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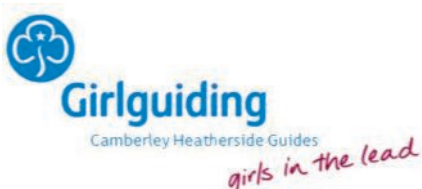


Guides and Scouts enjoy the Summer

Heatherside has very popular Scout and Guide groups, welcoming boys and girls from the youngest Rainbows and Beavers right through to the senior groups.

The organisations have been very busy as usual this summer, and you can read all about their activities in the centre pages.

Like so many groups, there is always a need for new volunteers to help in all sorts of roles. Contact the group leaders to find out how you can get involved.



Did you know that Heatherside has its own Scout "hut" behind the Community Centre?

Enjoy walking? Chatting to your neighbours?

Newslink is delivered by local volunteers three times a year and there is always space to join the team. Rounds usually cover just one or two roads. So if you want to find out more, please contact Heatherside Church Office on 07857 183234 or email heathersidechurch@gmail.com



Heatherside Church Golf Society

A successful round of golf was played at the latest meeting of the society at Blue Mountain Golf Centre in April.

Twenty five gentlemen enjoyed a round followed by a meal and prize-giving. The tournament was won by Keith Conner, pictured below being presented with the trophy by Rev Larry Bain. If you are interested in joining this informal group who play three-times a year contact heathersidechurch@gmail.com



The Savoy Singers

What have the Savoy Singers got in store for their next Show in October at the Camberley Theatre? Judging by the sounds of laughter at rehearsals held at Heatherside Community Centre it promises to be quite hilarious.

The musicals "Cabaret" and "Chicago" have been box office successes, and the same team, Fred Ebb and John Kander, also wrote "70,GIRLS,70". Our production of this Show will be a *first* for any major amateur Society in this area.



The story revolves around a group of retired actors and actresses who, although getting on in years, are still very much young in heart. The run-down hotel in which they currently live is about to be sold thus making them all homeless. They are not, however, giving up without a fight, and in order to raise funds they embark on a campaign of shoplifting, stealing items of jewellery and furs etc., wreaking havoc in the local departmental stores. In the midst of all this mayhem, romance blossoms between two of the residents.

There are many lively musical numbers including "You and I", "Coffee in a cardboard cup", "Boom Ditty Boom" and "Broadway, My Street" which will get your feet tapping. So why not give the "Telly" a rest one evening and take yourself along to Camberley Theatre for some live, heart-warming entertainment.

The Show runs from Wednesday 2nd to Saturday 5th October, with performances at 7.30 pm and a Matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are available from Camberley Theatre Box Office 01276 707600 or on-line www.camberleytheatre.biz

For more information about the Society visit our website www.savoyingers.org.uk

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A Face-Lift for the Precinct

Anyone who has visited the shops recently cannot fail to have noticed the long awaited improvements to the area. The plant boxes surrounding each tree add a splash of colour.



Stop and enjoy the flowers next time you visit and support our local businesses.



Kids Alive is taking a break for the summer, so keep an eye on the notice board on the Community Centre to see when the fun will return.

What will our theme be next term? Come and join us to find out.

Come along on Thursdays from 3pm at Heather Ridge School for refreshments. The service starts at 3.30pm and lasts for 30 minutes. All children and their carers are welcome.



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Heatherside Church



From the Vicar's Desk

Looking back with thanks – looking ahead with confidence

All across Heatherside there are signs of an area reaching maturity. Trees that were planted from small pots or seeds are now far outstripping the height of the houses and what were formerly pleasant glades under newly planted birch trees and the like are beginning to block out the light and encroach on foot paths. From time to time even a large Redwood is felled because of disease – at least two recently. There are newer areas of Heatherside of course but they are only lagging a little further behind.

I cannot help wondering if the same things are happening amongst the human population? Many of the parents at Heather Ridge Infants School went there as children. So of course children have grown taller and some of us have spread a little wider (I speak of myself of course!) but it is perhaps time to recognise than in the public life of our community some folk have given of their time for year upon year in generous service of others and be very thankful.

How have they done this? By helping to organise our Community Centre, our Church and our School as well as by serving in more public roles as Councillors and Governors – by leading myriad of voluntary and other groups that have provided much needed support for children and older people (and the rest of us in-between) as well all kinds of activities from singing to craft activities to sporting clubs – the list could go on and on. Just flick through the pages of Newlink.

As the Vicar of Heatherside it is often my privilege to serve you at sad times as well as at happy times in our lives. We often mark these occasions before God and it is my privilege to help many of you with weddings, baptisms and funerals. As these events pass before me I find myself wondering who will step into these important roles in our community – Borough Councillors, Governors, Committee members, Group organisers and facilitators cannot serve forever and a new generation is fast growing up. Most of these crucial roles in our community are unpaid and we will need to find the next generation of community minded people to help to lead and serve us all to ensure that Heatherside remains a fantastic and supportive community to live in. As you look ahead at your own life might there be a role for you to fill in our community? Let's look forward with confidence together as a community - each playing our part. Have a great summer.

