



# CCN News

## Summer 2005

### Where to start...

Welcome to the first edition of CCN News - your chance to catch up on the latest news from Community Church Northampton. We've made the most of the fantastic weather this summer term, with various BBQ's and trips to the County Cricket Ground! We should mention John Nightingale of the Manna House. John took on an impressive charity golfing challenge, managing 150 holes in one day and raising over £2000. Apparently his feet needed a little attention afterwards! So, what else have we been up to...



### Our first Alpha Course!

## Alpha

After Easter we decided to run an *Alpha* course for the first time, as a relaxed, friendly way for people to explore the meaning of life from a Christian point of view. It runs for 10 evenings and is based around a meal. The course was a great success, and the food was a real highlight! Course members expressed how they loved the friendly atmosphere and found it a great way find out about God in a non-threatening way. It concluding with an 'end of course BBQ', which was a fantastic family event with a fairly competitive game of volley ball... We are looking forward to letting you know when our second course will start in the autumn.



### JFC is clowning around

Our Friday evening club for 5-11 year olds continues to be a great success, well appreciated by kids and parents. This term they have taken on the theme of 'the circus', and have been learning circus skills, such as juggling with juggling balls they made, making clown biscuits, playing games and of course earning points for their teams. A family BBQ gave us the opportunity to get everyone together and say thank you to our Bible College students who have helped us over the last 8 months. Over this term we have also seen an explosion of blue JFC t-shirts! Get 'em while they're hot!

### The Autumn

Our church planning for the Autumn has already begun. We have decided to start some "interest groups" over the months of October and November to do things we enjoy together and to bring out those unused talents...! Possibilities are 5-a-side football, painting, film club, card making, gardening... We are looking forward to including and benefiting from the skills of our friends and neighbours. Look out for CCN News in the Autumn for which 'interest groups' get off the ground and which one you might like to be a part of!!

*Next CCN Family Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am, Parklands Community Centre. ALL WELCOME!*

*"A relaxed family worship gathering with provision for all ages"*

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