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Heatherside and Cheylesmore

Winter 2010



## A look back at Newslink

Now that we have relaunched in full colour it's interesting to look back at Newslink's development over the 16 years it's been hitting the mean streets of Heatherside and Cheylesmore. To some of us it doesn't seem more than the twinkling of an eye since the days of Roneo and Gestetner machines, when photocopying was a rare luxury.



April 1994

Newslink was launched in 1994 as a joint initiative between Heatherside Church and the Heatherside Community Association, successor to the Heatherside Link (Church) and the Heatherside Herald (HCA); to this day it contains both Church and Community news and information. Regular items include reports from our local councillors, news on local youth groups and updates from our community police officers and PCSOs. Advertisements for local services have always had a prominent place on its pages.

Newslink hasn't fought shy of raising issues, either – look at the front page from April 2001 venting the editor's opinion about the state of the recycling centre. Newslink has always been keen to tell residents about issues of importance to us which never seem to get much recognition elsewhere, like the MUGA-cum-Skatepark – which still hasn't seen the light of day, despite the front page item last December.

Editors have come and gone: John Carter had the hot seat from inception until 1997; Keith King had a brief spell in command until Phil Dykes took over in 1998. David Cox assumed the role in 2001 and handed over to Kate Peddie in 2007. Angela Walker stood in until Paula Huckle took over earlier this year. For all that time Angela also administered the adverts and David Buckingham was responsible for turning the concepts into the 2,500 copies which are delivered three times a year. Nick McCormick carried out community liaison until 2003, as well as being our pet historian. The current production team would like to thank their predecessors for their vision and hard work over so many years – we hope you join us.



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April 2001



April 2004



December 2009



### Heatherside Church

Martindale Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley GU15 1BB  
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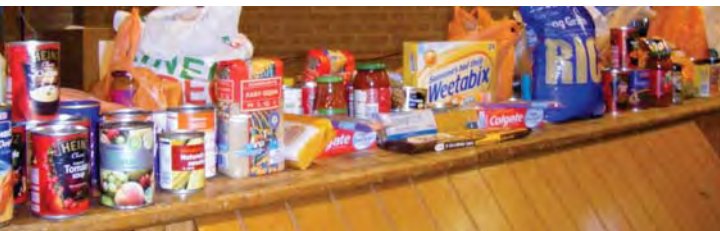
### Dates for your diary

4 December—Christmas Fayre  
19 December—Carols by Candlelight  
5 January—New school term starts  
25 March—HCGS golf day  
3 April —Mothering Sunday at Heatherside Church



Heatherside Church supports a number of charities both in the local area and further afield. Each issue we will be looking at one of these organisations.

As in previous years, harvest gifts have been collected by Heatherside Church for local charity Step by Step. Based in Aldershot, Step by Step support young people who are homeless or facing other difficult circumstances through services including accommodation (including emergency shelter), training, development and counselling. The gifts of food and toiletries (pictured below) are used by the accommodation projects to provide nutritious meals throughout the year and food parcels for those in need.



Many of the tins and packets collected are used by the short-term emergency accommodation at Emmanus House and move-on accommodation at Victoria Road. Each young person housed by Step by Step is given a key-worker who works with them to identify goals and development needs and supports them in achieving their full potential in a step-by-step, manageable way. The young people also take responsibility for cooking meals and household chores. Over 100 young people stay at Emmanus House each year, with 44 passing through Victoria Road on their way to independent living. For more information on how you can support Step by Step, or to refer a young person, visit their website [www.stepbystep.org.uk](http://www.stepbystep.org.uk)

### County Councillor David Ivison

The most important news I wish to put across to everyone is in another article on Winter Preparations in this Newsletter. No one was more surprised and delighted that my lobbying for an additional £1million to prepare us in Surrey for the coming winter was successful. In addition I have funded a salt/grit spreader for each of our five Heatherside/Parkside schools.

The other good news is that I have obtained funding for the pedestrian crossing outside Heather Ridge School. I hope that work will begin in the New Year. Your Borough Councillors, I am assured, will be giving the good news about the delayed improvement to the children's playground, the skate park and the outdoor exercise facilities. I am also encouraging them to investigate how we can redecorate and improve the Heatherside precinct shopping area. It could be such a pleasant and attractive meeting and shopping venue. Much assistance is being given by the new and energetic Sainsbury's manageress, Donna Hill. I would hope that all Heatherside precinct shops and residents will also contribute to the improvement of their area. It is in their own interests.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a Happy Christmas - and hopes for a mild winter so I don't have to spend the extra £1million !

