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Dear Friends,

There are a lot of people who deserve our thanks, many of whom are no longer with us. They should be thanked for their enterprise, energy and generosity without which nothing would have happened. Did the small handful of mostly American and Dutch people who formed the first Church Committee imagine that in fifty years time there would be a substantial congregation and two full time clergy ?

In the early days nothing was very easy about trying to build up the life of the church. Two chaplains, who between them served our church for nearly half of its entire existence, deserve our special thanks. The Rev'd Barry Simmons, who served from 1980 to 1990, did a great deal to bring stability and harmony after many years of change and uncertainty. He was followed by the Rev'd Cliff Poole, (1990-2002) who lead us into the next stage of our development when the church raised money to buy for the first time a house for the clergy.

This anniversary is also an occasion to thank our ecumenical friends, especially the Luxembourg Catholic Church support and co-operation. Mgr Mathias Schiltz, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese has offered us particular help, for which we are very grateful. Just over a month ago he celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, so in a very real sense he has accompanied us here in Luxembourg throughout our entire journey so far.

We can all tell stories about how we struggled at first to adapt to the local culture, but I'm very struck by the number of times that people express their sense of thankfulness that they live in this safe and prosperous country. This year we need to say thankyou to the people of Luxembourg and to the Government and Parliament of Luxembourg for giving us the opportunity (through the Convention between our Church and the Government) to play a small but important part in their project of creating a prosperous, hospitable and generous society. The number and diversity of immigrants such as ourselves is projected to rise significantly over the next decade. The Government believes that religious institutions will have an important role in developing understanding between the different communities that make up the population of Luxembourg.

That will not be the only challenge we will face over the next fifty years. This anniversary is not just about reflecting on the past, it's also about preparing for the future, which so often happens more quickly than we expect.

Finally let me thank all those who have contributed to the celebration of the fifty years by preparing music, organising events, writing a history, creating artwork,

stitching a kneeler, offering accommodation or in any other way. In particular I would like to thank Barbara Thomson who has co-ordinated much of what will happen over the next twelve months. During this last year she and Campbell have suffered two bereavements, and so we thank her specially for the way she has offered her time and energy.

You will find details of forthcoming anniversary events elsewhere in this magazine and on a separate sheet.

God bless you in all that you do,

Chris Lyon



Advance Notice for your Diary – Weekend Retreat

By popular demand following this year's retreat, a booking has been confirmed at the Abbaye d'Orval (just over the Belgium border) for a retreat from Friday (pm) 24 April to Sunday 26 April 2009. More details next year – this is just for your diary. Have a look at the website www.orval.be.

50th Anniversary – a progress report.

- The Bishop of Europe is coming.
- So are several old friends.
- A buffet lunch has been provisionally booked for after church on Sunday 21st September (**and we have to know who will wish to attend as soon as possible – please call or email me**).
- Liz Alexander has (with great charm) bullied several of us into embroidering altar kneelers – several have been completed and has herself made several individual kneelers.
- Alan Carlisle has composed a new setting for the Communion Service, and the choir has already rehearsed Gloria and Sanctus and Benedictus (albeit in their pre-antepenultimate form, we are told) with the Agnus Dei to follow shortly.
- David Heal has completed the History, which is currently being edited and expanded (and again, I should like to know how many people would be interested in purchasing a copy – please call or email me).
- Rani Roloff and her helpers have taken the first steps towards having the Chapel adorned by the children of our chaplaincy. An Altar Cloth, a Lectern Fall and a Banner are in the making.
- Several hospitable families have offered bed and breakfast to our visitors.

I am biting my nails.
Barbara Thomson.
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Introducing....

Our Council Members

In this issue we bring you a special feature of our newly elected **Council Members** for this column. Here is who they are and who can approach if you need. All their work and time which they devote to the church is much appreciated. Keep up the good up and a big thank you!



Simon Norcross - Church Warden

I am one of 2 Churchwardens and have lived in Luxembourg for nearly 25 years. I am divorced and the proud father of 3 teenage children, Claire, Jesse and Joel. Professionally I work in the IT Department of the European Investment Bank. As Churchwarden my role is to help ensure that the Anglican Church of Luxembourg is run smoothly and effectively. Specific responsibilities include ensuring that services take place during our clergy's absences and sitting on the church's Finance Committee. I would like to see the church developing a vision and strategy for reaching out to all sections of the English-speaking community in Luxembourg and, over time, acquiring the tools necessary to carry out this vision and strategy.



