three.

Congratulations to Steve Cumberland on his recent appointment as Deputy District Commissioner for South East Nottinghamshire. This is in addition to his role as Group Scout Leader at 1st Shelford & East Bridgford.

East Bridgford Village Hall

The village hall committee are pleased to be promoting a number of events in the course of the next few months:

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER, the Annual Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the hall 10.00 am - 12 noon, when the various stalls and displays will provide a colourful and festive atmosphere. Admission 50p.

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY sees the return of Boris Carlin and his popular group "Left Hand Thread", 8.00 pm - 11.30pm. A licensed bar has been applied for and a good evening is in store for just £6.00.

SATURDAY 28th APRIL and **SUNDAY 29th APRIL** Jenny Bambury has kindly agreed to organise an ART EXHIBITION. More details will become available in the New Year.

In addition the committee will be promoting a Prize Draw with the support of about 20 other village organisations. It is hoped to raise at least £2,000, which will be divided proportionately between the hall and the organisations concerned.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Peter Ward and Alan Haydock

His speeches left the impression of an army of pompous phrases moving over the landscape in search of an idea; sometimes these meandering words would actually capture a straggling thought and bear it home triumphantly a prisoner in their midst, until it died of servitude and overwork.'

William G McAdoe (of Warren G Harding)

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Hedgerow Survey

It has been suggested that a hedgerow survey should be carried out in East Bridgford. I would like to report on one that I undertook here recently with a group of school children. The hedgerow that I chose was on Bridgford Street, which runs from the end of Brunt's Lane towards Chapman's Corner, adjacent to the A6097. The hedge follows the route taken by the Romans from Margidunum to the River Trent, where there was only a ford. We divided the hedge into 27 metre lengths and counted the number of woody species found in each length. The presence of each different woody species within each length represents approximately 100 years. This hedgerow was found to be about 600 years old. The dominant species was hawthorn but we also found field maple, ash, blackthorn, elder, rose, hazel and crab apple.

Liz Reed

Friendship

Our friends are chosen for us by some hidden law of sympathy, and not by our conscious wills. All we know is that in our reactions to people we are attracted to some and are indifferent to others. And the ground of this mutual interest seems based on no discoverable principles of similarity of temperament or character. We have no time, when meeting a new person, to study him or her carefully; our reactions are swift and immediate.

Our minds are made up instantly, - "friend, or non-friend." By some subtle intuitions, we know and have measured at their first words all the possibilities which their friendship has in store for us. We get the full quality of their personality at the first shock of meeting, and no future intimacy changes that quality.

Randolph Bourne,
Youth and Life.

A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend, one human soul we can trust utterly, who knows the best and worst of us, and who loves us in spite of all our faults; who will speak the honest truth to us, while the world flatters us to our face, and laughs at us behind our back; who will give us counsel and reproof in the days of prosperity and self-conceit; but who, again, will comfort and encourage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow, when the world leaves us alone to fight our battle as we can. It is only the great-hearted who can be true friends: the mean and cowardly can never know what true friendship means.

Charles Kingsley,
Daily Thoughts.

Images of East Bridgford

Now that the book has been published, our thoughts, naturally, are now moving on to future publications and Nigel Lawrence (20619) our photo-archivist, would be very pleased to receive more village photographs for copying and recording. We have some gaps in our records and specifically seek your help in the following areas:-

- College Street before the modern houses were built
- Mr Clough's school and the Walnut Tree/Brickyard Lane area pre 1970
- Any agricultural and rural scenes prior to the modern era
- The outlying farms and buildings in the Parish, i.e. beyond the village built up area
- Scenes showing the celebration of national events e.g. Coronations, VE or VJ day etc
- And any photographs showing village characters/personalities and old photographs of weddings in the village

All original photographs will, of course, be returned to their owners

A limited number of copies of "Images of East Bridgford" will be available for sale at £5 per copy. These can be obtained, on a first come first served basis, from the undersigned.

Bill Whitaker (20982)
Secretary, Local History Group
21 Walnut Tree Lane

Garden Club

Christmas Social

ON FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER, the Garden Club will be holding its Christmas Social. The evening starts at 7.45pm and Eleanor Fisher will be giving a talk on "A Year in the Garden" followed by a festive buffet. The cost is £2 for members and £3 for guests who are most welcome.

