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Heatherside and Cheylesmore

Spring 2013



Heather Ridge School's new reception area and library



Headteacher Mrs Hilary McKay tells us what the completion of the recent refurbishment means to the children at our local infant school:

Last term we opened our revamped front reception area, complete with a fabulous new fiction library. Everyone has commented on how welcoming this space feels now. All the children love their new library, not just the wonderful range of books available to them but also the vibrancy and openness of the area. With my office door open, I can listen to amazing conversations between children discussing their favourite authors, illustrators and what their favourite story is. All this from 4 to 7 year olds!



New library area stocked and ready for use



County Councillor David Ivison with
Mrs McKay at the Grand Opening

Thanks to the support of Councillor Ivison, we also have a TV monitor in the welcome area where information about school and local events can be shared.

At our recent Grandparents morning, children were able to share this wonderful space with their families and enjoy spending time together.



Are you worried by someone else's alcohol or drug use?

Camberley Family and Friends Support Group

Who is the group for?

- Any adult who is important in the life of the user (not for whole family units)
- Anyone who is effected by someone else's misuse is welcome

What happens in the group?

- The group offers understanding and mutual support
- An opportunity to share experiences in a confidential and non-judgemental way
- It can help you to explore and make positive changes
- Being a member of a group can give you a sense of belonging and hope.

Groups can offer understanding and support. Sharing experiences and looking at coping strategies for the future are often what give people the encouragement to make changes.

Groups are confidential and are facilitated by group workers starting on Wednesday 10th April 2013

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, meetings at 6.00- 7.30 pm at Heatherside Community Centre

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The Savoy Singers

The Savoy Singers have regularly been putting on two musical shows a year at the Camberley Theatre, of which one has been a light opera by W.S.Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. Their most recent production was THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, and it is interesting to note that Sullivan wrote the music for this back in 1888 when he took a lease on a house called Booth Lodge in nearby Fleet.

Pictured here is Alastair Douglas who played the part of Jack Point, a strolling Jester. To get into their parts as Beefeaters, several of the men grew beards, which showed their keenness to express the characters they are playing.



For the next production in October the Society is turning to a more modern musical, **70, GIRLS, 70**, by Kander and Ebb, the team who wrote "Cabaret" and "Chicago". The story is about senior citizens living on New York's Upper West Side who learn that the long-term hotel they live in is to be sold to developers making them all homeless. They form a ring of unlikely thieves wreaking havoc in stores as they regain their zest for life and save their home.

If you fancy turning your hand at singing and acting on stage we'll be pleased to welcome you to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm at Heatherside Community Centre.

There is a special **Open Rehearsal Evening** for potential new members on Wednesday 10th April.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Pam Stevens on 07710 772792 or e-mail secretary@savoysingers.org.uk
Visit our website www.savoysingers.org.uk

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.



This term we have been having Medieval Mayhem adventures with Sir Largealot, (John Marrow) Princess Cherrypie and Sir Littlelot.

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

For more information contact Heatherside Church Office on 07857 183234 or email heathersidechurch@gmail.com

Sir Largealot's little helpers:
Sir Bobalot, Queen Candy and Sir Biffalot

Heatherside Church



Heatherside Community Association

What a joy it is being in our nice warm Centre. Thanks to the grants from the Lottery Fund and from Surrey County Council we now have a new reliable heating system which makes such a difference to all our users. Our next task is to replace the front doors to the building to stop all that heat escaping. We know this will be an expensive business, and at the moment are debating the merits of different types of automatics doors and entry systems. For someone who thought that a door was just something that opened and shut to let people pass through this is all very confusing, but we will get there in the end.

Thank you to all those who supported both our Quiz Night and the Table Top Sale. We intend to hold table top sales quarterly, the next one being on 20 April with a further one planned for 15 June. Please ring the office on 01276 63208 to book a table.

As most of you know, we publicise events at the Centre by putting leaflets through your doors. We desperately need more people to deliver these leaflets. If you could help, even by delivering some just in your road, we would be very grateful. Please contact the office if you can help.

Happy Easter, hope to see you in the Centre soon.
Pat Parry, Chairman HCA

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From the Vicar's Desk

Many of you will know of the tragic death of Georgina Hackett on Heatherside at the beginning of December last year. It may well be that this family's tragedy will reappear in the headlines of local and maybe national newspapers from time to time as its associated court case moves forward.

Georgina's family have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to all those who have helped in so many ways, practical, emotional and indeed financial as they seek to rebuild their lives. They are touched and humbled by the help and care that our local community has shown them and it is my privilege to pass on their thanks to you – Thank you so much.

