

# **Kids Alive on Heatherside**

Kids Alive 325 began on Heatherside in the Summer Term. Meeting on Thursday afternoons at Heather Ridge School there is a short service for primary school aged children and their families. Run by Heatherside Church and John



Marrow of the Church Army the services are interactive and fun. Ten year old Daniel, who runs the sound and projection system at Kids Alive tells us more:

"Kids Alive is fun and interactive. With jumping, bouncing, dancing, air-guitaring and singing to some wild and crazy songs. Each week there are 1 or 2 puppets with some pretty wacky hair styles. The puppets help the children enjoy their time for the full 30 minutes. They also help with



Daniel Short working the PA desk

the songs and dancing around as well.

The puppets help with the story, from the bible, each week by having different scripts to make the children laugh. They also help the kids understand and remember the important message that is being told. John, the star, (of the Church Army) is a fun and jolly person and is good around kids. He makes everyone laugh, as well as the adults. He has a good sense of humour but keeps everyone under control. He is joined by Reverend Larry the Minister.

Tea and biscuits, with juice, will be served from 3:30 before this mini service each week. It starts at 3:45 each week designed to let you pick up your children from school then come down and enjoy the fun.

It is at Heather-Ridge infant school (opposite the community centre) on a Thursday from 3:30 to 4:15. The age range is primary school (3-11) but everyone is welcome."

For more information contact the Church office, or just come along on a Thursday afternoon during term-time.

**Heatherside Church** Dates for your diary Martindale Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley GU15 1BB Weekly Sunday Services: 31 October: Hallowe'en Howler (on the 10.00am for 10.30am Green) Church Office (in the Community Centre): 01276 678015 13 November: Annual Dinner (contact Open Tuesday—Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm Church Office) Email heathersidechurch@tiscali.co.uk 4 December: Christmas Fayre (contact Website: www.heathersidehurch.org.uk HCA) **Minister: Revd Larry Bain** 

Heatherside Church supports a number of missions both in the local area and Bagpipes in Malaysia? further afield. Church members Neil and Dorothy Cameron tell us about their

recent travels with SIM.

Having recently retired, we did not expect to find ourselves living and working in the beautiful country of Malaysia. "Starting A Great Adventure" is a better acronym than others we have heard for SAGA! A chance encounter with an old Surrey University friend had us join him in encouraging the churches in Malaysia to share the good news of Jesus with nearby countries such as Cambodia and China. Among the many surprises was being invited to an Anglican school where the boys learn Scottish pipes and drums. As Scots ourselves, it was a treat to have them play Scotland the Brave, just for us.

Malaysia is a predominantly Moslem country with only about 7% Christians. Many of the churches are bulging at the seams, meeting for a minimum of 4 hours on



Sundays, as well as many times in the week. They are passionate about their faith, and lead us to wonder why churches in Britain are emptying, while theirs keep growing!



We met some wonderful people whose generosity is without limit. Here is a group of children from the indigenous Orang Asli people, desperately poor, but amazingly happy. Their church building was destroyed, but nothing daunted, they continue to meet in one of the houses.

We were welcomed into Chinese and Indianspeaking Malaysian churches, and also met some of the 3 million migrant workers, and spoke to people from Nepal, Myanmar (Burma) and Vietnam – one translator even operating via Skype from Singapore! Never believe that being a Christian is boring - even at 60+!

## **Raising funds for Street Angels**

In June Neighbourhood Inspector James Norbury took on the challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of Camberley Street Angels. As you can see from the photograph, not only did he reach the top, but the fundraising target of  $\pounds 2,349$  was exceeded. Additional donations will be sent to Tanzanian charity UNCODET. Of the final trek to the summit James writes:

The excitement at this point was electrifying and we could see snakes of head torches making their way ahead of us in the dark. The next seven hours are now a bit of a blur out of which I awoke to a beautiful sunrise on the rim of the volcano at Stella Point. I must confess to displaying a very un-British display of emotion whilst supping tea and watching the sun rising!



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#### **Heatherside Newslink**

## Ladies who breakfast

Ladies from Heatherside Church and St Barbara's Church in Deepcut have joined together to organise a program of Ladies Breakfasts. We have a continental breakfast and then listen to a short talk from a speaker. They run from 8.30 till 10.00 on Saturday mornings at St Barbara's Church Hall.