How Not to Build a Rock Garden

This was the title of the talk given by Dr Steve Furness at the November meeting. He exhorted the audience not to make the mistakes that he had when he constructed his rock garden and pond. Not that it is likely, because he described, how hundreds of tons of limestone were dumped in his garden for him to barrow into position, and how it took him around a week to fill his pond with water - and that was in pre-water meter days when he piped the water in from several neighbours' gardens. An entertaining talk, and the magnificent result of his labours can be seen to best effect in June at his garden in Calver, Derbyshire, through the National Gardens Scheme.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

The September collection in East Bridgford raised the best ever total of **£527.23**. Most grateful thanks to all contributors and collectors - Mesdames Bancroft, Case, Cottee, France, Francis, Good, Hall, Hindson, Lawrence, Mallett, Marson, Pearson, Reed, Roffey, Watkins, Wheeler and M Widdison.

*Thank
you*

Thank you to all those who supported the charities at this year's Christmas card sale. The Methodist Church was most helpful in providing the venue and we hope that we can work together again. The final total taken by the charities present was **£1,378** for which they are very grateful.

Maggie Teare
and Hilary Geisow.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who came to the Quiz Evening on 28th October in aid of Raleigh International. The total raised by the event was **£618.50!** This has helped Raleigh to continue running environmental and community based expeditions around the world, developing young people. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and thank you once again.

Jennifer Brook.

Planning Applications and Decisions

- 00/01066/FUL Mrs E Price, Topfields Farm, 115 Kneeton Road. Two storey and single storey extensions, new vehicular access. (Reconsideration. The council stood by their decision not to object).
- 00/01065/FUL Mrs E Price, Topfields Farm, 115 Kneeton Road. Conversion and extension of farm buildings to form dwelling. Council did not object. It was considered better to convert these buildings to a dwelling, than to allow them to fall into disrepair.
- 00/1090/FUL Drs Harrison & Scaffardi & Stewart, re: 12A Main Street. Change of use of shop/workshop and flat to form single dwelling. Alterations to ground floor front and rear elevations. Council did not object but the bull's head to be retained.
- 00/01174/FUL Mr E Tarbatt, re: Bridgford Garden Centre, Fosse Way. Glasshouse extension for garden centre shop and re-located polytunnel. Council did not object.
- 00/01177/FUL Mrs K L Brown, The Old Police House, 73 Kneeton Road. Change of use from police office to aromatherapy and reflexology business. Council did not object.
- 00/01199/FUL K M P Enterprises Ltd, re: Manor Farm, Kirk Hill. Conversion of farm buildings to holiday accommodation (four units). Council did not object.
- 00/01259/GD024 Orange Personal Communications Ltd, re: Old Hill Farm, 113 Kneeton Road. Replacement cabinets, antennae and ancillary equipment. Council objected. The development would be a gross and unnecessary intrusion into the countryside.
- 00/01270/FUL D Youngs, 2 Walnut Grove. Detached garage. Council did not object.

RBC Decisions

- 00/01031/FUL Mr & Mrs Whitt, Squirrels Leap, 56 Kneeton Road. Two storey front and single storey rear extension. Grant permission.



It's not *pinig* - it's passed on! This parrot is no more! It has ceased to be! It's expired and gone to meet its maker! This is a late parrot! It's a stiff! Bereft of life it rests in peace! - If you hadn't nailed it to the perch it would be pushing up the daisies! It's rung down the curtain and joined the choir invisible! **THIS IS AN EX-PARROT!**

Monty Python's Flying Circus (1969)

Parish Council News

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL has arranged for its Energy Efficiency Caravan to be in the village car park on Thursday 7th December. Anyone interested in these measures and cutting down both their bills and global warming will be welcomed.

Money may be available to the parish for small environmental improvement schemes and the clerk would be happy to receive suggestions for suitable projects.

The village appraisal showed up a lack of facilities for teenagers living in East Bridgford. It is proposed to hold a Youth Forum to discuss what measures might be of interest to teenagers and to what extent they would be prepared to participate in the provision and running of events. Teenagers and adults interested in assisting should contact Mrs Higgs on 20406.

Finally, could we remind householders with vegetation overhanging a pavement that it should be cut back to allow pedestrians (some of whom are over 6ft) to walk unimpeded!

Men's Society

SALUTATIONS; ON 17TH OCTOBER Mr Brian Widdowson showed us slides of Impressionist paintings held by the Tate & National Galleries. This was interesting and enjoyable with his comments together with views from the audience. Unfortunately numbers were only eleven again, which is very low, but I am hoping for improvement in the coming months.

