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EDITORIAL

Welcome to your July 2006 issue of Magna in which we hope you will find many articles of interest. The visual delight of the cover acts as a taster for our centre page journey of a lifetime. There are two delightful stories written by pupils at Edward Betham School, a pictorial account of the visit of our friends from Gerschede and details of our forthcoming Parish Awayday to St Albans, enticingly portrayed on pages 4 and 5. And then of course there are squiggle pens and men and their shoes!

*I'm singin' in the rain, Just singin' in the rain,
What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again!*



I never thought it would happen but it has. Aside from the obvious issues of drought, I find I actually miss the physical presence of rain. So much so, that I feel like a drug addict yearning for a fix. I don't want a short light shower but a lasting downpour as I'm desperate for the sound of lashing rain against the windows and the fresh scent of flowers and grass that rise in it's wake. I long to drift off to sleep to it's sound or to sit by an open door and be mesmerized by it. I want to dance and sing in the rain and I most certainly shall when it eventually arrives. Does anyone else feel this way? In this edition of Magna is an interesting article on St Swithun, so if it rains on 15th July, I for one will definitely be celebrating!

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