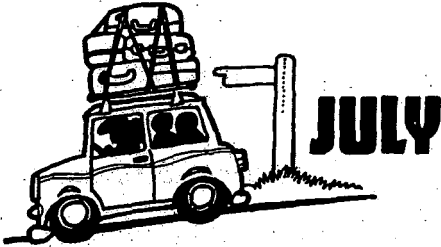


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Lee writes

I have just returned from a half-term break with my family near Aldeburgh, my first trip to this most English of places, synonymous with the life and work of Benjamin Britten. I was particularly interested to see the striking sculpture on the beach *The Scallop*, dedicated to Britten and created by Maggi Hambling. Fifteen feet high, it consists of two interlocking broken scallop shells. When unveiled, in 2003, it provoked some local opposition, but I thought it extraordinary.

Most striking for me were the words, from Britten's opera *Peter Grimes*, pierced into the upright shell. *I hear those voices that will not be drowned*. Some consider them inappropriate as they recall the haunting memories of the chief character over the death at sea of his apprentice. I found them deeply challenging. There are voices we need to hear in society that are currently in danger of being drowned out; those of the poor and marginalised, the old or weak, the outsider and voices different from ourselves.

I am proud when the church stands up for and listens to these easily drowned out voices and I am troubled when the church becomes itself a booming deafening voice that silences others.

Maybe your voice is not heard politically, socially, religiously or even within your relationship. We are very bad at listening to the voices of others. I have placed a postcard of *The Scallop* on my desk to challenge myself to attend carefully to these voices, for they will be our teachers.

A BIRMINGHAM HEIST FOLLOWED BY CHORAL REPENTANCE AT LICHFIELD.

As we caught sight of an "Italian Job" lookalike coach gliding into the car park, and with the prospect of arriving for an early morning tryst in the Birmingham Jewellery Quarter, we had mixed feelings of excitement and fear of unknown outcomes. What had we really let ourselves in for? Michael Caine fortunately was not in charge, but Gordon and Pamela Woods from the Mothers Union, with Beryl and David Kirtland were together in the front of the coach, so happily we knew we were among Friends.

Most of us had never been within the Birmingham Jewellery Quarter before, so it was a mental challenge to see and experience the Victorian industry in small back to back housing mixed with present day enterprise, skills, and time-served technology. We were told that the manufacture of jewellery in Birmingham evolved from an essentially domestic situation eventually to a full-blown industry, when in 1913 it is recorded that 70,000 people were employed there. The necessity of the various branches of the industry being within close proximity to one another was, and still is, of paramount importance, hence the term "Quarter" even today. The pre-eminence of Birmingham is demonstrated by its having its own Assay Office, (since 1773), where precious metal items are hallmarked to guarantee "fineness".

Gordon and Pamela shared with us their memories of their family wedding rings, previously in the form of their grandfather's South African half sovereign, the rings being made up skilfully cut as a pair and especially for them in Birmingham at the time. However, retailing proper in the Quarter did not start until the 1970s, largely due to the economic pressures of the period.

Most of our morning was spent in quietly "casing" the Jewellery Quarter Museum, together with a superb guide, who demonstrated many of the old processes in the gold industry, even to hot or cold dye-casting. (oh, long live health and safety at work!) The Museum had been converted from an earlier Goldsmith's workshop within 2 Victorian terrace back to backs. The family firm of Smith and Pepper closed in the early 1980s, (due to the prevailing world economic conditions in gold sales). However, we were actually walking back in time to experience the working conditions of the late Victorian period, which were still being used in the 1980s, at the time of closure.

Strictly, and unfortunately, we were not allowed to enter the premises wearing "trouser turn-ups", or have "Brillcream" in our hair. We would have been sent

home, as we could possibly leave the premises with gold filings, or a diamond dropped in. Sadly our heist had been rumbled. The “sweepings” ingot, that we were trusted to handle from the safe, was too heavy for handbags.