On Tuesday 19th December we welcome back Mr M.A. Butler, an expert on Gilbert & Sullivan. This time his title is "That Infernal Nonsense, Pinafore". The talk will include tape recordings. As usual we meet at the committee room of the Village Hall, starting at 8pm. All males are welcome, and as there is no sub, we have requested contribution of £1 from adults or 50P for students and schoolboys.

The programme is available at St. Peter's Church or from myself.

Tony Ford 20932

Stocking Fillers!

There are a few 'Perfect Puddings' recipe books left at £2.50 each

Contact Sue on 21311
Proceeds to the new Breast Cancer Unit at Nottingham City Hospital

The Editors wish to remind readers that we reserve the right to edit items at our discretion and to reject entries if we believe them to be unsuitable for publication.

COPY DATE

Please be sure to submit items for the January issue by noon on Friday 15th December at the latest.

Time Savers for Christmas Day Food

Turkey

Plan Ahead – don't forget to defrost the turkey in good time. Any bird weighing over 12lb (5.4kg) will require up to 72 hours of defrosting, preferably in the fridge or somewhere cool.

Roast Potatoes

Speed up roast spuds, by microwaving them before placing in the roasting tin. For example, six medium sized roasting potatoes, peeled and cut into smaller chunks need 10 minutes of full power in a 650w microwave. Total cooking time should be reduced by half an hour.

Christmas Pudding

There are three or four ways to reheat a Christmas pudding.

Very Quick Way

By microwave – but you will have to follow the instructions on the pack, unless of course you have made it yourself, but then you probably wouldn't want to risk it! Follow packet instructions carefully otherwise the pud will overcook – microwaves heat up food with a high fat and sugar content extremely quickly. Most will only take around 4 minutes! And of course if you have put some money or silver in the pudding - don't even think of microwaving it.

Medium Quick Way

Pressure Cooker – Those with strong nerves or who are used to this method of cooking will find that a 2lb (1kg) Christmas pudding will be cooked in 15 minutes, and you can leave it to cook a little longer if required.

Two Slow Ways

Probably the best because you can just let the pud simmer away quietly.

Saucepan Method

Many people just put the pudding in a large saucepan, top the sides up with hot water, then leave it to simmer away for a couple of hours. But be careful not to let the pan run dry!

Slow Cooker

If you have one of these electrical appliances languishing in your cupboard, now is the time to get it out. It is wonderful at reheating Christmas puddings. You use the higher setting and let it simmer away for 2 or 3 hours or longer if you wish – and what's more you rarely need to top up the water.

*Christmas is for cowards and for thieves.
How might they be loved as dearest friends?
Redemption starts where satisfaction ends.
Instinctively, one does as one believes
So did Christ love everyone the same
That everyone might love the same as he.
Most children that are loved will loving be
As they become the people they became.
So shall you love all creatures in his name.*

1st Shelford & East Bridgford
Scout Group

100 Club

Yes, it's here - the re-launch of the '100 Club'

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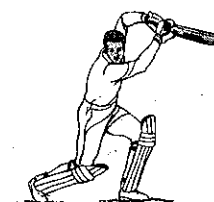
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For further details and an application form, please contact Steve Cumberland on 20997 or any other member of 1st Shelford & East Bridgford Scout Group.

Scouts

CRICKET CLUB



As reported in the November edition of the magazine, a social evening with a buffet supper will be held in the Royal Oak, East Bridgford, 8.00pm, Thursday, 14th December

Players and others linked with the club are invited to attend. Anyone who is thinking of joining the cricket club as a player in the 2001 season would be especially welcome.

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A date for your new diaries

Saturday

10th February

10.30am

Coffee morning

Watch this space!

EB Local History Group

AT OUR MEETING IN NOVEMBER we were given a fascinating and thoroughly informative talk by the Nottinghamshire County Archivist, Adrian Henstock. The Magdalen College Estate Map of 1614 formed the basis of a wide-ranging talk and discussion of life in East Bridgford in the early 17th Century. It was amazing to discover that a Japanese student, Kenryo Ashikaga, from Kyoto University undertook much of the original research on the map in 1994. This work has subsequently been added to by Adrian Henstock.