As you would expect behind the scenes many of us have also been working hard to ensure that this tragic occurrence does not become the one event that people associate with our normally-peaceful neighbourhood. Community really thrives when we all play our small part to be positive and look out for each other and speak well of others. It really does start with the small things...

Let us keep this family in our prayers in these difficult days.

Larry Bain, Vicar of Heatherside

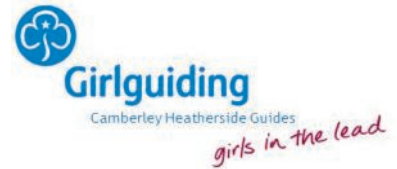


There will be an Alpha Course running on Heatherside this summer. Contact Heatherside Church Office on 07857 183234 or email heathersidechurch@gmail.com for more information

Enjoy walking? Chatting to your neighbours?

Newlink 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

10th Camberley Guides



February 22nd was our Annual Thinking Day. This is a time when we think of our Guiding friends around the Globe. The date of this event is the same every year and we think of all our friends in other countries. Our Guiding Division will be holding a big get together to celebrate this event at the beginning of March, and all Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, and leaders are all invited to attend.

In February the Guides celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the snake. We were visited by a lady who taught us some of the traditions of the Chinese people, we cooked Noodles and learnt how to use chop sticks. We also made bookmarks with our names written on them in Chinese.



We celebrated Pancake Day by making our own pancakes on gas stoves and had great fun experimenting with different toppings.

We also had a Scottish Themed evening to celebrate Burns Night, we learnt some Scottish dances, we drank 'Iron Bru', and one of the Guides Mums made some lovely shortbread biscuits. We also had a quiz that night, that was based on how much we knew about Scotland and its traditions.

One of our Brownie Units had an evening swimming at The Arena in Camberley, and 2 new Brownies took their promise while in the pool. They also had a pancake evening decorating pancakes, and we had a fun evening in the snow where we had a treasure hunt.

We have recently recruited two new Rainbow leaders, but we still need volunteers to help run units and it would be wonderful to hear from anybody that is interested in joining our organisation.

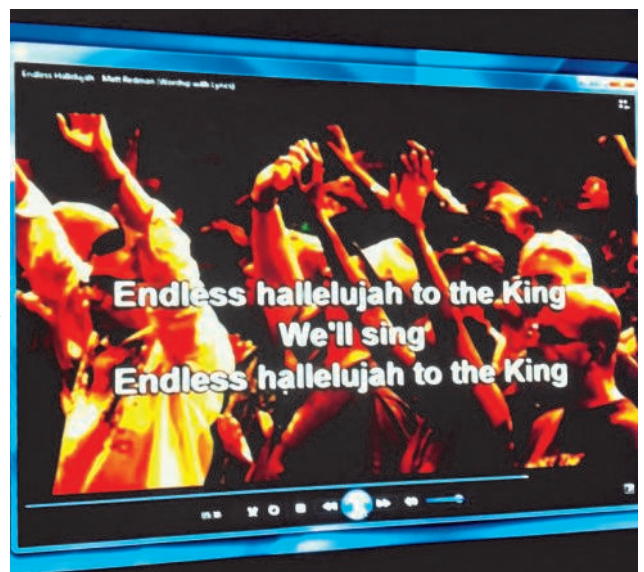
We are sadly losing one of our longest serving leaders, Nicky Fleming, who has been with 10th Camberley Guides since she was 10 years old. Nicky is regrettable moving on to pastures new and we would all like to wish her and her family all the best. Nicky will be greatly missed.

For further information on Girlguiding in this area please contact Alison Phelan on 01276 516774.

Wednesdays Alive

Every Wednesday at 8.15pm (except the first Wednesday of the month), a group of charismatic Christians hold a simple worship meeting in the small rooms in the Community Centre. This has been taking place for nearly a year and is developing into a place of refreshing. For an hour we play contemporary songs with videos taken from Youtube. Using a laptop and a projector, we can both feel part of a big event and yet still have the intimacy of a small group and enjoy God's presence. This meeting is open to all to come and join in.

For more details and to play some of the songs, why not try our facebook page - search for Wednesdaysalive, or email heathersidechurch@gmail.com



4th Frimley (Heatherside) Scout Group

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



Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all been busy as usual, taking part in a wide range of activities over the past few months.