Time for reflection was the midday order now, with coffee and biscuits at the museum, and purchase of history books and information on the renaissance of the Birmingham jewellery industry, which with modern designs and links with Europe and Asia, forms a substantial part of the strong British economy.

Reflection identified that it was time to beat a hasty retreat, and that a heist was out of our League (Gentlemanly, or not), and drive out of Birmingham to the gems of Litchfield and its Cathedral, all arranged as a desperate measure by the kind and skilled interventions of Pamela and Gordon.

The Cathedral Close was a welcome sight to our repentant pilgrims to St Chad’s own Cathedral. The 39 pilgrims mostly took sustenance in the Chapter restaurant, or gently strolled through the old streets of Litchfield. Many started their repentance in a special guided tour of the Cathedral, each in a small group with a guide. Many of us also had not appreciated what an architectural gem the interior of the Cathedral was. It clearly had serious history, dating back to early Saxon times, with St Chad as its leading light. But then following some earlier “slighting”, and finally substantial damage during the time of Cromwell, the third steeple fell through the roof. Clearly something had to be done. That something was the neo-gothic reconstruction by George Gilbert Scott, who also financed the works himself through his popular civic works like St Pancras Station and adjoining Midland Hotel. The philanthropic renaissance of the Cathedral is reflected in the design of a major window to the South side of the nave.

Following a memorable cream and strawberry tea in the Chapter House, we returned to the Cathedral again, to be ushered into the Choir Stalls, where the Friends and Mothers Union from Oakham All Saints were welcomed. What a lovely feeling to be among Friends in Litchfield too. We gave tribute and thanks to George Gilbert Scott, for the exquisite high-gothic interior of the Cathedral. We gave tribute to St Chad for the centuries of worship on this Holy plot of ground, but more completely gave praise, tribute, honour and repentance to God in the time-honoured fashion of the Choral Evensong.

Maybe all that glisters is not gold, but what a way to spend a day finding out and experiencing the “gold” of Friends”.

Oakham & Braunston Mothers' Union

The meeting on Thursday July 9th will be a "members own" afternoon. Please bring along poems, stories or anything that is of interest about summer. The refreshments will be scones and strawberries. Everyone welcome

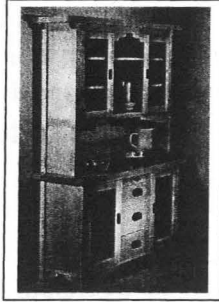
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Sunday July 26th. From 4pm

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Saturday August 8th from 2.00pm

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Sept 1st. A Very Welcome Arrival

On Sept 1st Rev Julie Hutchinson will be licensed. Julie is well known to most of us and she will be very welcome. Full details of the licensing service will be announced in all our churches shortly. Put that date in your diary and lets make sure that Julie and husband Philip receive a real Braunston welcome.

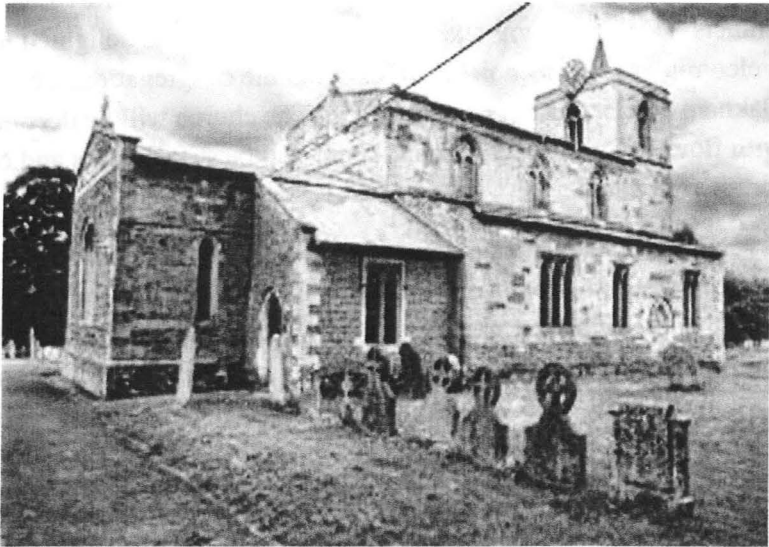
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BROOKE NEWS

Once again we have Joan Killingback to thank for doing the annual Christain Aid collection and the wonderful sum of £125.60 was collected from the tiny village of Brooke.

