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A NEW, BIGGER BETTER NEWSLETTER FOR HEATHERSIDE

Welcome to this special first edition of *Heatherside NewsLink* which brings together community and church news in a new and bigger newsletter. Inside you'll find details of HCA events, contributions from local groups and individuals, and news of events at Heatherside Church. The new format has been warmly welcomed by local businesses, bringing together not only the *Heatherside Link* (the church bulletin) and *Herald* (the Community Association bulletin), but news from other local bodies as well. The bulletin is delivered free to every home in Heatherside and Cheylesmore.

So read on... and find out what's happening in your neighbourhood.

We warmly invite you to join us at...

HEATHERSIDE CHURCH

as we celebrate God's love and presence this Easter

PALM SUNDAY – March 27th at 10.30am

'Know your faith: He was crucified'

with guest speaker Rev. Brian Sherrington

GOOD FRIDAY – April 1st at 10.30am

'Cross-talk': a service for all ages

EASTER SUNDAY – April 3rd at 10.30am

'Know your faith: On the third day...'

with guest speaker Rev. John Coyne

Family service and communion

All services take place at Heatherside Community Centre & Church, Martindale Road. All are welcome (however young or old). We have crèche facilities throughout our morning services and special activities for children for part of the Palm Sunday Service.

HEATHERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

All enquiries to: The Community Centre, Martindale Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1AY Tel: (0276) 63208

HEATHERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



I do hope that you are all as impressed with this new magazine as we are at the Centre. According to my dictionary, one of the definitions of the word 'Community' is 'life among others' and this is indeed what we are aiming for in this new venture. Hopefully, each organisation in Heatherside can join together in this venture and we can become more of a community. I do believe that whatever we can give to our society we will gain from in one way or another, so why not give it a try?

Coming along to the Centre on a cold dark night to sort clothes for a jumble sale may not be your idea of a pleasant evening, but I can assure you it can be fun! (it really is quite amazing what turns up at these events).

We would like to arrange an outdoor event, possibly a Rounders Match and Barbecue this summer and will need lots of helpers, so watch out for further announcements and come along. In the meantime, please support our Table Top Sale on Saturday 7th May. Book your table (£5) at the office or ring Anita or Pam on Camberley 63208 any weekday evening.

I do hope you enjoy this magazine, and do call in to the Centre and visit us soon.

Pat Parry

Chairman HCA

HEATHERSIDE NewsLink

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Followers of Jesus
come out of hiding
after resurrection shock

EXCLUSIVE: DEAD MAN RISES FROM GRAVE

FAMOUS PROPHET'S BODY GOES MISSING

Jerusalem is in turmoil! An event which could dramatically alter the course of human history has thrown the city into confusion. From the Roman Emperor himself to the humblest slave, people are asking questions – "Who is this Jesus?" Controversy surrounds this claim of his followers – "Jesus is alive. He has risen from the dead!"

Today, almost two thousand years later, people are still asking questions; Jesus is still the centre of controversy. Despite rumours to the contrary, the church in this country is actually growing (according to most recent statistics) as people discover that, yes, Jesus actually *is* alive and can meet us even in our deepest needs. They are not barmy, or simple or religious maniacs – they include scientists, lawyers, doctors, local businessmen and women, teachers, ordinary people who have looked at the claims, examined the evidence and found that Jesus is who he claims to be – God's Son.

This Easter at Heatherside we warmly welcome you to join us for our special services, as we think about the significance of Easter for today.

On **Palm Sunday**, March 27th at 10.30am, you are invited to a special open service, when we welcome guest speaker Brian Sherrington who will be talking about the message of Easter.

On **Good Friday**, April 1st at 10.30am, young and old are welcome to "Cross-talk" a family service focusing on the forgiveness and love of God expressed in the death of His Son on the cross.

Then on **Easter Sunday** at 10.30am, we again welcome you to a family service of celebration as we meet with the risen Christ and celebrate God's gift of eternal life.

Whether you've got faith like Mary, questions like the apostle Peter, or doubts like Thomas, there's a place for you in the local church family at Heatherside.



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LOCAL HEATHERSIDE UPDATE

It is a pleasure to be able to contribute to the first edition of *Heatherside NewsLink*. Perhaps I can take this opportunity to mention some of the issues which have affected Heatherside recently.