Our first meeting was on 15th May when Katherine Haffenden talked about her travels backpacking in the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. She brought along a display of paintings, scarves, lamps and jewellery from countries she'd visited.



On Saturday 7th August Padré Mandy Reynolds from St Barbara's talked to us about her time as an Army Padré; she was the first female padré in the British Army. Mandy spoke about her experiences in Iraq. She has been to Canada attached to a regiment training at British Army Training Unit

Suffield (BATUS) and whilst there had driven a tank. She also shared some of her experiences whilst in Officer training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Padré Mandy is also chaplain to the War Widows Association.

More Ladies' Breakfasts are planned during the year and you are very welcome to come along and join us. For more information contact Yvonne or Elizabeth on 01276 678015 or email ladies.breakfast@heathersidechurch.org.uk



The Alpha course starts on Heatherside 9th September. Interested? Call C678015

## From the Vicar's Desk

### Have you checked your foundations?

I try not to watch <u>too</u> much television but I couldn't helping watching Sarah Beeny's new programme "How to renovate a wreck" and wondering whether there was anything to learn from it for our lives? It may be that life is perfect for you and everything goes swimmingly all the time. On the other hand you may be more like me who seems to regularly have to face challenges that are beyond my human capacity to deal with, leaving me with a sense of failure about what I have done or how I have handled what life has thrown at me.

When I look back, sometimes it feels like my life is more like a wreck than a well built house standing on firm foundations.

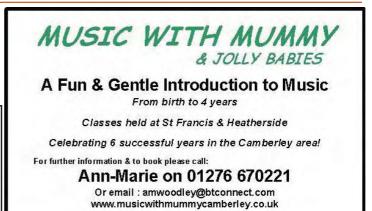
I watched the experts dig the corner of a sinking house extension. What they revealed were very shallow foundations - the house was sitting on very soft and heavily waterlogged earth. No surprises there then! What should have been laid strong enough to support the house had failed.

As Christians we believe that it is important to concentrate on foundations, the important things in life, and we freely acknowledge we all need underpinning so that when hard times come we are standing on something firm enough to help us when we need it.

Have you checked your foundations recently? Do you need a bit of underpinning? What are the values and principles that you hold to when the storms of life come battering at your door? Christians not only believe in such values but also that a relationship with God is top priority. Whatever we believe, the challenge to re-evaluate our foundations and strengthen them between the storms is surely a wise one. What would that mean for you?

Larry Bain

Minister, Heatherside Church



#### **Heatherside Newslink**

In July our Silvers undertook their **Practice Expedition** on the South Downs. Last year a previous group had experienced snow in April, this time it was a heat wave!



We were not able to book our usual campsites so it was different as we used a sustainability campsite at East Meon with composting toilets, solar showers and recycling



facilities. 5 Golds have returned from Brecon Beacons after a successful final expedition and are now working on their residential week

helping disabled

children at Sayers Croft or riding for the disabled.

A new group of Bronze start in September and leaders are looking forward to getting to know the new participants.

## We meet Sundays once a month in the Heatherside Community Centre

### from 7pm to 9pm.

If you want to know more then contact Elisabeth Medley, Administrator on 01276 500154 or lan Loy, Leader on 01276 516139 check out our website www.surrey-dofe.org.uk

## **Heather Ridge Infant School**

Heather Ridge School is always a very busy place. Each year seems to go by faster than the last but it's always a delight as we look back over one school year and forward to the next, to remember just how far the children come.



Our Year 2s have moved onwards and upwards and we are getting to know and welcoming all our new Reception children. It's both a sad and exciting time for everyone!



Looking back over the last 12 months, there's been so much happening. Reception have had a fabulous new outdoor surface laid, allowing them all year access to a much larger area, the

PTA has put in new sheds for Year 1 and 2 to store their outdoor equipment in as well as having a new soft surface (and another shed!) put in by the swimming pool. They continue to work tirelessly raising money

for the school – without them we would not have as many super resources, OR a swimming pool at all! The glorious weather at the end of the year meant the children were able to make the most of learning outdoors and as you can see from the photos, they really enjoyed this opportunity. Each year group was busy with school



visits during the last term - Year R visited Alice Holt and were full of excitement and chatter on their return, having had a wonderful time. Year 1 visited Down and Weald Museum earlier in the year, learning about how different houses and homes were before we had all our modern gadgets whilst Year 2 took a trip down the Thames and viewed many London landmarks! Everyone always reports back on how well behaved the children are and such a credit to the school.

