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Last Issue - Farewell to Newslink!

Since Newslink began in 1994, the way we share news, seek out tradesmen, find clubs and societies to join and participate in community life has changed more than anyone could imagine.

It is therefore with sadness that we announce that this will be the last printed edition of Heatherside Newslink. Community news moves at a much faster rate now, and news is often 'old' before we can print it.

We understand that not everyone can, or wants to, join the social networks available on various well known websites, but does look like it will be the future. There is a very active website full of local news and issues run by Deepcut councillor Paul Deach, and Newslink recommend residents use this and sign up to the local email lists too www.surreyheath-residents.co.uk

truly community-based As newsletter, we would like to thank all those who made production possible - our advertisers. independent businesses based in the local area; community groups supplying news and photos; local councillors for support and access funding; Heatherside Community Association Heatherside Church providina administration, our printers Imprint Colour and most of all the team who delivered Newslink to every home whatever the weather.



Newslink Team past and present Standing: Paula Huckle, Julie Conner, Kate Peddie, David Buckingham, Seated: David Cox, Angela Walker

The current production team thank those who went before them and bid you all a fond farewell.



12th - 15th March 2014 7.30pm Sat. Mat. 2.30pm The Camberley Theatre

The Savoy Singers

Next March you are invited to use your imagination and travel with us to the city of Venice for our production of **THE GONDOLIERS.** A highlight for tourists today, Venice was one of the places to go in Victorian times – for those who had the time and could afford it! By a strange coincidence, back in 1889 Gilbert was working on a plot borrowed from a history of the Venetian Republicans, and Sullivan was holidaying in Venice so that when he returned to London his head was filled with fresh ideas to add a real Italian flavour to his music.

The plot follows the fortunes of two gondoliers one of whom (but which one?) is the King of Barataria but had been kidnapped as a baby and then fostered out. To complicate matters the young king had been married in infancy to the daughter of a Duke, and, quite unknowingly, both gondoliers had only recently married their sweethearts. They are forced to leave their brides and sail off to the island of Barataria where they reign jointly until such time as the true identity of the king can be disclosed by the aged foster-mother. It is all great fun, and the colourful settings and costumes are matched by some of

Sullivan's liveliest songs including "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes", "When a Merry Maiden Marries", and, of course, "Dance a Cachucha". THE GONDOLIERS was the very first production put on by the Savoy Singers back in 1969, and has remained a firm favourite with Camberley audiences ever since.

Make a note of the dates – Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th March 2014 at Camberley Theatre. Performances are at 7.30pm with a Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets from Camberley Theatre Box Office 01276 707600 or book on line: www.camberleytheatre.biz

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.

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

Heatherside Church Community Celebration Services

At the beginning of the autumn term 2013 Heatherside Church hosted a Community Celebration Service. The service was fun and lively and aimed at all our Heatherside estate familes as well as the young at heart! The morning consisted of a short Church service lead by Rev Larry. After the service there was time to chat to friends and neighbours and enjoy each other's company. Refreshments were served with plenty of tea, coffee and cake! There was a bouncy castle and various activities for the children including painting, play dough model making, Brio train set and jigsaw puzzles designed to keep your young ones occupied while you exchanged news and views with friends. This proved to be a very successful and enjoyable morning for all who came.



We at Heatherside Church are now planning to make this a regular event at the beginning of each term. So our next community service will be on **Sunday 12th January 2014** and you are all invited to come along. More details will be available nearer the time from our website. www.heathersidechurch.org.uk or by emailing us on heathersidechurch@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there.



Heather Ridge School

It is hard to believe that we have already been back at school for nearly a term – the Summer seems a long time ago! Maybe it's because we always have so many exciting things taking place that the days seem to whizz by! Already this term, we have had our fabulous transport day with a range of amazing vehicles lining our playground. We've sung

Harvest songs for Heather Ridge Senior Citizens, learned about REALLY old toys (some of which Mrs

McKay remembered!) had a 'red, white and blue' day to support all of our Armed Forces as well as a 'hats, wigs and rainbows' day to raise funds for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice AND collected for the Christmas Shoe Box Charity.

Learning is always at the heart of everything we do at Heather Ridge but our days are full of fun and excitement. We are now looking forward to the run up to Christmas and this very special time of year – there is no better place to be than in school!



Heatherside Community Association

I was tidying up some of the paperwork I had accumulated over the years I had been privileged to be Chairman of the Community Association, when I came across some copies of Heatherside Herald, the journal of the Community Association. This was a simple black and white publication that went out quarterly to homes in the area. Reading these brought back so many happy memories. How many of you remember the Challenge Cup Evenings? Darts, Volleyball, Skittles, Drives etc. were all participated in with great enthusiasm. There were jumble sales too, when Friday night was spent sorting endless bags of goods and bargaining with dealers for the best price we could get (Anita excelled at this) and dealing with the gueues on Saturday morning. There were theatre trips, drinks stations for Camberley half-marathon to man; something on the go.