Barbara Thomson - Church Warden

I am married to Campbell (the Treasurer) and we have three sons aged 27,23 and 21. We have lived in Luxembourg since 1991, although the boys are all at present working or studying in Scotland. I am a retired solicitor. This is my second term as Churchwarden; the first was in the mid nineties, when I was involved in the purchase of the vicarage. I am presently co-ordinating the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations. My hopes for our chaplaincy are probably shared by most of us – that we continue to grow and that we can have our own church premises.



Catherine Allen - Church secretary

I serve as Secretary to the Church Council. I write Minutes and some letters for the Council, and a few other bits and bobs. I also organise the Intercessions rota and , for many years, have run the Church Fair bookstall, now in the capable hands of Jane Wickens. I have been in Luxembourg 19 1/2 years and my husband, John (who is Roman Catholic), and I have 2 children - Dorothy 21 and Matthew, nearly 19. My vision for the church is that it continue to be one in which all who wish can come and feel comfortable and welcomed in their worship. To me , a successful church is one which gives on every level.



Campbell Thomson - Treasurer

First of all, I am not an accountant. I am an engineer, although I have studied accounting and finance in the past. The reason for making this point is because I agreed to serve as Treasurer for five years and I am now in my last year. So, the Chaplaincy Council should now be looking for a replacement, and I want it to be clear that while understanding accounts helps, it is not a pre-requisite. What is required is a degree of numeracy (which I do have), a degree of common sense (which I may have), and a degree of attention to detail (which I don't have). It is also not necessary to be married to a Churchwarden. At the moment, the Church has the financial strength to be able to invest in its future. The challenge for the Chaplaincy Council is to set the Church on an appropriate path, and to identify what investments will be needed along the way.



Jacqui Spence

Having lived in Luxembourg for 30 years I have always been involved with the voluntary sector: first ARBA (Association for Rights of Britons Abroad) a non political organisation working on the issues of nationality and voting rights. The European School management committee and more recently the Conseil National pour Etrangers, a government body mandated to give opinions and review up coming legislation which could impact on the foreign community.

However, in all this time although a regular church attendee and participant in the church events I have never offered to serve on the Chaplaincy council, the time has come. I have been asked to describe what I see as my role and my vision for the Anglican Church in Luxembourg. This is probably beyond my present level of experience on the council, but in general terms I have witnessed a change in demographics of our congregation, I believe the church needs to be responsive to these changes. We are no longer birds of passage, a number of us plan to spend a greater part of lives here and for this reason I believe the church and its' members, while retaining the essential Anglican element of our worship, should nevertheless participate and integrate in the local life of Luxembourg.



Ian Kent

Since December, I've been living in Contern with Anni, and I now work for a property investment fund. Three years ago, I arrived in Luxembourg and made my way to the Convikt chapel on the first Sunday morning. One casual question to Chris Lyon at the door on the way in, and I was conscripted into the choir from that very service. In addition to sitting on the Council, I am becoming involved with the Charities Committee, and help with the junior choir, but a major focus over the last couple of years has been the development of the Young Adults Group. I hope that the YAG will be one part of the way in which the Chaplaincy can deal with the challenge of welcoming an ever-increasing flow of new people - I see the coming few years as full of exciting potential for our congregation, no matter which buildings we will eventually use for worship and vicarage.



Jane-Anne Frankel

I have been a member of the Anglican church in Luxembourg (formerly English Speaking Church of Luxembourg) for over 20 years. The church was one of the first places I made friends when I moved here from Frankfurt (having left the UK three years prior). I met my husband in Luxembourg (who is American) and we have three children Rebecca 14, Russell 12 and Brent 9. Professionally, I now work in investment fund corporate governance for an American asset management company. During the years of worship at church, I have enjoyed teaching Sunday School and more recently helping out in the creche. I now look forward to serving on the Church Council. I believe that the 50th anniversary of the Anglican church in Luxembourg merits much celebration as the church community has welcomed, and offered a true house of worship for English speaking Christians passing through Luxembourg, whether it be for a few months, years or decades. May the next 50 years for the Anglican Church in Luxembourg be as fruitful its first half century.