The unexpected floods which hit the Borough in October and January left Heatherside relatively unscathed. The Maultway and the Old Bisley Road were the worst affected areas, with a few unlucky residents suffering bad flooding. At least we now know where the danger points are and hopefully those affected will not have to suffer again to the same extent.

It is very disappointing to report that the proposed traffic-calming measures proposed for Cumberland Road and scheduled for spring 1994 have been cancelled by the County Council. Efforts have been made by Surrey Heath Borough Council to have these measures reinstated, but without success.

There are some other avenues to explore, but these will be time-consuming. It is so frustrating, especially when we all appreciate how very necessary these measures are!

Following an incident on The Maultway involving a resident of the Ridgewood Centre and two Heatherside residents, Mr. Haughton, the General Manager of Ridgewood, invited the families concerned and myself to a meeting at the centre. It is hoped to hold a public meeting later in the spring to have an exchange of views about general issues of interest. It is good to see this welcome interaction developing between the Ridgewood Centre and the community.

The enormous weight of public concern over the proposed new primary school in front of Tomlinscot school was obvious from the large number of letters sent to the Council over this issue. The decision as to whether to proceed with the school or not was deferred on 7 February (for the second time) to enable an independent in-depth traffic study for the area to be carried out. This shows that public opinion really *does* carry weight and that people's views will be listened to if they are prepared to express them!

We on the Council must play our part too, by ensuring that our residents know what is happening in our neighbourhoods as far as is possible.

We are all in the business of COMMUNICATION and none more so than our own community newspaper *Heatherside NewsLink*, a brave and imaginative addition to life in our neighbourhood.

With best wishes for this and all future editions and wishing a happy and peaceful Easter to you all.

Councillor Frances Bennie

Tel: (0276) 61793

HEATHERSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



A few weeks before Christmas our members were invited to several functions which were enjoyed by all, culminating in our own Christmas Lunch put

on by caterers in our own hall. This lunch and the entertainment following was also thoroughly enjoyed by all the 37 members able to attend.

Whilst walking about the Heatherside area, my wife and I often see others couples or singles who are obviously Senior Citizens and we wonder if they know about our club. I am sure if they made the effort to visit us they would be interested in our varied programme of bingo, raffles, quizzes, annual outings, horse racing, bring-and-buy, music and dancing.

We meet every Thursday from 2 - 4pm in the hall of the Community Centre in Martindale Avenue, having tea and biscuits about 3pm. So please give us the chance of making you welcome by visiting us or by getting all details from Anita (63208) or Jim (22076).

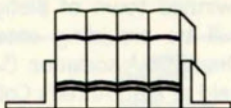
E.W. (Jim) Goff – Secretary

Historic Communion

History will be made on April 24th when Christine Simons is fully ordained as an Anglican Priest at Guildford Cathedral. The same day at 6.30pm she will celebrate Communion here at Heatherside Church, the first time that a woman has ever presided at such a service in the Guildford Diocese. Vicar at Heatherside, John Carter, says, "We are delighted that at last Christine's many years of Christian ministry and service are being fully recognised in this way. As an honorary curate of Heatherside Church for the past year, Christine's wisdom, care and experience have endeared her to the whole congregation and we feel privileged to be part of this momentous change, both for her and the whole Anglican church."

The service at Heatherside on April 24th begins at 6.30pm and is open to all.

CAMBERLEY LIBRARY



Camberley Library was built in 1964 to serve the steadily increasing population of the Camberley area. We now have around 19,000 active library members.

Library members can borrow up to six books for three weeks, free of charge. However, we also offer compact discs, music and spoken word cassettes, and videos for hire. There are language packs and linguaphone courses for those wanting to learn a language, and a new book collection of titles published in the last six months.

Members can also access Surrey's specialist collections through the County Information Centre: the local History library, the Business library and the Performing Arts library.

The County Information Centre can help members find information on a vast range of subjects — from a book on bonsai to local bus times, from a contact for the local education authority, to a tourist video on Hong Kong. There is also a collection of encyclopaediae and directories to which members can refer. If we are unable to help at Camberley, we will suggest another library who can!