All these events were publicised in Heatherside Herald and later on that splendid glossy publication Newslink. We shall miss our magazine, and would really appreciate any ideas you might have for keeping in touch. Please ring Anita or Pam in the office (63208) if inspiration comes to you.

The staff and committee of the Association wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Pat Parry



From the Vicar's Desk

I have to be honest and say I really don't know what to write. I am very sad that it has not been possible for the Newslink publication to be able to keep going. Everywhere I go on Heatherside I notice Newslink on coffee tables, in the community centre fover etc. It has been a privilege to be able to write few words for each publication. I am grateful for those who have worked hard to produce such a professional and informative publication. It has been such a great way to find out all that has been happening in our community. There are so many people to whom we owe a debt of thanks. Those who have worked hard behind the scenes to coordinate and produce Newslink as well as all the organisations and individuals who have produced articles from time to time and those who have written as regular contributors. And of course we cannot forget all those who have braved the English weather to post the final copy through every door on Heatherside.

As I have written before it seems to me that we are at a time of transition as a community. Many of our older members who have been faithfully volunteering for decades to run so many of our community groups are beginning to be unable to continue to do so. As a community we are going to need to find new volunteers if such groups are to continue. I suspect that we need to find committed people who are willing to help for a few years and then hand over to others rather than look for people who will work for decades! I am aware that a number of groups are struggling – some for enough members and others for leaders. We all need to ask ourselves what we could do to contribute to the quality of our community life together. Is there a community group you could get involved in? As I have mentioned before, smiling at each other and saying good morning to a stranger all goes to improve our lives together on Heatherside. What else might we do?

So a sad but grateful farewell to Newslink. I have offered to moderate a community email group which is part of the Surrey Heath Residents Network as this is the only way I could see us continuing to be able find out what is going on in our community. Details can be found elsewhere in this issue. I await my training with interest – say a prayer for me!

Blessings

Larry Bain,

Vicar - Heatherside Parish Church

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Camberley and Heatherside Guides

Brownies in partying mood

10th Brownies enjoyed a wonderful weekend away in October, having fun and getting to know each other much better. We went to a Brownie House



just the other side of Farnham and enjoyed lots of outdoor activities including Pond Dipping, Grass Sledging, and the most challenging task was trying to get to the top of the Climbing Wall! All of them did it, but admitted to it being their most difficult of tasks. On Saturday evening the skies cleared and we were able to have a great Camp Fire and sang to the stars. I'm surprised you did not hear us in on Heatherside! Two Brownies celebrated their birthdays, so there was plenty of birthday cake and treats — a fabulous time was had by all.

35 Guides from 10th Camberley spent an enjoyable evening at Wembley Arena in October for a Guiding only music concert called "The Big Gig". We were entertained by Jermaine Douglas, Union J, Little Mix, to name a few. We had a fantastic evening travelling by coach from Pine Ridge to Wembley.

Guides go to Ka-Boom at the Science Museum

Early on a wet Sunday morning in October a group of guides and their leaders from 10th and 3rd Camberley Guides met at Sunningdale railway station. Their destination was the Science Museum, for a special guiding day organised by Girlguiding London and South East Region.

On arrival the guides received a challenge questionnaire plus a 'goody bag". During the course of the day the girls looked at a variety of themed exhibits and enjoyed many interactive games. All these helped them to understand the ideas and technology behind many of Britain's great inventions. They were lucky to sit and listen to a dramatised talk by an



actress portraying Marie Curie. She explained how she had discovered radioactivity and its eventual role in cancer treatment. She told the girls how difficult it was in the early 20th century for women to be recognised as scientists in their own right. Her message was that young women could achieve whatever they desire if they are determined to succeed.



Rainbows have been having fun with a pirate themed party, and took time to send Christmas greetings to the girl they sponsor in the Philippines through local charity ASCT.

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

Senior Citizens' Club

It is with great sadness we have to let everyone know that Hilda Cooper, our Chairman of many years, has passed away after a short illness. Hilda gave many voluntary hours to the Baby Clinic, as President of Heatherside WI and of course our club. She was a very popular Chairman, very caring and a great organiser. We will all miss our friend.

4th Frimley (Heatherside) Scout Group Beavers aged 6 – 8

Past

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



Scouting started on Heatherside in April 1971 under the guidance of Hal West (still resident on Heatherside) as Group Scout Leader. At that time the Group, comprising one Scout Troop and one Cub Pack, did not have its own HQ but met in Heather Ridge County Primary School as it then was.



