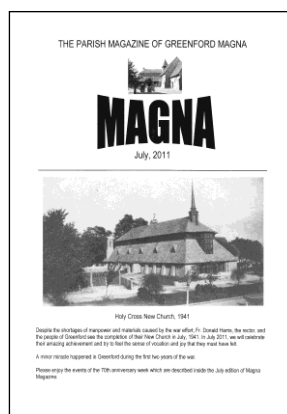


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Welcome to a bumper edition of Magna for July 2011.



On 3rd July at 9.30 am we will welcome many people to the Festal Parish Mass to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the New Church. Our special guest preacher is Revd. Canon James Coutts (curate at Holy Cross from 1963-1967). Look out for the Guide Book and Souvenir of the Flower Festival 2011, in full-colour at

£2 (how do we do it, cheap at half the price!). Here we publish a short guide to entice you to visit.

Peter Hounsell and Neil Richardson inform us about the 70th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Cross New Church and Alan Kingshott writes a new song 'Three Score Years' especially for this event. We also publish 'Over the Years', music and lyrics by Alan, written in 1989 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Church. We bring you Father Harris's (Rector from 1936-1945) Notes and Notices from 1940 and photos of the recent Dinner Dance with a 1940s theme.

Peter Dormer, Letter from Australia, a young Holy Crosser in 1936 who attended the Betham Infants School. Peter casts his mind back over the years...

Neil selects Three War Poems from WW2. 1940 photos of the bombed Medway Estate and The Load of Hay vividly show the challenging and difficult times in which the New Church was built.

There or Thereabouts! looks at the completion of the Holy Cross Access Project. A Well done to everyone involved. And of course there's plenty more inside your July Magna.

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Have your say! Please share your thoughts, ideas, knowledge and experiences with us. You are invited to contribute to the 'Memories' series (make a list of memories and select a few photos from your album) contact details as below:

The deadline for the August issue is Sunday 10th July and 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.

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