Cherry Hooper

I am 28 years old and British. I have been living in Luxembourg for over 5 years now. I started attending the Anglican Church in 2004 and in recent years have been involved with the Young Adults group (20's/30's), coordinating meetings and events for the group with Ian Kent. I joined the Church Council in 2007 originally co-opting, replacing Svetla Stoeva, but since the AGM of 2008 have been a full Council member. I really enjoy the community surrounding the Anglican Church and I am really happy to be a part of the Council. I am sure we will see more positive changes in future years and hope the outreach of the Young Adults Group continues successfully, as it has done particularly in the past 12 months. I am looking forward to seeing the evolution of Anglican Church, which is adapting well to current demands and the ever changing congregation bringing with it fresh ideas for the future."



Chris Vaudrey - Webmaster

I have been a member of this congregation since 1980, soon after I arrived in Luxembourg with my wife and three children – the fourth was born in 1981. It was not long before we became involved in church activities, and then not long before a frightening lady member of the church council suggested to me that I might stand for election, which I did. In due course I became treasurer for three years and then churchwarden for five, including an interregnum of about six months. Shortly before that an emergency arrangement for the Church Fair was necessary, which is how it came to be held in our garden where it has been ever since. With this experience of church life in Luxembourg combined with my liking for computers, it was a natural progression to look after the church website where there is a real opportunity to communicate with newcomers and at the same time provide a useful service to existing members of the church.



Moira Hogg - Archdeaconry Representative

I've worked in Luxembourg for nearly 25 years and have been attending the Anglican Church for most of that time. In recent years I have been pleased to accept various roles in the Church. I am one of the *Archdeaconry Representatives* which mainly involves attending the annual Archdeaconry Synod in Antwerp but also occasions such as the collation of our new Archdeacon, John de Wit, earlier this year.

I'm also the *Ecumenical Representative* and as such attend Council of Christian Church meetings where the clergy from the different Churches discuss matters of common interest and plan future ecumenical events. At the last count there were 10 member Churches ranging from Luxembourgish Catholic to Serb Orthodox (for further information see www.kierchen.lu).

And finally, since last year I'm the *Area Contact Group Coordinator* which entails organising the annual schedule of meetings of the Area Contact Groups and assisting with the on-going administration regarding newcomers to our Church.

My vision for the Anglican Church in Luxembourg would include a place where our different activities could carry on together under one roof and also greater interaction with the wider Christian community and other faiths.



John Overstall - Archdeaconry Representative

I have served on the Church Council on and off since 1977 and at present am an Archdeaconry representative. This involves my attendance at an annual meeting of the Anglican chaplaincies in North West Europe, together with our chaplains and Moira Hogg, the other lay representative. She and I represent the laity of the Luxembourg e Archdeaconry Synod (council). At this Synod we meet the Bishops, Archdeacon, Clergy and Laity from Belgium and the Netherlands which helps to remind us that the Luxembourg chaplaincy is part of a family and not an isolated unit. From time to time we vote for two lay members of the General Synod of the Church of England which meets twice a year in York and London.

One of our tasks is to be aware of other churches in Luxembourg and maintain warm relations with them and also to report annually to the congregation at the AGM about the discussions of the Synods (Archdeaconry and General).



Come and Sing !

Saturday 27th September 2-5pm in the Konvikt Chapel.

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing ? Join us on Saturday 27th September in the Konvikt Chapel from 2 to 5 pm. Bring your instrument, and whatever music you would like to share with us. Over the next few months we are looking to make some new developments in our church music. On this “come and sing” day a group of people will be rehearsing some new songs and hymns and exploring what musical gifts and opportunities we have within our congregation.

Come and listen, come and sing, come and play.
It should be fun !!

50th Anniversary Lunch



To help celebrate our 50th Anniversary, there is going to be a Special Anniversary Lunch after the service on 21st September (see elsewhere in this edition and the website for more details).

This will take place in the Salle Petrusse of the Hotel Parc Belle-Vue next door to the Church and looking out on the valley.

Three course buffet -
Cold Starters, Hot Main Courses, Deserts.

This will cost €30 per head, with a 50% reduction for children up to 10 years old.
There are only 80 places available, so best to book early.

How to book?

Well, please send an e-mail to luxat50@hotmail.com saying how many places you would like to reserve - adults and children - and then transfer the appropriate sum of money to the normal church account:

IBAN no: LU12 0030 7313 9549 0000

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Beneficiary: L'Eglise Anglicane du Luxembourg

Bank: Fortis Banque Luxembourg

Message: Your Name + Anniversary Lunch

If you would like to sponsor other members of the congregation anonymously, and so make the meal as inclusive as possible, then please mention this in your e-mail and make the transfer as normal.

The e-mail address is confidential to the Treasurer.



SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30 am

Holy Communion (said)

11:00 am

Holy Communion (sung)
with hymns and sermon.