The Trailer Library stops at the Recreation Ground in Martindale Road, Heatherside for those unable to journey to Camberley. It is open 10am - 12.30pm, and 1.30 - 7.30pm. Any queries or requests which cannot be dealt with on the trailer will be passed through to Camberley Library.

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HEATHERSIDE MINISTER TO BE MADE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL CHARITY

A new organisation, offering counselling and help to local people, has appointed Rev. Christine Simons of Heatherside as its first full-time director.

'CONNECT' Christian Counselling Service is being launched this Easter with the support of churches, local agencies, doctors and psychiatrists from throughout the area. Based at new headquarters in Sentry House on Frimley Road, Connect will be open to anyone, with or without a church background, to receive professional counselling in complete confidence on any area of personal need.

Christine Simons has been involved in the project since it began more than a year ago: "I'm delighted to have been appointed as director of Connect" she told *NewsLink*. "People have been using the service since a 'pilot scheme' began in November. Pressures from different sources affect many today and our aim is to provide a safe place, through counselling, where people can be helped to face and handle such issues and gain insights which will allow personal growth and development."



People who seek help may be depressed or anxious, worried about their children or marriage, struggling to come to terms with illness, bereavement or redundancy, facing difficult decisions, or having difficulties in relating to others. Connect has taken on a team of trained and, in many cases, professional counsellors who will be available to help with such problems.

How to obtain help

If you would like to talk to a counsellor, ring (0276) 24210.

Is there a cost?

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THE SAVOY SINGERS CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

It is just 25 years since a new musical group was formed by a number of people living in and around Camberley, and who had a shared enjoyment in the Operettas of W.S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan. As many of these operettas were first performed at London's Savoy Theatre, the group decided to call themselves THE SAVOY SINGERS, and at the beginning of March they put on at Camberley's Civic Hall a celebratory anniversary production of the ever popular "The Pirates of Penzance".

As well as putting on a major Gilbert & Sullivan production during each of the past 25 years, the Society has staged many other one night concerts and also provided the backing chorus to professional artistes such as John Heddle Nash and principals from The English National Opera Company. More recently, the Society has added operettas by Johann Strauss and Jacques Offenbach to its repertoire.

In May this year many of the members will be travelling to Germany to put on a special performance of "The Pirates" in our twinned town of Bietigheim. Then, in September, the Society will be providing entertainment at the National Operatic & Dramatic Association (Southern Area) Weekend School which is held at King Alfred's College, Winchester.

The Society's next local public performance will be at St. Peter's Frimley Parish Hall on 27 to 29 October. This time they will be singing selections from various operettas and modern musicals, together with a full production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial by Jury".

The Heatherside Community Centre has been the Society's 'home' for rehearsals for the past 12 years and these take place on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 10pm. There is room from time to time for additional members, particularly those with some previous singing and acting ability. For more information on the Society's activities please contact their Secretary, Ann Cousins on Camberley (0276) 23130.

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If you would like to meet other parents and children in a safe and friendly environment, please come and visit us. However, due to the large number of families attending, we have to limit your visit to one day a week. The cost per session is £1 plus 10p for each additional child, which includes tea/coffee and a drink of squash and a biscuit.

If you would like to attend on either day, please contact:

TUESDAY: Kay Davey - 677301

WEDNESDAY: Kay Florence - 21528

(NB: depending on numbers attending, there may be a waiting list).

HEATHERSIDE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Heatherside WI will be celebrating its 5th anniversary in June and this year looks like being as popular and successful as the previous four.

We have a varied programme for 1994. So far we have had talks on 'Aromatherapy', 'Being a Concorde Pilot' and 'The Great Zaire River Expedition', and continue in April with a demonstration on filling hanging baskets. In May we discuss and vote on resolutions for the Annual General Meeting of Women's Institutes at the NEC in Birmingham in June. The Surrey Constabulary Choir will be making a popular return visit to our Birthday Meeting on 3rd June. In July we will visit the Basingstoke Canal Centre and have a picnic supper. Our annual Garden Party will be held in August and in September we have a talk on 'Ceramics from under water wrecks', followed in October with a talk on the BBC Costume Workroom. The Annual Meeting is in November and will be followed by cheese and wine, and the 1994 programme will conclude with a Social Evening in December.