Blessings

Larry Bain,

Vicar - Heatherside Parish Church

Camberley and Heatherside Guides



In our District we have three (soon to be four) Rainbow units, four Brownie units and one Guide unit and we always need adult help to give the girls the opportunity to join us and have fun with their friends in a safe environment. Two units told us what they had been doing in the summer term:

10th Brownies: We visited La-di-da Cupcakes Cafe in Camberley and decorated yummy cupcakes to take home. A real success with our parents! We have also made and painted some Bug Houses, and then went to trap some bugs on the school field. We tried to identify them and compared size and shape, and then let them go free. We also played rounders and made Father's Day gifts.



10th Guides: At the beginning of term we worked on a badge "Girls in Action" which involved learning about girls in India who are not allowed to go to school and have to marry when they are very young, and considered how we could help to empower such girls.

During the May Half Term seven of our girls joined with another Guide unit to go camping. We camped near Farnham - the camp started off wet but we had a glorious final two days. The theme of the camp was the Army - we had assault courses to complete and we all learnt archery. On the second to last day the weather was warm and sunny and we had a huge water fight. At the end of camp we were very lucky to bring home dry tents.

We have also been very busy, going on a cycle ride from Heatherside to Lightwater Country Park, having a cook out on wood fires and our annual summer swimming party evening.

If you are interested in volunteering or wish to register your daughter then please contact Alison Phelan, District Commissioner on 01276 516774 for more details.



At Heather Ridge, we are now approaching the end of another very busy year. Despite the horrible weather we've all been having, we managed to go ahead with our Sports Day, not allowing a little drizzle to dampen our spirits!

As always, lots has been happening in all the classes.

Year R has had a wonderful time looking after the 'Living Eggs', caring for them once they hatched and applying this to helping with the animals when the 'farm' visited school.



4th Frimley (Heatherside) Scout Group

Beavers aged 6 – 8
Cub Scouts aged 8 - 10½
Scouts aged 10½ - 14



Our Beaver Colony recently held a joint sleepover and below is an account from one of the Beavers who took part. A good time was obviously had by one and all!

MEDIEVAL BEAVER SLEEPOVER

I had lots of fun at the joint Beaver sleepover with Lightwater Beavers at their meeting hut. I was very nervous before I got there but soon felt much happier.

We arrived after dinner on Friday night and were split into groups. We were told what we would be doing. My group was the first one to decorate our own shields and make our own swords. We went outside to practice using them.

When all the groups had finished it was time to go outside to the campfire. We all sat round the fire and learnt lots of new, loud songs. We even got hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Then it was movie time. We all put our PJs on and snuggled down into our sleeping bags. We watched the film in bed and we all stayed awake for a long time.

In the morning we were up very early for breakfast. It was cereal. Then the leaders helped us to pack our stuff and look for the things we had lost. We went on a hike through Lightwater Country Park to the field. This is where we did jousting. We sat on space hoppers and had to bounce along and knock a ball off a post with a lance. We got back to the hut and had hotdogs. Then we had a surprise.

There was a group of medieval actors who all wore medieval costumes. They told us all about them and showed us how they used to fight. At the end we played games with them.

At the end of the sleepover the leaders gave out lots of certificates like the first person to go to sleep, the happiest person, the most colourful shield and the last person to go to sleep.

I had a really good time at the sleepover and can't wait to do it again.

Kirsty Payne (8)



Judging from Kirsty's account it would be unwise to challenge any of the Beavers to a jousting contest! We are always looking for more support in all the sections so if you feel you could help in any way please do not hesitate to contact our Group Scout Leader julietmiles@surreyheathscouts.org.uk. Many hands make light work! However much, or little time you have to spare there is role for everyone within our friendly and young at heart team. For more information about the Group see our website www.4thfrimley.org.



Year 1 has been studying life cycles and observing their 'butterfly homes' to see how a chrysalis changes into a butterfly whilst Year 2 has been finding out lots of information about the Great Fire of London whilst preparing for their trip to London and going on the London Eye!

Lots of busy, busy children but also lots of fun and engagement too.

By the time you are reading this, we will have had our Summer Fair. This is always a fun packed, enjoyable day and allows the community to share in the successes of all our pupils. As we approach the end of the year, we wish all our Year 2 children the very best in their next stage of learning and look forward to welcoming our new pupils in September. Best wishes for a lovely summer break, Mrs Hilary Mackay (Headteacher)

Paul Ilnicki, Local Councillor

Since the last edition of Heatherside Newslink we have had county council elections. Whilst I am naturally pleased with the result of returning David Ivison to County Hall (having acted as his election agent), what was disappointing was the overall turnout of electors who voted. The low turnout is something we must all work towards improving.