My contact details are always available to you :-  
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### Heatherside Preschool

Heatherside Pre-school is proud to announce that their Ofsted Inspection in June resulted in achieving a "GOOD" rating in all areas. We continuously strive to provide a high standard of care and education for the children, a direct result of our dedicated team of staff and committee of parents and volunteers, who all help to make our pre-school a success and a special place for



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## Heatherside Community Centre Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010**  
**9.30am – 1.30pm**  
**Martindale Avenue**

Two donkeys are making an appearance at our Fayre this year.

So make sure you come and see Father Christmas in his Grotto, and meet these adorable animals

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## From the Vicar's Desk

### *Peace and Goodwill?*

I wonder if sometimes like me you find you are so busy that you have no time for being the sort of person that you might hope, or wish, or aspire to be? Would it, I wonder, be helpful to ask ourselves what sort of things are pushing us along at such a speed? Are we driving ourselves along or are we being driven by others? Are we able to take control of our lives and change our own lifestyles?

*I was struck by the TV programme "The Big Silence" where five ordinary people took time out of their lives just to be silent on a regular basis. Not one of those five returned home after their experience with the desire to live in the same way they had before – all had made resolutions to change their lifestyles. For some this was a religious experience for others it was simply about living in a different, less hurried way.*

If we were to each stop and challenge ourselves in a similar way we could also ask ourselves whether we are doing things just for the sake of personal fulfilment. Might we move beyond that and seek change not just for ourselves, but for the sake of all those around us - family, friends, neighbours and even the stranger in the street? As a consequence of this hectic pace, simple things like kindness can often be driven out of our lives. Furthermore, we may not even notice when we are too busy to show our care for other people.

We are privileged to live in an excellent community – this is particularly apparent at events like the Halloween Howler (which the church supports for this very reason) - but can also be found at the school gate, the swings, in our Community Centre and local shops etc. I wonder, if we were all to take stock of our lives, could we smile and say "good morning" as we pass each other in the street? Would this raise our sense of community?

I know it is a bit early for a New Year's resolution but why not try making Christmas a bit less hectic and a bit more reflective both for our own individual sanity, but also, so that we might have more time to be kind to others. Could you make space in your life for acts of kindness within your community? Now there's a thought!

I look forward to meeting you at one of our Christmas Services.

Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a restful New Year

Larry Bain  
Minister, Heatherside Church

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Our Next Event — 25 March.

If you would like to join us  
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for more details

## Heather Ridge Infant School



Once again the children delighted the Senior Citizens of Heatherside Community Centre with an excellent 'Harvest Festival' performance. The service was led by Revered Larry Bain and attended by the Rt Rev Ian Brackley, the Bishop of Dorking. The children sang beautifully and the senior citizens were completely 'wowed' by them! The Rt Rev Ian Brackley gave the children an insight into what a Bishop does and allowed the children to dress up - which they thoroughly enjoyed! Thoughtfully, each child brought a contribution of food that created a fantastic table of Autumn treats for the Senior Citizens and in addition to the kind food donations, the children presented a further donation of money raised from a 'Silly Feet Day' held last month at school. There was an energising atmosphere as the children performed and the look on the Senior Citizens faces was enough to see that they all had a wonderful time. All the staff were very proud of the children's achievement that day.  
*Annabel Stocchetti, Music Teacher.*



This term Kids Alive have been travelling back in time with Dr Why. Our picture shows Dr Why (also known as John Marrow), with Biff and Bob having fun learning about sharing and showing love to others. Come and join in the fun every Thursday during the school term at Heather Ridge School from 3.30 for refreshments, with the adventures beginning at 3.45. All primary school age children and their families are welcome. Contact the Church Office on 01276 678015 for more information.



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## Have we been forgotten?