The Needlework, Art and Discussion Groups meet regularly.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pine and Birch Rooms at the Community Centre at 8pm and potential members are welcome to attend as visitors in the first instance.

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LOCAL CHURCHES JOIN FORCES FOR 'FESTIVAL OF FAITH'

Churches in Camberley and Frimley are making plans to open wide their doors and share the Christian message in new ways next October when they join forces for a month of festivities and events to celebrate the Faith.

The 'Good News Christian Festival' will bring together local church-goers of all denominations and fellowships under one banner with everything from street theatre and concerts to flower festivals and special services.

GOOD NEWS FOR CAMBERLEY

"So far, at least fifteen churches in the area are involved, with more joining all the time," says one of the planning group,

Heatherside's minister John Carter. "The aim is to celebrate all the good things the Christian faith has to offer by holding all sorts of different events both in churches and on 'neutral' soil."



Drama on Heatherside



Rev. John Young

'Good News... for a change' will be the local contribution; a special week of events from October 14th to 23rd led by visiting Christian author and speaker, Rev. John Young and a team from John's home city of York.

The week starts with an exciting Young People's night at the Community Centre with Christian Television presenter and speaker, Steven Chalke. There will be professional Street Theatre and Mime in the precinct, special 'open to all' services, a men's evening with John Young, along with larger scale events, including a concert at the Civic Hall.

"We hope people of all ages will be prepared to take a fresh look at the Christian faith," says John Carter. "Church is no longer the stuffy boring institution of the past — today it's fun, it's vital, it's living, and we aim to reflect that life and vitality with this exciting festival."

HEATHERSIDE BADMINTON CLUB



Heatherside Badminton Club plays on most Monday nights 7.45 to 10.15pm throughout the year at the Heatherside Community Centre.

We are a friendly, mixed group of non-league standard players of all ages.

There is currently a very short waiting list for players. Unfortunately, only having one court, we have to limit the membership.

Ladies and gentlemen wishing to join, or those already on the waiting list who would like to check further, please ring the secretary for information on Camberley 25797.



MINUS TO PLUS

Next week, watch out for a special delivery through your door! Every single home in Great Britain, including every house in Heatherside, is to receive a free copy of 'Minus to Plus', a 32-page, full colour illustrated booklet with a simple yet clear explanation of Easter: what actually happened and its significance for today.

DON'T THROW IT AWAY — the 'head in the sand' approach. **DO READ IT** and pass it on to other members of your family to look at. It contains answers to many of the questions that people often ignore or push to one side — about the person of Christ, his message, the Cross, Good Friday and why Christians believe Jesus Christ is alive today.

If having read it, you want to know more — either send back the reply slip and/or come along to Heatherside Church this Easter. *Find out more about real faith for yourself.*

AFC HEATHERSIDE



I am pleased to advise our readers that the Club is alive and the boys and girls are playing some very good football. Last year our Under 17 side gained promotion and are playing in the Under 18 1st Division — a first for the Club.

Our Under 11 team is riding high at the top of their division and the girls' teams are continuing their friendly match fixtures.

We are your local junior football club, so why not pop up to the Rec. and see us play.

Two very important dates for your diaries: our AGM is on Friday 29 April at 8pm and the Presentation Night is on Saturday 21 May at 6.30pm.

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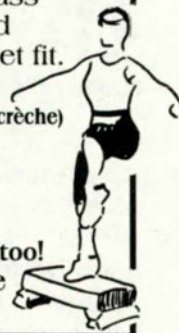
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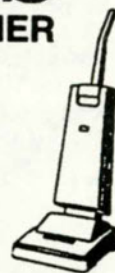
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HEATHLANDS MENTAL HEALTH NHS TRUST THE RIDGEWOOD CENTRE

The Ridgewood Centre provides a base for a range of health care activities. The site is the responsibility of Heathlands Mental Health NHS Trust and houses some direct patient care services as well as the administrative offices of North West Surrey Health Authority and the headquarters of the Trust.

