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Here comes Summer -
Welcome to the August
2011 edition of Magna.

Sit back and enjoy your
parish magazine full of
interesting articles to lift up
your spirits. We have
devoted a large section of
this edition of Magna to
our July celebrations for
the 70th Anniversary of the
New Church. A very big
'Thank you' from

Rosemary Abernethy who brilliantly organized the
successful Flower Festival. Neil brings us his photographic
reflection of this event. Our Holy Cross congregation and
friends rose to the challenge and produced an inspiring
colourful Flower Festival. We are pleased to publish the
Sermon by Fr. James Coutts, assistant curate 1964-1967,
for the special service on Sunday 3rd July 2011.

With our 1940s theme in mind our Archivist Johnnie
Johnson suggested a look at the Holy Cross, Greenford,
Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. We think you will
find the newspaper cutting and photos astonishing! The
Pirates of Penzance programme of 1942 reads: *"It will be a
kindness if ladies remove their hats.... Should an air-raid
warning sound during the performance a notice to that
effect will be shown at the side of the stage. There are air-
raid shelters in the school playground. If you wish to go to
them please leave with as little disturbance as possible."*

The Dedication of a New Outdoor Play Area for the Holy
Cross under 5's Group on 2nd July 2011 provides before
and after photos to illustrate the wonderful improvements to
this play area. Wow! What an achievement, what joy.

And of course there's plenty more inside your August
Magna. Enjoy!

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Have your say. Please share your thoughts, ideas,
knowledge and experiences with us.

The deadline for the September issue is Sunday 14th
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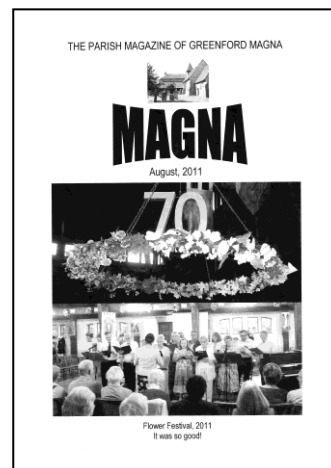


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