The Scouts started the year by learning about, and identifying bird species that inhabit the local area, participating in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch and are continuing with the ornithological theme by making wooden nesting boxes. Hopefully these will provide new homes for a variety of young birds this spring. The Scouts have also been very active, taking part in night hikes where they have honed their navigation skills, climbing, and many of them are soon to take part in a Patrol Leader training weekend followed by an expedition weekend. On the expedition they will hike for about 20 miles over 2 days with an overnight camp in between where they will be responsible for looking after themselves (under supervision of course!)

One of our Cub packs recently held a fundraising evening in aid of First Responders. Each group of Cubs planned and carried out activities and these included a treasure hunt, name the teddy, guess the number of sweets in the jar, tin can alley as well as a cake sale, face painting and lucky dip. They raised almost £100 and are looking forward to presenting the cheque to the charity later this month. In addition, the Cubs are working towards several badges. They spent a fun evening kayaking at Mytchett Lakes as part of their Water Activity badge, have visited Farnborough Air Science Museum as part of their Air Activity badge and are working hard towards gaining their Emergency Aid badges. Their term ended with a bowling evening followed by a meal and dancing Gangnam style around the tables!



Cubs receiving their Emergency Aid badges

Not to be outdone Beavers have been having great fun too. As part of their Imagination Bbadge they made sock puppets and created characters for them (these included dragons, knights, rainbow horses, snakes and princes). They then made up short plays incorporating their puppets and performed the plays for the rest of the group. Some of the Beavers also had a great evening at Windlesham Theatre's Panto of Alice. They may have a budding Professor Brian Cox in their midst after they held a science evening where they carried out lots of experiments! The most popular was the 'popping canister' where alkaseltzer reacted with water to create a gas build up inside a film canister until eventually the pressure caused the lid to fire into the air. Most of them flew over the rafters! More recently they have been having fun Chinese style. They had a go at eating a bowl of rice with chop sticks but found it much more rewarding when the rice was replaced by raisins and Opal Fruits!

If you would like to be part of this fun and can spare a little time each week then why not come and join us as a leader? We always welcome new faces and fresh ideas. If you are interested please contact our Group Scout Leader Julietmiles@surreyheathscouts.org.uk.

For more information about the Group see our website www.4thFrimley.org

Paul Ilnicki, Local Councillor

Recently I attended the opening of the enhanced library and reception area of Heather Ridge School. It was a great pleasure to be there and a personal one as both my children started their school life at Heather Ridge.

The school maintains its high level of good teaching to our young children to the benefit of the wider community, when one looks at their future lives, based on good education they no doubt receive.

The Heatherside Community Association held their regular table top sale at the beginning of February. There was a high level of interest with lots of items being brought and sold – long may this event continue!! (With good support it will.)

There has been remedial cutting back on overgrown shrubbery and trees, and where appropriate this will continue by the Council and / or its agents. In the mean time, we are still in discussion to establish ownership of land upon which trees and greenery grow from – it is quite a complex matter, but the Council's efforts will continue.

Finally, I regularly walk (and cycle) "keeping an eye on things" around Heatherside in my Councillor role.

Two things come to my mind and as a gentle reminder to us all, namely:



Litter – can we all please ensure that we take our litter home, or, dispose of it appropriately and responsibly. (Not in and on footways, paths, garden borders, etc...)



Ensure we keep to the very maximum speed limit of 30m.p.h. on our roads.

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

'Perhaps in writing this short article in mid-February, it is a little premature to be congratulating ourselves on how well we coped with the earlier winter conditions.

Although a school or two were closed for a few days for safety reasons, life on Heatherside carried on fairly normally. Buses ran and shops were open. The County Highways Dept were well prepared. 3000 tonnes of salt/grit and a fleet of gritting vehicles and snowploughs at our Bagshot depot ensured that our roads were kept open. Well done!

Looking forward to Spring I am hoping to improve the appearance of our shopping precinct. As a first step I am arranging for 5 'planters' to be constructed around the trees in the precinct. These planters will be robustly built out of old railway sleepers, filled with soil and attractively planted with low shrubs. A small start to what I would wish to see - an attractive piazza with seats and tables where people can meet and relax with neighbours. We could even think about having the facilities for teas. Any ideas welcome !

One of the main problems all Councillors have is communicating with residents. I am a great believer that there is no better way than face to face meetings with people. My own details are given below and feel free to contact me whenever necessary. I also meet with our local neighbourhood Police every third Wednesday in the month at the Community Centre at 6.30 pm. These 'surgeries' are open to all and I would welcome your visits. In the meantime my contact details are Councillor David Ivison

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

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Ian Cullen, Local Councillor

Happily we have had a modest winter, with the brief snow visitations adequately dealt with by the enhanced preparations for road clearance, highway gritting etc. Our County and Borough Council road service officers are to be congratulated.