During this service a crèche is provided.

There is Sunday School for all ages
and Junior Church.

Tea, coffee and juice are served after the service.

Mid-Week Service of Holy Communion

A regular mid-week service of Holy Communion will be held on
Wednesdays at the Konvikt Chapel at 12.30pm.

This offers an opportunity for a quiet break and a time of prayer and reflection in the middle of the week. The service will last just over half-an-hour and we will use the service of Holy Communion from Common Worship (used on Sundays at I Iam service).

A Prayer Request Board is now in place on the noticeboard just outside the chapel door. If you would like to offer prayer for someone or something specific, please leave a note on the board and these will be gathered into our mid-week intercessions.

The first service will be on **Wednesday 8 September 2008 at 12.30pm.**

Following our normal practice all communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Communion with us.

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to be blessed.

Emmaus – the Way of Faith

As our congregation becomes more diverse with people arriving from different countries and from different denominations of the Christian faith, it is important to offer an opportunity to come together to look afresh at our understanding of the basics of the Christian faith.

For the third year running, the Emmaus Programme will continue with a new 15 week course on Christian Basics beginning in the autumn.

Perhaps you are too embarrassed to show your ignorance of the Bible.....this is the place to ask all the questions you hoped somebody else might just ask!

Perhaps you want to understand where God is in your life?.....join the disciples on the road to Emmaus as they met the risen Jesus.

Perhaps you have been a church attender for years and feel you should know it all.....don't worry – there's always more to learn.

Perhaps you don't know many people in the congregation.....come and meet some.

Perhaps you would like some answers for some of the questions your children are asking you.....just know that for every answer, there is yet another question but it's an exciting exploration.

The intention of the Christian Basics course is two-fold:

- To encourage personal and group exploration of the journey through life following Jesus
- To increase understanding of what the Christian faith is about and offer ways of putting that understanding into practice

This is not a course which sets academic standards or offers moral messages but one which invites people into a journey of deeper discovery about their relationship with God.

The course will run on a week-day evening for 15 weeks with breaks for holiday periods. The day of the week will be announced as soon as the Chaplain has his teaching schedule for the European School.

General Synod decision on women bishops

At their meeting in York in July 2008, the General Synod of the Church of England voted in favour of the consecration of women to the episcopate. The following motion was carried by a division of the three houses of Synod.

That this Synod:

- (a) affirm that the wish of its majority is for women to be admitted to the episcopate;*
- (b) affirm its view that special arrangements be available, within the existing structures of the Church of England, for those who as a matter of theological conviction will not be able to receive the ministry of women as bishops or priests;*
- (c) affirm that these should be contained in a statutory national code of practice to which all concerned would be required to have regard; and*
- (d) instruct the legislative drafting group, in consultation with the House of Bishops, to complete its work accordingly, including preparing the first draft of a code of practice, so that the Business Committee can include first consideration of the draft legislation in the agenda for the February 2009 group of sessions.'*

House of Bishops	For 28, Against 12, Abstentions 1
House of Clergy	For 124, Against 44, Abstentions 4
House of Laity	For 111, Against 68, Abstentions 2

Despite press predictions of dramatic scenes of a future split in the Church and huge numbers leaving, the mood of Synod was reported by our lay and clergy representatives to be subdued and conciliatory.

In the run-up to the Lambeth Conference in 1930, Dick Sheppard, former Dean of Canterbury, attempted to put forward a motion for the ordination of women to the priesthood so this has not been a hasty decision. Fourteen out of the 38 Provinces of the Anglican Communion, including New Zealand, Australia and the USA, now have women bishops and arrangements have been put in place to respect the views and working practices of those who feel that they cannot accept this decision. The work commissioned by our General Synod to produce a statutory national code of practice is to ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place for the Church of England.

The appointment of a woman as bishop is unlikely to take place until 2014 to allow time for all the legal and canonical structures to be set up. Until that day arrives, I will be more than happy to support this process provided any future appointment is seen as much more than an obvious step for women priests to be represented within the order of bishops. The Church needs people with the very particular competencies for this calling and a deep understanding of the nature of what it is to be called to be a bishop. What was evident in the Synod debates was the deep appreciation of the ministry of women clergy which did seem to come as a surprise to many Synod members. This does not necessarily mean that competent women priests will make competent bishops but it is only right and just that women should be able to have their vocation tested in this way.