As I write this we look forward to our patron saint's day, St Peter's Day on 29th June, which we will celebrate with a special choral evensong the day before on Sunday 28th June when the Rev Lee Francis – Dehqvani will take the service. We are also delighted to be welcoming the team choir Laudamus and the congregations of Oakham and Braunston to this service. The church will be decorated with flowers for the occasion and there will be strawberries and cream for all afterwards.

If you have already attended the service when you receive this magazine then we hope you enjoyed it all. And on a lighter note let us hope that the following church 'typos' will not apply to Brooke 'The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility' and 'Pot-luck supper on Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow'.

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EGLETON NEWS

Good News indeed, about CHRISTIAN AID WEEK in Egleton where – by as much as 20% - we have exceeded our House to House collection of last year – which was itself a record sum – by delivering a total of £417.00 in support of those to whom CHRISTIAN AID WEEK's endeavours are devoted. That is to say, a world wide multitude of our poor and needy contemporaries.

This year has marked a 70th annual, national enterprise – in the name of Britain's churches – in one week of the year – to plead the cause of CHRISTIAN AID for the poor, hungry, sick and despairing who are found in every continent.

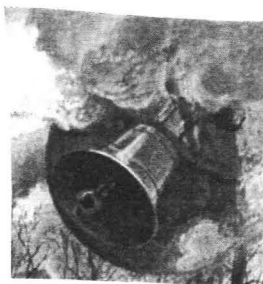
Egleton's renewed efforts for this mammoth enterprise is cause for rejoicing; enough to make church bells ring tolling the plea of a Poet Laureate, Alfred Lord Tennyson,

“Ring Out, wild bells, to the wild sky

Ring out the feud of rich and poor; ring in redress to all mankind,
Ring in the nobler modes of life, with sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring in the love of truth and right, ring in the common love of good.
Ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land; ring in the Christ that is to be”.

Since this Report is for the months of high summer, please be assured of best wishes from St. Edmund's Egleton for your plentiful share of summer-time pleasures and their blessings. Delightful to be reminded how William Shakespeare perceived his own bountiful provision:

Full many a glorious morning have I seen
Flatter the mountain-tops with sovereign eye,
Kissing with golden face the meadows green,
Gilding pale streams with heavenly majesty.



Neville Ashton

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Saturday 23rd May, after their Marriage at Oakham Registry Office, *Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani* conducted the Wedding Blessing of *Helen Books* and *Louis Totaro*. *Kevin Slingsby* played the organ and *Araminta Mathias* and her team rang the bells. After walking down the aisle, *Helen* and *Louis* took turns ringing the bells as they are both members of the Oakham team!

On Sunday 5th July, between 2pm and 5pm, *Celia* and *Richard Foulkes* will be hosting an Open Garden event at Orchard House under the NGS scheme.

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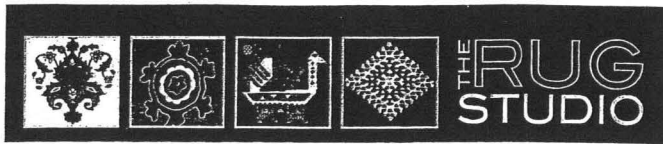
Langham News

Editor's Note:

My apologies to you all and especially to Margo. Your news was sent to me in plenty of time but when I came to print it for the July/August issue it would only print in a "corrupted" fashion.