After all, we live in a free democratic system within the law of this country and there are many millions of people around the world who would dearly love to have the same opportunity as we have or a free vote for what they want and believe in.

Very shortly we, as a full council, will be holding a special meeting to consider, debate and vote on the proposed Deepcut development. Then, after many months of waiting, the full details need to be submitted. The development will continue to be the subject no doubt of intense and passionate discussions by the council and other interested parties.

Generally Heatherside is a safe area to live in and, to maintain that reassuring fact, two new neighbourhood watch groups have started up on Cumberland Road adjoining the Upper Chobham Road and in Glassonby Walk. Can I thank PCSO Vince Wakling and all those involved in getting this going, which will help enhance the scheme we already have in Heatherside; thank you all.

In the meantime lets hope we can look forward to a drier and sunnier period between now and the end of our summer—we all deserve it.

As always, please contact me as your local Councillor, in all relevant matters. Thank you.

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Ian Cullen, Local Councillor

Summer, wet or dry, is a splendid and delightfully busy time of year with so many open air events, there is no shortage of low budget or free entertainment once the sun starts getting his hat on and off. The Heatherside funfair proved popular again this year, especially with the very young and young in heart. The Family Fun Day at the Wheatsheaf was also well attended, building on the success of their similar event last year. Heatherside Community Centre hosted a table top sale, which again proved to be popular.

A fairly new children's theatre group, Sense Theatre, founded in 2012, presented a large scale show featuring primary and junior school children from all over the borough. "Living in the City" was performed at the Rhoda McGraw theatre in Woking in June and, by all accounts, a very good time was had by all. Sadly the Arts Council were unable to support this brave new venture due to the cutbacks. Nor can they in their present circumstances offer any grants, although the independent James Winterbottom Bursary Fund is still able to assist professional artistes with training and/or career support. I enjoyed the black comedy "Anna Hersche Must Die" by local playwright Jez Curtis. This was performed by the ever enterprising Playmakers at the Mytchett Centre and the evening was enhanced with a reading by the Young Playmakers from "The Book" by Susan Freke. I was personally privileged to read from a fact based novel, "Innocents into War" by local author Murray Rowlands. This fictionalised and moving account of New Zealand Anzacs at Passchendaele was presented at Camberley theatre with film, slides, readings and narration by the author as part of the well supported Book Festival. Plans are afoot to extend the programme to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of WW1 next August.

By the time you are reading this the Deepcut development proposals will have been before the council and, hopefully, all issues will have been resolved and questions answered. The decision by the Borough Council licensing committee to allow regulated entertainment in the town square without the need to apply for a separate licence on each occasion is very welcome. One event we can look forward to in consequence is the Camberley Car Show on August 31st in aid of the South West Kidney Fund. For information about Arts Council Bursaries – or if I can assist in any other way, please don't hesitate.

If I can assist with any concerns telephone on 01276 23213 or e mail ian.cullen@surreyheath.gov.uk.

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David Ivison County Councillor

First of all my sincere thanks for your support in re-electing me on 4 May as your County Councillor for Heatherside & Parkside. It was a strange election campaign with the UKIP and Labour candidates being completely absent from the campaign! This almost shows a lack of interest and is insulting to our residents. Nevertheless, I will continue to work on behalf of all the residents of Heatherside & Parkside and Wellington Park and I welcome any advice or suggestions from across the area.

Now we are (hopefully) coming into our long-awaited summer, school fetes, fairs, car boot sales etc seem to be the order of the day! Football season finished - and congratulations to the Heatherside Galaxy teams who have done so well this season. Despite the summer, we again anticipate the frequent heavy rain which periodically floods the children's play area on the Recreation Ground. We have sunk a number of 20ft holes and filled them with gravel to hopefully drain away the surface water. I am also trying to get some extra equipment for the older 8- 10 year age group.

After the summer holidays I will be investigating with the St. John Ambulance the possibility of organising a series of First Aid classes in the Community Centre. These will be initially aimed at the young mums/dads after they take their children to school. I am a great believer that everyone should receive First Aid training at an early stage in their life. I will also be purchasing a defibrillator for outside the Community Centre - and trust it will not be vandalised ! It could save your life or that of a family member or friend.

Again my thanks for your support and keep your suggestions coming in to :-

Councillor David Ivison

County Councillor

Heatherside & Parkside (and now Wellington Park)

Telephone 01276 27778, email david.ivison@virgin.net or david.ivison@surreycc.gov.uk

Senior Citizens' Club

The Club meets at Heatherside Community Centre every Thursday afternoon from 2 pm until 4 pm. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new ones who would like to join us. We are a very informal group, who enjoy meeting together for tea and biscuits and various activities including games and entertainment from guest singers and speakers.

For more information, contact Hilda Cooper on 01276 23980



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Kids Alive 325

Meets Thursdays at 3.30pm at Heather Ridge School. A lively and fun time that starts with refreshments, for all aged 3—11 with parents/carers



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