Reverend Joan Lyon

Sacristan

For the last 3 years we have enjoyed the quiet, faithful service of **Jannik Buhr**, who has been our sacristan (dictionary definition = keeper of sacred vessels!). Jannik has come early to the 11am service nearly every week to prepare the altar, set out the communion vessels with bread, wine and linen, light candles and have our books ready on the priests' stalls.

You may not even have noticed him going about this job but it is an enormous help to us and we shall be sorry to lose him. Sorry for us, that is, but not for Jannik who will be starting his studies at the University of Sussex in England after the summer. As he takes this big step in life, we would like to give him our blessing and good wishes as well as our thanks for his work as our sacristan.

We now need a replacement – or perhaps two – who might share these duties. The sacristan arrives at 10.45 and sets up everything which is needed for communion according to easy to follow instructions. After the service, the vessels need to be washed and put away which again takes about 10 minutes. Liz Alexander diligently deals with the laundering of the linen which is also one of those hidden tasks which is much appreciated.

We realize that not everyone can promise to be in church every Sunday. It is certainly a job which could be shared and if there is no sacristan available from time to time, the chaplains will cope!



“WAIT ON TO THE LORD”

Pauline Ambrose

Waiting is still a big part of our daily life. We, humans have to undergo this “waiting” period of time in some situation, which comes in our way.

We wait,

- When there is a long queue to pay the bills in a shopping mall.
- For a bus or train.

- For exam result or medical result.
- Even to get food in the restaurants.
- For a sunny summer to start and go for a vacation.

And so on, we wait patiently in all the above circumstances.

But what if **God** put us on hold?

There are times we face several challenges and trials in our life. We don't get an immediate response for some of our prayers. God wants us to push us in the status of **"WAIT"**. How we face and react during this painful season of waiting?

What the scripture says in

Psalms 27:14, Wait for the Lord; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.

Psalms 130: 5-6, "I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning..."

*Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when He heard that Lazarus was sick, **He stayed where He was two more days**. And he arrived Bethany only after the burial of Lazarus had taken place. Even though he loved them so much why didn't he rush to heal him immediately? But Jesus delayed His coming to their aid. It is a delay of love. He had a plan of raising him from dead and to show his power to the people.*

God sees the end from the beginning and he sees how this particular event contributes to His over plan. God wants to strengthen our faith on him; he wants to wait with full patience because we need to give him time to prepare for our best outcome. His delays are in order to bring honour to His name. Trust that God has a purpose for His delay. Pauses give us the opportunity to deepen our trust and dependence on Him.

God's clock is different than ours. "God answers not too late but **just in time**".

It's not always the "green" signal when we drive on the road but we need to face "red" ones too to have a safe journey. Similarly, in our life's path, God will definitely help us to lead a wonderful life journey even though sometimes we face "WAIT".

"Be strong and wait for the Lord!"



Choir Weekend

The annual Choir Weekend will be held this year at the Choirmaster's home in Haller. As usual, we have invited a prominent church musician to lead us, and this year we welcome back our old friend Gordon Appleton, who is the RSCM's Director of Voluntary Networks. The weekend provides the choir with an opportunity for fellowship, to learn new music, unlearn bad habits and so on. The culmination of the weekend will be, as usual, Choral Evensong; but this year is slightly different.

As you know, this year we are celebrating the Chaplaincy's fiftieth anniversary, and on 21st September the celebrations will reach their peak at a festival Eucharist, for which a new Mass setting is being written. Obviously quite a lot of the weekend will be spent learning this, which brings me to my final point.

Sunday after Sunday, I am struck by the quality of the congregational singing going on behind me. I can hear some seriously good singing going on; truly a joyful noise is being made unto the Lord. So I am inviting anyone who would like to join the Choir temporarily, just for the fiftieth anniversary celebrations, to come and join us for (some of) the weekend. This, I promise, is not the thin end of a wedge. Unless you want it to be!

The Choir Weekend starts on Friday evening 5th September, and continues through the Saturday until lunchtime on Sunday. If you would like to participate, please get in touch; my contact details are on the inside back cover of the Konvikt.