While handing out plaudits, I must say how much I enjoyed my seasonal visits to various seasonal amateur and professional stage productions, with one highlight being Peter Pan at the Camberley Theatre. Audiences loved this production which broke all previous box office records. I also enjoyed very much the Playmakers splendid pantomime version of Treasure Island at the Mytchett Centre. I'm sad to learn that some of our dedicated local amateur companies here in Surrey Heath are struggling to survive. There are even a few people who advocate closing Camberley Theatre altogether. In my view, would be a false economy that could do irreparable damage to our residents. The idea of closure is a minority view at the moment and will hopefully remain so, but meanwhile, if you enjoy home grown live entertainment, I would suggest adopting a more positive 'use it or lose it' attitude towards the theatre and also to supporting our local performance groups.

My attention has also been drawn to a local charity "Your Sanctuary" that provides support and services to victims of domestic abuse. Sadly, statistics suggest that one in four women and one in six men suffer abuse at some point in their lifetime. This charity offers discrete advice and practical help through a twenty four hour helpline, and the trustees operate two refuges for female victims and a dedicated Male Outreach service. More information is available online at www.yoursanctuary.org.uk and info@yoursanctuary.org.uk is the e mail address.



If I can assist with any concerns telephone on **01276 23213** or e mail ian.cullen@surreyheath.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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	Tiny Talk	9.45—11.45am	Gemma Bailes 07900 685422
	U3A Tai Chi	12.30 - 3.00pm	Colin Glass 01276 501492
	Sense Theatre	1.30—2.15pm	Miss Prentice 07557 657045
		4.45—6.15 pm	
	Slimming World	5.30 - 7.00pm	Angela Williams 07879 471855
		7.30 - 9.00pm	
	Badminton Club	8.00 - 9.30pm	Bill Warren 01276 500166
TUESDAY	Music with Mummy	9.30 - 12 noon	Ann-Marie Woodley 01276 670221
	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja 01276 510923
	Parent & Toddler Group	2.00 - 3.30pm	Pam and Margaret 01276 679374 01276 25131
	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30 - 4.00pm	Dawn Radford 01276 509463
	Martial Arts	5.00 - 6.00pm	James May 07817 790259
	Weight Watchers	6.15 - 7.15pm	Dora Stubbs 07872 425982
	Moves Fitness	6.55 - 7.55pm	Alison Pascoe 01276 473717
	Badminton Club	8.00 - 10.00pm	David Shearer 01264 393065
WEDNESDAY	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja 01276 510923
	U3A Badminton	1.00 - 3.30pm	Colin Glass 01276 501492
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	Ballet	3.45 - 7.45pm	Natalie Wraight 01276 472093
	Women's Institute	7.45 - 10.00pm	Enid March 01276 507044
	Pilates	7.00 - 8.00pm	Julia Foley 07890 963153
	Savoy Singers	8.00 - 10.00pm	Ann Cousins 01276 23130
THURSDAY	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja 01276 510923
	Music with Mummy	9.30 - 1.45pm	Ann-Marie Woodley 01276 670221
	Senior Citizens Club	2.00 - 4.00pm	Hilda Cooper 01276 23980
	Karate	4.30 - 5.30pm	D. Bishop 07908 202273
	Pilates Class	6.30 - 7.30pm	Julia Foley 07890 963153
	Men's Keep Fit	7.30 - 8.30pm	Contact HCA 01276 63208
	Rosemary Conley	8.00 - 9.30pm	Sarah 07900 254395
FRIDAY	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja 01276 510923
	Sure Start	9.00 - 12noon	Diane Cox 01276 23791
	Tiny Talk	1.00 - 3.00pm	Gemma Bailes 07900 685422
	Pre-school	1.35 - 4.15pm	Helen Juneja 01276 510923
	U3A Tap Dancing	2.00 - 3.00pm	Colin Glass 01276 501492
	Sense Theatre	5.00 - 6.30pm	Miss Prentice 07557 657045
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9.30am **Sundays Alive** (following 9.15am refreshments)
a FUN, LIVELY & NOISY short service for all

10.30am **Morning Worship** (following 10.10am refreshments)
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Midweek Services—Term Time:

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship

Meets Tuesdays 2.30 - 3.45pm at Heatherside Community Centre. Informal services with speakers and a cup of tea for the over 50's

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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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.
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