Sitting in the rain are the Silver Finalists who look very forlorn but had just completed 3 days of walking, being self-sufficient carrying all their food and equipment for the expedition on the Ridgeway. The weather was actually very good and it only rained for a short time just before the finish. They experienced some eventful moments including being surrounded by a hunt whilst eating lunch, encountering some wayward dogs and people who had set up a permanent camp on one of the bridleways! They are all going to continue on to Gold so well done. It was an eventful time for Leaders as Elisabeth had broken her leg and needed to be transported to the check points to assess the group!

Are you one of the people who has been involved with the group previously doing any sections of the Award? Can you spare a few hours a month to help others to achieve their award? If you can then please contact us. We meet on Sundays once a month in the Heatherside Community Centre from 7pm to 9pm.



If you want to know more then contact Ian Loy, Leader SHOAC on 01276 516139 or Elisabeth Medley, Administrator on 01276 500154.  
[www.surrey-dofe.org.uk](http://www.surrey-dofe.org.uk)



## 4th Frimley (Heatherside) Scout Group

Beavers aged 6 – 8  
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Scouts aged 10½ - 14

Please visit the Group website for all the up to date news, events and information about Scouting on Heatherside. [www.4thfrimley.org](http://www.4thfrimley.org)

Did you know that you can help raise funds for our Group by doing your online shopping via our website? Follow the link on the homepage and by registering with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) you can shop at many famous stores and our Group gets commission without it costing you a penny more. We still need help running our Group as there are always jobs to do in the hall, equipment to be repaired or by serving on the Committee. If you have a few hours to spare then please contact me for a “no commitment” chat.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at 4<sup>th</sup> Frimley I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year which incidentally will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Group here on Heatherside.

**Graham Corser**; Group Scout Leader; [grahamcorser@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:grahamcorser@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

## Children get in the giving spirit

This autumn children and adults from Heather Ridge School, Heatherside Church and Heatherside Community Association's Parent and Toddlers group joined together to collect shoe boxes and fill them with gifts for children in other parts of the world to give them a fantastic Christmas. Shoe boxes were filled with toys, hygiene items, crayons and colouring books, hats and scarves, sweets and other treats. Over the next few weeks they will be carefully transported across the world to over a dozen countries from Romania to Swaziland by the Charity Samaritan's Purse as part of their Operation Christmas Child programme. The boxes will be shipped to arrive just in time to brighten needy children's lives and make Christmas a special time. Thank you everyone - we collected nearly 100 boxes.



Heatherside's shoe box co-ordinator Annabel Stocchetti with Larry, John and the children from Kids Alive

## Savoy Singers “Ta-ran-ta-ra, ta-ran-ta-ra”

If you have just a vague knowledge of the operas of W.S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan you might recognise the above line as coming from the chorus of policemen in THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE. This will be the Savoy Singers' next production in March 2011 at the Camberley Theatre. Rehearsals are already well under way, but we can find room for a few more men to join the ranks of our policemen and also our 'rollicking band of Pirates'.

This show has always been a popular favourite with audiences and tells the story of young Frederic, born in a leap year on 29<sup>th</sup> February and mistakenly apprenticed to be a 'pirate' instead of a 'pilot'! He is due to be released from his apprenticeship on his twenty-first birthday but, although he is twenty-one years old, he has only had five birthdays!

Naturally, there is a romantic interest involving Mabel, one of Major General Stanley's daughters, and Frederic, who hopes to escape from the pirate band before he is an old man.

The show contains many well known musical numbers including 'A policeman's lot is not a happy one' and 'I am the very model of a modern Major General'.

Tickets can be ordered from the Society Box Office on 01252 834380 or Camberley Theatre on 01276 707600. Credit Card Bookings: [www.camberleytheatre.biz](http://www.camberleytheatre.biz)

*A scene from our last production of 'Pirates'*



## Our Local Councilors

### Paul Ilnicki

Congratulations to all who made the Halloween Howler another memorable event. Despite poor weather on the Saturday and part of Sunday, it did dry up a little to enable the Sunday events to take place without rain falling. This included the Fancy Dress and Margaret and I had great fun and we were very impressed with the quality of the fantastic attire. It was a very difficult task in choosing the best. They all received a little "thank you" anyway for taking part. Afterwards we were all entertained with the last event, a good firework display, it was very well done.