Alan Carlisle

Energy, CO₂, Carbon Footprints, etc. **How to Avoid Feeling Guilty – and Save Money!”**

Welcome to the first in a series of four articles on “Green Issues” triggered by the current debate over “Carbon Footprint”. I am going to start with “Bio-Fuels - Friends or Foes?” and then move on “Renewable Energy - Just Blowing in the Wind?”, “Keeping the Home Fires Burning?” and “Transports of Delight?”. So why is the Treasurer writing about green and environmental issues? Well, in real life I am paid to give my employers an independent view on technical and economic issues, including the environment, and my academic background is in engineering, with a particular specialisation in environmental systems and energy. Also, through my work, I have access to some real experts in these areas. Obviously I will be expressing my own opinions in these articles, particularly in the first two, and there will be times when I will be taking positions which are contrary to popular or perceived wisdom. So if this happens, and you disagree, I would challenge you to write an article of your own to rebut me: just as long as you present a rational argument and don't get personal! There are some very grey areas in this field, starting with some fundamental questions:

- Are global warming and climate change really happening? Probably, yes, although it is not so much the fact of change that is the issue, it is the speed of change.

- Are we killing the planet? No, of course not - planet earth will adapt and change. Whether mankind can adapt and change is a different question entirely.
- Can we put things right? Ah, now that is the real question, and the honest answer is that nobody really knows. I suspect that all we can do is get back to living on a sustainable basis, and then wait and see. I also believe that doing nothing is not a realistic option - and that will be the starting point for the articles.

“Bio Fuels - Friends or Foes”

Last year, some people were claiming that Bio-fuels were the answer to all our problems. This year, some people, sometimes the same people, are claiming that Bio-fuels are the work of the devil. As usual, the answer lies somewhere in between.

First two statements which are either true or largely true:

- Climate change may well be partly due to an excessive consumption of Bio-fuels. Remember, when we talk about fossil fuels, oil, coal, natural gas, etc., we are talking about Bio-fuels. The process may be on a different timescale, but inputs to fossil fuels were pretty much the same as for current Bio-fuels: animal and vegetable matter.
- We like fossil fuels - and hence Bio-fuels - because of their convenience, specifically their energy density. A modest house which burns 2 000 litres of fuel oil for heating each year would have to consume seven fully-grown spruce trees to get the same amount of energy. Bio-fuels can also substitute for petrol and diesel without major changes to the fuel supply infrastructure and vehicle technologies - unlike Hydrogen, for example.

Now two which are either untrue or exaggerations:

- Bio-fuels will make a major contribution to solving our climate problems. They will help, particularly if they are cellulose rather than food based and if the processing power comes from renewables or bio-fuels. They can contribute to improving the situation - but they are not a panacea.
- The rapid increase in crop prices caused by demand for Bio-fuel feedstocks is destroying the rain forest and creating a hunger epidemic across the world. The rain-forest is an emotive issue, but it is possible that harvesting palm-oil and converting to Bio-fuels is better for climate change than the natural decomposition which takes place in the rain forest. Its simple deforestation which is a problem, not harvesting and replanting. Similarly, world hunger is not to be taken lightly, but the people who suffer most are those who live on a hand-to-mouth, subsistence basis, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. These people do not form part of the world food market and their problems are mainly attributable to climate change and political conflict. The world still has enough food - but it is in the wrong place, or goes to waste. In the UK, the typical family with children throws away 27% of the food it buys, much of it untouched.

So far so good. However, there is a major source of Bio-energy which people tend not to discuss. We mustn't waste the waste. Historically - and probably pre-historically - man has always re-used his own waste and the waste from his domesticated animals. There are still areas of the world, including Norfolk, which are pooh powered. Turkey droppings, cowpats, elephant dung are all burnt to provide energy. However, there is a much better harvest available if you start with the stuff while it is still wet. Animal (and human) waste can be readily processed in digesters to produce Methane; the most

natural gas of all. The real beauty of the process is that these digesters don't cost a lot to produce, the feedstock is free, and the Methane can either be consumed locally, or compressed and shipped. Even better, any liquids left over can be used in fertilisers and the solids can be used as soil enhancers.

So, where does that leave us? Bio-fuels from corn, rice, rape, etc. will have net positive effect on CO2 production - all other things being equal. Later generation Bio-fuels based on cellulose, particularly if the processing is powered by energy from chaff and straw, will be better, and slurry digesters will be great. However, the key words are "all other things being equal". What we have to do is make sure that things are not equal, and that is what the third and fourth articles will be about, after the next article on renewable energy production.

To be continued...

The Church Fair - 8 June 2008

I would like to thank the many people who made cakes, biscuits, jams and lemon curd etc for the "Home Produce Stall". Like last year we managed to raise a substantial amount of money and without your help this would not have been possible.

Needless to say I will be asking for help next year!

Samantha Grocock



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14 June Yannick Christopher Ray

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Stuart John Patterson (10 June 1964 - 9 July 2008)

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