Heathlands NHS Trust provides care for people with mental health problems in Guildford, Waverley, Surrey Heath, Rushmoor and Hart. Common problems treated by the staff of the Trust include depression, anxiety states, alcohol addiction and schizophrenia. People can suffer these difficulties for a number of reasons, a bereavement, divorce, job loss, etc. The Ridgewood Centre provides 49 inpatient beds for local people who are in the acute stages of these illnesses. The unit is fully staffed, 24 hours a day, by registered nurses. Consultant psychiatrists and other disciplines are daily involved in patient care.

People are generally admitted to the unit by referral from their General Practitioner, and the average length of stay is about four to five weeks. The unit offers assessment and diagnosis, occupational therapy, psychological therapies, medication and a range of other specialised treatments.

Heathlands' aim is to provide local accessible mental health services. If you would like to know more about The Ridgewood Centre or any of the other services provided by Heathlands, please contact:

Mrs. Philippa Slinger, Deputy General Manager
Director of Nursing and Elderly Services
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Camberley Heatherside District

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For more details 'phone: Mrs Margaret Cox,
District Commissioner 0276 25131



Scouts

4th Frimley Scout Group



The 4th Frimley Scout Group is for boys and girls living in the Heatherside area. Boys aged 8 - 10½ are eligible for Cubs which meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our Membership Secretary is Helen Davies (tel: 26105).

We also have four scout troops which meet every evening, except Fridays. Two of our scout troops are mixed with boys and girls from 10½ to 15½ years old. We share a Venture Scout Unit with 2nd Frimley.

We offer a very active programme to challenge young people to work together, learn new skills, help others and prepare for adult life.

Do you have some time to spare? We always need helpers. We also need a maintenance person to check the hall for minor repairs — we will pay out-of-pocket expenses.

If you can help or want further details call Elisabeth (tel: Camberley 62624).

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SO WHAT'S GOING ON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON HEATHERSIDE?

a look at activities organised by Heatherside Church

FRIDAY NIGHTS

SPARX: 6.15 - 7.45pm

(formerly Junior Youth Fellowship)

Open to youngsters aged 10 - 12 inclusive.

No need to sit at home watching the TV! Join us for 90 minutes of fast moving fun and action with games, outings and loads of different activities.

Coming up:

Friday April 22: On the field

Friday April 29: What a mix-up!

Friday May 6: Halo Tournament.

Info: Pete Harlow ('Fuzz') - 61170

IGNITION: 7.45 - 9.45pm (formerly YF)

For young people aged 13+ we have a radical programme of activities planned - outings, games, parties, competitions and much more. Bring your friends!

Info: Mandy Walters - 62146

All these events are based at Heatherside Community Centre and Church, Martindale Avenue



SUNDAYS

SPOTLIGHT: 6.30pm (fortnightly)

The Centre becomes the venue for young people's events with a difference... it's different, it's not like a church, it's fast moving - drama, sketches, video, contemporary music, topical investigations into serious issues. Open to all young people of secondary school age.

This term the themes take their cue from film and TV titles

Coming up:

Sunday April 17: "I'll do anything for love" - Courting

Sunday May 1: "Witches of Eastwick" - the Occult

Sunday May 15: "Changing Places" - Poverty

CIA & TROG:

For 11 - 14 year olds on Sunday mornings we have two groups going on during the morning service. We learn together, have fun, quizzes, sometimes using video's.

Meet together at church at 10.30am.

Info: Mandy Walters - 62146

or Richard Heddle 66643

AFTERBURNER:

For 15+. Meets on Sunday nights with its own activities and events.

Info: Tony & Ruth Washington - 677648

WHO'S WHO AT HEATHERSIDE CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am

1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays:

Morning Worship (with crèche and Junior Church)

3rd Sunday:

Family Service (with crèche)

4th Sunday:

Holy Communion (with crèche and Junior Church)

6.30pm

Evening Service

Communion (with prayer for healing) once a month on the second Sunday.

Other services as announced.

MIDWEEK

Discovery Group/Christian basics - fortnightly on Tuesday evenings.

Afternoon Fellowship - Tuesday 2.30pm (at the Centre)

Morning Break - Thursday 10am - 12 noon (at the Centre)

House groups - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings or Wednesday mornings.

Youth Night Sparx: Friday 6.15pm (10 - 12's)

at the Centre: Ignition: Friday 7.45pm (13+)

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