Congratulations again to all those who worked so hard as volunteers to make this event possible – thanks to all of you. I am now advised that the planning application for the new Recreation Area on Heatherside Green will go to the planning meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Subject to it gaining planning approval, it is anticipated building work will commence in the first quarter of 2011 which should mean completion three months from commencement of work.

With winter still a little way ahead, salt bins have recently been filled just in case... Certain local feeder roads, including Cumberland Road, Pendragon Way and Martindale Avenue will each receive extra attention with a view to keeping them passable, by using grit along their lengths. I thank our County Councillor, David Ivison for his help in this matter.

Again David and I are working closely on the shopping precinct area, back and front, with a view of how best we can visually improve it. This is complicated by the fact that ownership of the area is not entirely clear, but we are working on a solution. This will take time, as already stated it is not a straightforward matter.

Should you need any help in Council related matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the mean time, may I wish you all 'Season's greetings'.

Tel 01276 66635 or email paul.ilnicki@surreyheath.gov.uk



### Pat Pearce

The council has been looking into ways to cut costs without reducing services. The police have moved into Surrey Heath House and it was strange to see a variety of police vehicles in the car park. I think it will enable the public and police to interact more closely. Modern technology has also enabled us to reduce staff in some departments.

The M.U.G.A. or multiple use games activity for Heatherside has been delayed for a noise report. After many public meetings raising hopes of young people especially I hope it will soon be in place.

Next year we will have borough elections and it is with regret that I have decided not to stand for re-election. I have much enjoyed my years as a councillor and mayor and have met some wonderful people.

Christmas is a busy time for everybody— schools, Mums and Dads, but it is a rewarding time for families to spend time together and I hope that young and old will enjoy the holiday. I hope to see you all at our Christmas fair in the Community Centre. Telephone 01276 501523



### Ian Cullen

I'm afraid I've been guilty of truancy having spent three weeks in beautiful County Clare, Ireland, wearing armour, riding horses and slaying dragons. I have, however, kept myself informed. I heard the Halloween Howler was a great success despite the rain on day two. Some progress on the parking situation in Cumberland Road but I was greeted on my return by yet another complaint that cleaning and

sweeping continues to be hindered by on-pavement parking. Good news from Councillor Ivison that he has arranged for extra gritting facilities and other precautions and so, hopefully, Heatherside may be spared another chaotic and confused winter of discontent on the roads. I understand also that David has acquired funding for the long awaited pedestrian crossing at Heather Ridge School and work should start in the new year.

On a personal note and in case anyone is interested; Paladin is the working title for an American feature film set in Ireland and in the popular dragon genre. Paladin was a heroic knight around the time of the King Arthur who made it his mission to seek out and destroy evil wherever it may manifest itself. Some accounts of his exploits add, "And ask questions afterwards!" It was an intelligent script with a sub-textual undercurrent protesting recent and current events.

Christmas is coming and I take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best of festive joy. If, having shed my warrior's helmet, I can do anything wearing my councillor's hat to make your Christmas season happier, don't hesitate to contact me on 01276 23213 and I promise to do my best. email ian.cullen@surreyheath.gov.uk.

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## Heatherside Remembers



Heatherside residents held their annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 14 November. Mrs Floss Oborska, who served in the WRNS and was a founder member of Heatherside Church, laid a wreath on behalf of the community.

## Winter is a'coming

Looking through past Heatherside Newslinks I note that I wrote an article in March 2010 just after the difficult winter we experienced.

In my role as a County Councillor I have a specific responsibility for the roads and transport throughout Surrey. It is therefore perhaps timely to remind everyone that Winter is coming closer and hopefully we can together take steps to eliminate the chaos we experienced last winter !

On my side I have ensured that our stocks of salt & grit have been increased from 9,000 to 13,000 tonnes. Our salt bins have been filled (and I will try to ensure they are refilled during the winter). I have asked for more salt bins for Heatherside & Parkside. I have also arranged that the whole of Cumberland Rd will be gritted as a Priority 1 road to be cleared of ice and snow. I have purchased salt/grit spreaders for nearly all our schools. This should ensure that car parks, etc. are kept open. Details of our gritting routes are displayed on the Community Centre notice board.