I succeeded in getting hold of Margo but she was already en route for her holiday and was unable, therefore, to send me a second copy. Your two main events for the period are at least in the Diary.

David.



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Holy Baptism

- 31st May *Taylor Coates*
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- 14th June *Sebastian Alexander Berrett-Evans*
 Rex Christopher Antony Turrill
 Freddie Anthony Smith



"We welcome them into the fellowship of the church family"

Holy Matrimony

- 30th May *Frederick Adams & Misha White*



"We wish them every happiness"

Burial Office in Church

- 26th May *Anthony Fowler*
- 4th June *Pamela Helen Gore Brown*
- 8th June *Marian Kirtland*
- 12th June *John Rawlings*
- 18th June *Beatrice Audrey Birch*



"May they rest in peace"

MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Our thanks again to everyone at Oakham School involved in providing wonderful Lunchtime Recitals for us. Happy Holiday – and we look forward to your return on Wednesday, 9th September. In the meantime, we have provided a feast of entertainment every Wednesday. Please have an early lunch and join us!

July

1 st	<i>Yvonne Bloor</i>	<i>Guitar</i>
8 th	<i>Catmose College Students</i>	
15 th	<i>Robert-John Edwards & Fraser Graham</i>	<i>Baritone Piano</i>
22 nd	<i>Gabriel Francis-Dehqani</i>	<i>cello</i>
29 th	<i>Ingrid Heldt</i>	<i>Soprano</i>

August

5 th	<i>Neville Favell</i>	<i>Piano</i>
12 th	<i>Terpsichore</i>	
19 th	<i>Paul Butler & Linda Hall</i>	<i>Piano Duet</i>
26 th	<i>John Dobson</i>	<i>Piano</i>

September

2 nd	<i>John Dobson & Thomas Day</i>	<i>Piano Violin</i>
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Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All welcome.
Retiring collection for Church Funds. We look forward to seeing you.

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If the first of July be rainy weather,
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Then hope for a prosperous autumn that year.



BANK HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITALS

We are looking forward to *Ivan Linford* returning, with a trumpeter friend, on August Bank Holiday, Monday, 31st August.

Organ Recitals will be held on every Bank Holiday Monday, at 11.15 a.m. Lunches afterwards in the Church Hall. £5. Everyone welcome. Please come.

We are planning the 2016 programme. Any suggestions welcome.

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P.S. Just back from Haydn Nelson Mass here at All Saints'. A wonderful performance by the Tudor Choir of Leicester, Centus Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Barry Collett. Well attended. Profits to Church Funds.

Christine Carlin



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Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child works hard for a living,
But the child that is born on the Sabbath day
is blithe and bonny, good and gay.



Bless You!

Sneeze on Monday, sneeze for danger;
Sneeze on Tuesday, kiss a stranger;
Sneeze on Wednesday, get a letter;
Sneeze on Thursday, something better;
Sneeze on Friday, sneeze for sorrow.
Sneeze on Saturday, see your true love tomorrow;
Sneeze on Sunday, the Devil will have you the rest of the week.