One of the Packs on holiday at Polyapes Campsite in June 1986. The boys are looking very smart in short trousers and caps!

Scouting was thriving and we believe that by 1977 there were two Cub Packs (Violet and Red), one Scout Troop (Black) and a Venture Scout Unit which was joint with 2nd Frimley. Violet Pack met at Heather Ridge School and Red Pack met at Prior Heath School. In 1977 a second Scout Troop was formed with Black Troop meeting at Ravenscote School and Gold Troop, the new one, meeting at Heather Ridge.

In 1979 three Scouts who were selected as representatives of Surrey Heath District, including Simon Vicary of 4th Frimley, attended the World Scout Jamboree. It was to be held in Iran and planning was at a fairly advanced stage when the revolution which deposed the Shah took place. As a consequence the Jamboree got split across several locations and the Surrey Heath contingent ended up in Canada at the Halliburton Scout Reserve, one of four major Scout Camps in the greater Toronto region. They spent 10

days camping and a week in the Toronto area as guests of Canadian families.

By 1980 there were so many boys on the waiting list that a third Cub Pack (Blue) and a third Scout Troop (Silver) were opened and it was in 1981 that the Group moved into its current HQ, built as part of the Community Centre. At the official opening ceremony the Group Scout Leader Mr Arthur Tyrell said how pleased he was that the 186 members would now have a permanent headquarters for the first time. In June 1984 the Cubs held a pack holiday at Gilwell Park. As it was an Olympic year, that was the chosen theme for the camp. Looking back at the photographs they seem to be having the same fun that the Cubs have today.

Our knowledge about the late 1980s and 1990s is sketchy but we do know that at the end of our 25th Anniversary year a cherry tree was planted in Heather Ridge school grounds to commemorate the occasion and a Silver Jubilee Camp was held at Mellow Farm in May 1996.

Due to a shortage of leaders numbers fell quite dramatically and by 2003 there was only one Cub Pack (Blue) and the numbers had fallen in Scouts. But it was exciting times as this was the year that our first Beaver Colony started and Red Pack re-opened due to demand for Cub places. It was also around this time that we had our first girl member in the Group. She started with the Beaver colony and stayed right through to Scouts. Today we have girls in all our sections.



5th April 1997- cherry tree planting to mark our 25th anniversary year

Present

We have 90 members with one Beaver Colony, Red and Blue Cub Packs and Black Troop all run by enthusiastic leaders. We get up to many exciting activities such as abseiling, archery, backwoods cooking, bowling, canoeing, carol singing, caving, climbing, cycling, donutting, dragon boating, expeditions, fire lighting, flying, geocaching, Halloween howlers, incident hikes, jousting, kayaking, knotting, laser quest, map reading, navigating, orienteering, pioneering, quiz nights, raft building, sailing, scuba diving, shelter building, skiing, snowboarding, treasure hunts, visits, wide games, exercising, yarn telling and any other zany activities we can think of!



Scuba Diving 2009

Future

We are about to appoint a new Group Scout Leader to whom we wish the best of luck in leading the Group forward. We would also like to congratulate Kieran Adams (an ex-4th Frimley Beaver, Cub and Scout) who has been selected to represent Surrey Heath District at the 23rd International Jamboree in Japan 2015!

Thank you to everyone who has been, or still is part of Scouting here on Heatherside as we look forward to the next 42 years and beyond!

Don't forget that you can find us at www.4thfrimley.org. If anyone can help fill in some of the gaps in our history we would love to hear from you by e-mailing admin@4thfrimley.org

David Ivison County Councillor

I am sad to see the demise of the Heatherside Newslink, having supported it financially and editorially over the past 8 years. It does reach <u>every</u> household in Heatherside unlike social media links. Nevertheless one accepts and welcomes the advance of social media which, if it disseminates factual information to the public (rather than sometimes uninformed and perhaps prejudiced personal opinions) has an important communication role to play in society.

The Heatherside Newslink has played a major part over the years in promoting the identity and coherence of the Heatherside community and must have contributed to the Daily Mirror headlines in May this year voting Heatherside as the 'least deprived parish in England' - and later as one of the most desirable places to live in the country! Long may this continue under the social media mantle!

Whatever communication method you use, my own contact details remain: 01276 27778; email david.ivison@virgin.net

Plus, of course, wading through the dozens of tweets, blogs, podcasts etc I receive every day!

After all this I trust I will not be the first one to use the recently installed defibrillator (heart machine) outside the Community Centre - but I am relieved that I have also organised First Aid training for a number of Heatherside residents - and am happy to organise more if the demand is there.

My thanks to the current production team who had the thankless job of chasingup deadlines!