As well as all the school activities, Heatherside Church have also been running their 'Kids Alive 325' programme after school on a Thursday, allowing parents and children to attend this enjoyable club.

Time does seem to move very quickly in school but reflecting on just how

much happens and how well the children grow and learn, it's a very rewarding place to be!

Hilary McKay, Headteacher



### Senior Citizens' Club

We meet every Thursday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm. We are looking forward to seeing all our members and any new ones who would like to join us. We are a very informal group and enjoy fellowship along with a cup of tea and biscuit. We play various games and are entertained by guest singers and speakers. For more information contact Hilda Cooper on 01276 23980.



## 4th Frimley (Heatherside) Scout Group

Beavers aged 6 - 8Cub Scouts aged  $8 - 10\frac{1}{2}$ Scouts aged  $10\frac{1}{2} - 14$ 

Please visit the Group website for all the up to date news, events and information about Scouting on Heatherside. <u>www.4thfrimley.org</u>



We are now back in full swing at 4<sup>th</sup> Frimley following the summer holidays and once more all our young people are embarked on a fun and educational range of activities at their regular weekly meetings. We had a busy first half to the year with a camp in May at a local campsite near Windlesham where our Cubs and Scouts learnt about fire lighting, backwoods cooking and gadget making as well as cooking a meal over an open fire which was a "first" for most of them. We also had the SHARE District camp in July at Frimley Lodge Park where all the Groups in the District get together for a fun weekend of activities. Thankfully we were blessed with good weather for both these events.

This year we have adopted Help 4 Heroes as our nominated charity and so far we have raised over £550 for this very worthy cause via a toy sale on the recreation ground in June followed by the Cubs holding a sponsored continuous cricket game, which got us to this fantastic total. We held our AGM in July and I was very pleased to report an increase in our membership; we now provide Scouting to over

65 young people on Heatherside ranging in age from 6 to 14 years. To do this we constantly need new leaders to help run the various activities each week. If you would like to put something back into our local community and can spare a few hours a week then please get in touch with me on the email address below.

**Graham Corser;** Group Scout Leader; grahamcorser@surreyheathscouts.org.uk Heatherside Youth Group Tuesday nights 8pm-10pm Meets at the community centre 13 years upwards Things to do: x-box, computers, hot and cold drinks, cooking, plus lots more. For further details contact Suzanne on 07846 320841

## Guiding is 100 years old!



As usual we been very busy this summer but especially so as we are celebrating 100 years of Guiding. The Rainbows visited Bird World and two Brownie packs went on pack holiday. We all went to the Camberley Division Centenary Camp in Farnham where the girls enjoyed lots of activities both traditional and adventurous, finishing with It's a Knockout and a Camp fire. Three Guides took part in a Centenary Camp in Finland and one Guide went to Croatia. Ten Guides and three Leaders took part in the large international Centenary UK Camp held in Leeds and made friends with other Guides from all over the world .

Rachael, one of our young leaders with Brownies, describes her experiences in guiding:

"The Brownie pack I help at reopened last year. When we re-opened we had only 6 girls - we are now up to 23. At the meetings the girls work towards badges. After a trip to the local fire station where we were shown around the

station, looked at the fire engines and the girls played with hoses, they were all awarded their Fire Safety badge. In May we went on an American themed Pack Holiday where the girls participated in many activities and crafts. The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved and the Brownies also gained their Pack Holiday badge. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping at Brownies and am looking forward to joining another pack when I move to university in September. Guiding has always been a huge part of my life and given me opportunities to make new friends from all around the world. I would definitely encourage anyone to consider volunteering."

Come and join in the fun. June Cobbett (District Commissioner) – 01276 500476



### **Our Local Councillors**

**Ian Cullen** Heatherside village seems to have enjoyed a fairly quiet few months. Some residents have serious and justifiable concerns about litter and broken glass on the green or elsewhere. Other ongoing issues raised include thoughtless parking on Cumberland Road and the run down state of the shopping precinct.