On Tuesday 5th December our meeting will be held in the WI Hut and will be an evening of light-hearted

entertainment. A short film of the famous "Living Whist", presented by Mr John Bantoft of Farndon will be shown, a glass of wine (or a soft drink) and mince pie will be served and the evening will culminate with an "after mince pie" speech by Alan Haydock.

Everyone is welcome and there will be an entrance charge of £2 per person payable at the door. A donation to a charity of Alan Haydock's choosing, will be made from the proceeds of the evening.

Make history with the History Group – make this a night to remember!

Bill Whitaker

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

Annual Christmas Coffee Morning

**10.00am – 12.00 noon
Saturday 2nd December**

*Stalls, Raffles,
Refreshments
Admission 50p*

An evening with Left Hand Thread

**East Bridgford Village Hall
8.00pm
Saturday 27th January**

Admission £6.00
(Licensed Bar applied for)

*Tickets available from :
The Post Office
East Bridgford News*

Proceeds to Village Hall



DOWN TO BRASS TACKS

by Derek Benfield



Glad to say that EBDG got back to what they do best – making the audience laugh. Nothing of the plot was given away in the programme but we knew the play was set in the North of England in the early 1960s. Before 30 minutes had passed we were well versed in the chip shop trade, coming to terms with 'catchy' accents and sussing out the characters and the plot.

The deserving Holroyd family had won a 'Holiday at Home'. No grand flights abroad, but Spain brought to their Lancashire home. Sounds complicated but it wasn't – although we could have done with more castanets, sombreros, bullfighting regalia, etc., to make the front room transformation more obvious to the audience eye at the beginning of Act II.

Fred (Alan Haydock) and Henry (Michael Clarke) opened the play, plotting their plan to have a live band entertaining customers but Maggie (that old stalwart Jean Starbuck) soon established herself as 'boss' in this household – no live music in her chip shop and no Fred interfering with their livelihood!

Daughter Rhoda was played confidently by Helen Hirst, as too, Vi – a new, young member Shani Lambert – daughter of the 'nosey old bag' next door – none other than Kate Thornburrow. (Loved the rollers, Hilda Ogden would have been proud!) Son,

Percy was perfectly portrayed as the 'dippy' adolescent by Mark Pilgrim. Definitely a welcome return for this past member. Grandma Holroyd (Molly Wood) injected much of the visual humour as she frequently appeared in a variety of 'naff' hats and costumes. Vague, yet often perceptive, she timed her confused walks to perfection. Enter Councillor Brownlow (the officious Jeff Casterton) who arrives to present the family with their so-called free holiday.

From this moment on we were treated to officials 'acting' as Spanish waiters, couples caught in embarrassing situations (nudge, nudge) and drunks falling about the stage. Correction, one drunken Alan Haydock – who as Fred, suffered a marvellous collapse to the floor at the end of Act I. The lighting and sound effects were spot on cue, as too, the interval coffee.

It was a recipe for success from curtain up. Special mention though to Michael Clarke and Jean Starbuck who expertly engineering the slap stick humour admirably. It kept rolling at full tilt to keep us laughing and fully entertaining right to the last. Thanks to all involved for a wonderfully, funny show.

Buy your tickets early for February's comedic delight: "The Village Fete" by Peter Tinniswood – 20th – 24th February 2001. S.K.

And finally

We would like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a truly prosperous New Year, and to thank all of you who have sent in items for publication - keep them coming next year.

The Editors

SUNDAY SERVICES AT EAST BRIDGFORD & KNEETON CHURCHES

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Rector Canon Alan Haydock, The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel: 20218
Churchwardens Michael Clarke, Tel: 20682 Dr.Hilary Geisow. Tel: 836171

8.00am 2nd and 4th Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Sung Eucharist with hymns and address (Rite A)
Family Eucharist – 1st Sunday each month (Rite A)
Coffee is served after this service
10.45am 3rd Sunday each month, Family Service
6.30pm Evensong and sermon
7.30pm Every 3rd Sunday each month after Evensong,
Holy Communion (BCP)

Methodist Church, East Bridgford

Minister Rev.John D.Hudson. Tel: 837330
Secretary John Hunter, 33 Kneeton Road. Tel: 20179

10.00am Morning Worship each Sunday morning except the
3rd Sunday when Holy Communion is celebrated

St.Helen's Church, Kneeton

Churchwardens Ann Neale, Tel: 20236 Dennis Pepper. Tel: 21286

8.00am 1st Sunday, Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm 2nd and 4th Sunday, Evensong

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