Councillor David Ivison

County Councillor, Heatherside & Parkside



Ian Cullen, Local Councillor

I daresay the time had to come for us to say goodbye to Newslink. Technological advances have brought changes to our methods of communication and even time itself seems to have taken on a different texture. Newslink has served the community for more than forty years and will be missed. Local events and news will be posted online at the



www.surreyheath-residents.co.uk blog along with information about the many organisations serving our community. Among the highlights of the summer past we had the Heather Ridge School summer fete at which I was persuaded to become a target for the wet sponge throwers, with an all too predictable result. More recently the annual Halloween Howler was blessed with slightly kinder weather than last year and, as always, many of the children wore their "Trick or Treat" costumes as they enjoyed the fun of the fair. Deepcut bridge repairs are, of course, creating problems for motorists but they did not stop Hollywood coming to film sequences for "Secret Service" at the Garrison Church. Crowds gathered and many saw the great Samuel L Jackson and Colin

Firth go head to head in scenes from the film. Speaking of performers, if you have

not yet booked for Jack and Beanstalk at the Camberley theatre don't hesitate! It promises to be the best pantomime ever. Plans for the dramatisation of local writer's "Innocents into War" are moving ahead with support from the Surrey Heath Arts Council. On behalf of Surrey Heath Borough Council, the arts council are also able to offer small grants for group or individual arts projects. These grants may be used to purchase equipment or dance/drama training or to assist with other arts orientated activities. Application forms can be found on the SHBC website. The arts council also administers the James Winterbottom Bursary Fund. A bursary may be used to help with the cost of training, buying instruments or other essential equipment – in fact anything a visual or performing artist needs to prepare for or develop a career in the arts. Bursaries are available to any resident of Surrey Heath. Application is by letter in the first instance to, The Chairman of the Grants Committee, SHAC, 2 Connop Way, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 8RX.

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





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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

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, meetings at 6.00-7.30 pm at 183A London Road, Camberley

Please contact us for more information (01483) 590150 Or email us at groups@sadas.org.uk



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Paul Ilnicki, Local Councillor

Whilst I, like many others are deeply saddened that this is the last edition of Heatherside Newslink, I do understand some of the reasoning behind this decision.

However there are many people and many households who look forward to receiving this publication regularly. For reasons of not being 'on the web' or not having an email address, or having limited access to email, some people in these categories will feel a little more 'isolated' in their lives. We will have to try and help and overcome this, possibly by reintroducing our so-called 'Councillor Surgeries', let me know your views on this. This may sustain the feeling of good old fashioned communication, of which the Newslink was identified as a major part. Having said all that, I would say the following: those who can, please keep in touch with the various web-sites that are available and relevant, including www.surreyheath-residents.co.uk

As I write this, the date I am doing so coincides with the Halloween Fun Fair and Fireworks held on the Heatherside Recreation Grounds. It is usually well attended and enjoys by all who go to it. I have looked through Newslink editions going back to 2004, and the general theme has been reporting community events, and varies from the different groups reporting, to storm damage, celebrating a new Minister, the Zebra Crossing at Martindale Avenue, the new play equipment and skate park on the recreational ground, and a whole host of other issues – well reported and regular topics with our local community.

It remains to say a huge 'thank you' to all those, past and present who have worked so tirelessly as volunteers to produce and contribute and distribute Newslink, since its start

But thank you all, and if the new format of our communication is half as successful, then that bids well for our future community communication.

As always you will find me at

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	Tiny Talk	10.45 - 12.15pm	Gemma Bailes	07900 685422
	U3A Tai Chi	12.30 - 3.00pm	Colin Glass	01276 501492
	Pilates	2.00 - 3.15pm	Julie Foley	07890 963153
	Slimming World	5.30 - 9.00pm	Angela Williams	07879 471855
	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
	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
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	U3A Badminton	1.00 - 3.30pm	Colin Glass	01276 501492
	Pre-school	1.35 - 4.15pm	Helen Juneja	01276 510923
	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
THUR SDAY	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja	01276 510923
	Music with Mummy	9.30 - 1.45pm	Ann-Marie Woodley	01276 670221
	Tiny Talk	12.45 - 2.15pm	Gemma Bailes	07900 685422
	Senior Citizens Club	2.00 - 4.00pm	Pat Lawrence	-1276 508434
	Karate	4.30 - 5.30pm	D. Bishop	07908 202273
	Pilates Class	6.30 - 7.30pm	Julia Foley	07890 963153
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FRI DAY	Pre-school	8.50 - 11.50am	Helen Juneja	01276 510923
	Pre-school	1.35 - 4.15pm	Helen Juneja	01276 510923
	U3A Tap Dancing	2.00 - 3.00pm	Colin Glass	01276 501492
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The Community Centre, Martindale Avenue

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www.heathersidechurch.org.uk



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