The shopping arcade really does need a spruce up and although not owned by Surrey Heath Borough Council, the community space project might serve as the catalyst that instigates the necessary improvements. At a meeting held some weeks ago, representatives from Sainsbury and other local businesses decided to lobby the landlord(s) to do



something about improving the area. Subsequently Sainsbury's have made great efforts to clarify the complex issue of ownership and responsibility. I will do everything possible to encourage and support this initiative. I am also attempting to have the disappeared 'Residents Only' sign in the private car park across from the shopping area replaced. Thus discouraging visitors from parking there, so freeing up more spaces for locals. This antisocial parking not only obstructs pedestrians – especially those in a wheelchair or with restricted sight - but also endangers our children as they cross Cumberland Road to and from Heather Ridge School or to enjoy the green space facilities.

The Surrey Heath Young Musician Competition 2010, won last year by Heatherside resident Colin Li, will be hosted by Camberley Theatre in October and November. Entry is open to local musicians aged twelve to eighteen years. For further information and entry forms visit www.surreyheatharts.org.uk. or telephone Barry Buckingham on 01276 21295.

Telephone 01276 23213 or email ian.cullen@surreyheath.gov.uk.

#### **Pat Pearce**

The Borough Council has been looking at ways to save money without cutting services – not an easy task when we all appreciate clean streets, well kept parks and green spaces.

Heatherside is fortunate to have a large green space to be enjoyed by all. I get many complaints that some people leave a lot of empty bottles and rubbish on the green, especially at the weekends.

I regularly pick up litter, empty bottles and cartons when I walk about. It would help if we all took our litter home and put it in our new green wheely bins!

I am supportive of County Councillor David Ivison in his efforts to smarten up the Heatherside shopping precinct. I hope everybody has enjoyed the lovely summer weather and hopefully a break from school and work. Telephone 01276 501523

#### Paul Ilnicki

Recently, I have been discussing with the Police the problem of speeding traffic. They are here regularly, either advising drivers of their 'mis-deeds', or when appropriate, taking further action where necessary. I can only again ask that we all observe and obey the speed limits.

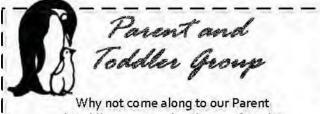
It is now about one year since our new domestic refuse collection service was introduced. Generally the feedback from residents has been favourable and the 'new system' seems to have settled in well.

There has now been an application to develop the Heatherside Recreation Grounds, much along the lines and in-keeping with the various public Consultations and displays shown. We are all looking forward to seeing this through to its final completion and regular good usage by all residents. On the grounds itself, I would appeal to all those users to take their litter home please, or to use the litter bins provided. I thank all those volunteers who regularly "clear up" the litter left by others.

As always, please contact me should you have any Council – related issues that I may be able to help you with. Kind regards. Tel 01276 66635 or email paul.ilnicki@suureyheath.gov.uk



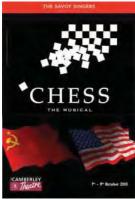
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and Toddler group and make new friends? Babies and children up to the age of 4 welcome. We meet in the Community Centre every Tuesday, 2-3.30 pm (Term-time only). £1.50 per family, which includes refreshments.

For more info, please contact Heatherside Church Office on 01276 678015, or just pop in and join the fun - you will be very welcome.

### Savoy Singers all set for CHESS the Musical

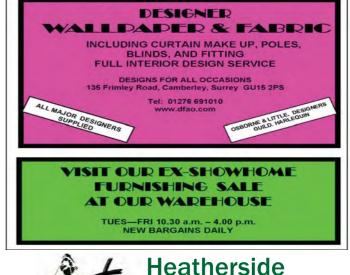


The months of July and August are generally considered to be the peak holiday time, but for members of the Savoy Singers rehearsals have continued for their next major stage production – the highly acclaimed musical CHESS. The lyrics are by Tim Rice and the music by

Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, of ABBA. The story revolves around a chess competition between the American and Russian national champions set in the period of the Cold War. The action moves from the Italian Tyrol to Bangkok with contrasting settings and costumes. And, of course, there is the inevitable romantic angle, of a woman who manages one of the champions but falls in love with the other.

