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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of your Parish Magazine. This month we will be celebrating the end of Summer with a Parish BBQ, even though at the time of writing Summer has yet to put in an appearance! Nevertheless, jolly up those wet and windy Summer days with a read of your favourite magazine, Magna. This edition is packed with interesting articles and items to lift your spirits. Once again, it is packed with photographs, so don't forget to view it in glorious colour on our website!

Continuing the Women in the Bible series, Maria Dillon writes about Mary the mother of Jesus and both Neil and Heather give their thoughts on the Parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Alban.

On the lighter side, Andrew Vigor writes about his experience on the London to Brighton bike ride, there's a selection of 'old' jokes, and the Caption Competition results. Poetry is on offer courtesy of Alan Kingshott and Olivia Ross. And can you spot yourself among the photos taken by Ray Allen during the Parish awayday to Salisbury?

Among the many other articles, *Auntie Betty's Shed* on page 24, is an appropriate tribute to Betty McLaughlin's dedicated work with our Preschool.

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The editorial committee welcomes contributions for Magna from all members of the congregation. The deadline for the September issue is Sunday 10th August 2008. Want to write for Magna? No problem, just get in touch. Contributions may be sent by e-mail, placed in the Magna pigeon hole in the New Church, or handed to a member of the editorial committee.