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EDITORIAL

I love this time of year. With the dark days of November and December left far behind there is so much to look forward to. For me it's representative of the renewal of life, of hope, of new beginnings. Excitement and expectation fill the air. The sight of spring flowers beginning to burst their winter burial ground never fails to move me deeply and fill my bosom with unspeakable joy. Marvellous! And it's absolutely free! What more could one wish for, except perhaps the February issue of Magna? We certainly have a mixed bag for you this month, ranging from the light-hearted to the deeply thought provoking. From an hilarious account of giving your cat a pill (what could be simpler?) and a fun look at men and their shoes, to the more serious topic of observing Lent. There are many interesting articles, including Part Deux of Neil's fascinating account of his 60 years and David Clarke's review of this year's pantomime which was, as always, a top notch event, as well as poems and even a book review. All adding up to what we hope is an enjoyable pot pourri in which to dip at your leisure! Please let us know what you think. Your comments are always most welcome.



Ken Scantlebury R.I.P.

We are saddened to record the death of Ken who died on 12th January 2006. As Head Server he was at the heart of the Holy Cross Church. We send our condolences to Undene, Marilyn, Mavelyn, Rianna and all the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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