CHESS is being performed at the Camberley Theatre from Thursday  $7^{th}$  – Saturday  $9^{th}$  October at 7.30pm with a Matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are

£15 (concessions £14) and are available from the Society on 01252 834380 or from the theatre Box Office: 01276 707600. LOOKING AHEAD. Our production in March 2011 is Gilbert & Sullivan's **The Pirates of Penzance**. An open evening for potential new members will be held at Heatherside Community Centre on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. For more information visit our website <u>www.savoysingers.org.uk</u> or call 01276 23130.



# Heatherside Church Golf Society

We get together three time a year. Have breakfast, play 18 holes and finish with lunch and of course prize-giving. There are prizes to win but our main aim is to enjoy each others

company, and of course a round of golf. The last of our golf days for this year will be at Test Valley on 22nd October. You are very welcome to join us and we'll let you



know dates and venues for next year in the December issue. Some prize winners from this year:

Tom Ambrose, David Jenkins, Colin Creffield, Neil Burton, Brian Johnson, Peter Joy, Mal Philips .

If you'd like to know more, please contact Peter Joy at hcgs@heathersidechurch.org.uk

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TUES	Music with Mummy Pre-school Parent & Toddler Group Afternoon Fellowship Martial Arts 'Moves Fitness' Weight Watchers Badminton Club	9.30 - 12 noon 9.05 - 11.45am 2.00 - 3.30pm 2.30 - 4.00pm 5.00 - 6.00pm 6.45 - 7.45pm 6.15 - 7.15pm 8.30 - 10.30pm	Ann-Marie Woodley Claire Lacey Church Office Dawn Radford Mr. May Alison Pascoe Fiona Andreanelli Dave	01276 670221 01276 670809 01276 678015 01276 509463 07817 790259 01276 473717 01276 462614 01276 20544
WED	Pre-school Pre-school Ballet Savoy Singers Women's Institute The Common Thread Embroidery Group	9.05 - 11.45am 1.35 - 4.15pm 3.45 - 7.45pm 8.00 - 10.00pm 7.45 - 10.00pm 7.30 - 10.00pm	Claire Lacey Claire Lacey Natalie Wraight Ann Cousins Enid March Heather Hoade	01276 670809 01276 670809 01276 472093 01276 23130 01276 507044 01276 517059
THUR	Pre-school Music with Mummy Senior Citizens Club Men's Keep Fit Rosemary Conley	9.05 – 11.45am 9.30 – 3.00pm 2.00 – 4.00pm 7.30 – 8.30pm 8.00 – 9.30pm	Claire Lacey Ann-Marie Woodley Hilda Cooper Contact HCA Sarah	01276 670809 01276 670221 01276 23980 01276 63208 07900 254395
FRI	Sure Start Pre-school Pre-school Ballet	9.00 – 12 noon 9.05 – 11.45am 1.35 – 4.15pm 4.00 –7.00pm	Diane Cox Claire Lacey Claire Lacey Natalie Wraight	01276 23791 01276 670809 01276 670809 01276 472093
SAT	Market	Contact for dates	Lesley Taylor	01276 29617
SUN	Heatherside Church Services* D of E Awards (1st Sun of month)	10.00am for 10.30am 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Church Office Elisabeth Medley	01276 678015 01276 500154
*See Church notices for further details or www.heathersidechurch.org.uk				

### HEATHERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Harvest – 3 October, 10.30am *With collection for Step-by-Step* 

Remembrance Sunday – 14 November At Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut

## Hallowe'en Howler is back

Recent years on Heatherside have hosted what locals have come to know as the "Heatherside Hallowe'en Howler". The Heatherside residents committee is now in the process of creating this year's event. In previous years "Howlers" have started late afternoon. This year the fun will commence earlier with a car boot sale followed by many of the familiar items like a fun fair and refreshments. The Big Blue Bus will be attending for the youngsters.

There will be several new attractions this year: ice skating and a tug of war tournament along with a raffle. The programme will end a little earlier than previous years with fireworks. This decision has been made to accommodate the younger children allowing others to enjoy the funfair and atmosphere.

We hope to see you on the day..... David & Suzanne, members of the Heatherside Residents Committee (supported by your local Surrey police officers)

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