Now it is your turn :-

a. Make sure your car is ready for winter - tyres, wiper blades, battery, blanket, anti - freeze, etc.

b. Have you a snow shovel? Here I want to emphasise and encourage all householders to try their best to keep their footpaths clear of snow and ice. There is no danger of being sued if anyone falls on the footpath outside your home as long as you haven't caused further icing by using hot water or you haven't left a huge pile of snow blocking a footpath ! Please help keep the footpaths clear.

c. Think about buying some salt from a DIY store or garden centre to help keep your driveways clear.

d. Don't pinch salt from the salt bins! This is for your roads - not your driveways - and it belongs to Surrey County Council! Use this salt on your roads and footpaths.

e. Confirm the arrangements at your child's school for notification of closures.

f. Think about the comfort and care of elderly neighbours who may not wish to venture outside.



Residents of Amber Hill clearing the snow in January 2010

The more we can do to help ourselves, the easier it will be for all of us.

If I can be of assistance please contact me:-

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	Ballet	4.00 - 7.00pm	Natalie Wraight	01276 472093
	Slimming World	5.30 - 7.00pm	Susie Grig	01276 608871
	Badminton Club	7.45 - 10.15pm	Bill Warren	01276 500166
<b>TUES</b>	Music with Mummy	9.30 - 12 noon	Ann-Marie Woodley	01276 670221
	Pre-school	9.05 - 11.45am	Claire Lacey	01276 670809
	Parent & Toddler Group	2.00 - 3.30pm	Church Office	01276 678015
	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30 - 4.00pm	Dawn Radford	01276 509463
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	'Moves Fitness'	6.45 - 7.45pm	Alison Pascoe	01276 473717
	Weight Watchers	6.15 - 7.15pm	Fiona Andreanelli	01276 462614
	Badminton Club	8.30 - 10.30pm	Dave	01276 20544
<b>WED</b>	Pre-school	9.05 - 11.45am	Claire Lacey	01276 670809
	Pre-school	1.35 - 4.15pm	Claire Lacey	01276 670809
	Ballet	3.45 - 7.45pm	Natalie Wraight	01276 472093
	Savoy Singers	8.00 - 10.00pm	Ann Cousins	01276 23130
	Women's Institute	7.45 - 10.00pm	Enid March	01276 507044
	The Common Thread	7.30 - 10.00pm	Heather Hoade	01276 517059
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<b>THUR</b>	Pre-school	9.05 - 11.45am	Claire Lacey	01276 670809
	Music with Mummy	9.30 - 3.00pm	Ann-Marie Woodley	01276 670221
	Senior Citizens Club	2.00 - 4.00pm	Hilda Cooper	01276 23980
	Men's Keep Fit	7.30 - 8.30pm	Contact HCA	01276 63208
	Rosemary Conley	8.00 - 9.30pm	Sarah	07900 254395
<b>FRI</b>	Sure Start	9.00 - 12 noon	Diane Cox	01276 23791
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	Pre-school	1.35 - 4.15pm	Claire Lacey	01276 670809
	Ballet	4.00 - 7.00pm	Natalie Wraight	01276 472093
<b>SAT</b>	Market	Contact for dates	Lesley Taylor	01276 29617
<b>SUN</b>	Heatherside Church Services*	10.00am for 10.30am	Church Office	01276 678015
	D of E Awards (1st Sun of month)	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Elisabeth Medley	01276 500154

\*See Church notices for further details or [www.heathersidechurch.org.uk](http://www.heathersidechurch.org.uk)

**HEATHERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**Heatherside Church**  
*Christmas Services*  
*all held in the community centre*

**Sunday 19 December**  
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**  
3.30pm Crib Service (suitable for under 5s)  
5pm Christingle (for all the family)  
11.15pm Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**  
10.30am Family Communion



**Halloween Howler**

Another successful Halloween Howler was held on 31 October. Thanks go to the organising committee and all those who helped to make an enjoyable evening. The photo below shows Councillor Paul Ilnicki with the winners of the junior fancy dress.



*Parent and Toddler Group*

Why not come along to our Parent and Toddler group and make new friends? Babies and children up to the age of 4 welcome. We meet in the Community Centre every Tuesday, 2 - 3.30 pm (Term-time only). **£1.50 per family, which includes refreshments.** For more info, please contact Heatherside Church Office on 01276 678015, or just pop in and join the fun - you will be very welcome.

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