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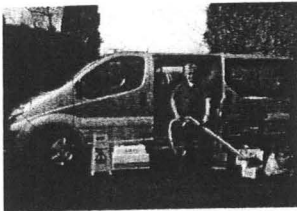
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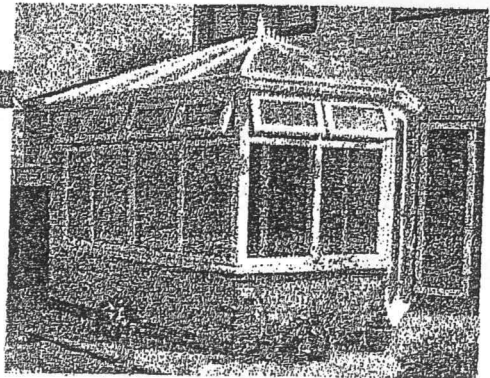
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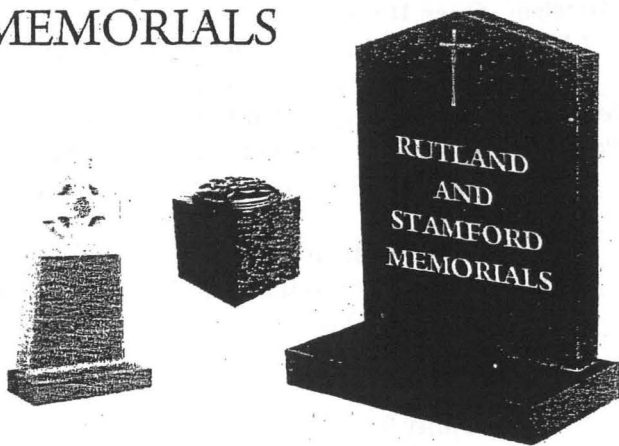
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Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
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Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
July			
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Thur	2 nd	2.30pm	Come and Chat Bereavement Group Oakham Church Hall
Fri	3 rd		St Thomas
Sat	4 th	10.00am	Team Intercessions Training Morning: All Saints Oakham
Sun	5 th	2.00pm	Trinity 5: NGS Open Garden: Orchard House Hambleton
Thur	9 th	10.00am 2.15pm 7.30pm	Open House: 35 Trent Road Oakham Mothers Union Members' Afternoon. Church Hall Deanery Festival Eucharist: St John Rhyall
Sat	11 th	Matinee Perf.	Friends Trip to Tolthorpe: Henry V Shared cars: Tickets £13.50. Contact 724103
Sun	12 th		Trinity 6: Langham Open Gardens and Garage Sales
Sun	19 th		Trinity 7
Wed			St Mary Magdelene
Sat	25 th	7.30pm	St James: "Summertime": Rutland Choral Society All Saints Oakham.
Sun	26 th		Trinity 8
Aug			
Sun	2 nd		Trinity 9
Thur	6 th		Transfiguration
Sat	8 th	2.00pm	Braunston Flower Show and Fete. This year all classes are open to anyone. Entries up to Friday evening 7 th August Details from Mary Brookes. 01572 723047.
Sun	9 th		Trinity 10 and Mary Sumner Day
Mon	10 th		Last Day for Copy for the September Magazine.
Sat	15 th		The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues	18 th		Open House: 4 Kestrel Road

Sun	16 th		Trinity 11
Sun	23 rd		Trinity 12
Mon	24 th		St Bartholomew
Sun	30 th		Trinity 13
Mon	31 st	11.15am	Bank Holiday Organ Recital: Ivan Linford Langham Street Market
Sep	1 st		Licensing of Rev Canon Julie Hutchinson
	5 th		Langham Village Show

Editorial Note

May I remind all contributors that there is no magazine in August. We are on holiday from the middle of the month so the **last day for copy please is Monday 10th August.**

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Team Service Patterns and Times

Church	Week	8am	¹ 9:00am ² 9:15am	¹ 10:30am ² 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)		¹ HC		ES
	3	HC(T)		¹ FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			² HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² MA		
	4				C@4	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		² HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		² HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			² HC		
	2	HC(B)		² FS		
Teigh	1		¹ MA			
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		¹ HC(B)			
Ashwell	1					ES
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3			² FS		
	4			² HC		
Market Overton	1,4		¹ HC			
	2					ES
	3		¹ FS			

HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)

HC(T) – Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)

HC(B) – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

FS/FSB – Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

C@4 – Church@4 (For all ages, with activities, simple worship & food)

MA/ES – Matins/Evensong

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

* FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

** at Teigh in seven months / at Ashwell in odd months

Fifth Sundays – usually Team Communion at one of the Churches (see the weekly pewsheets or website for details – www.oakhamteam.org.uk)