

## BYE BYE MOBILES, HELLO MODULES!

by David Payne, Headteacher

What a momentous event! It hardly seems believable but, after some 34 years of temporary classrooms for 120 of our children, the modules that will form the bulk of the infrastructure for our new classrooms have arrived - in dramatic style, being 'flown' in on a giant crane - at Highfield Infants' School. The skill with which the contractors manoeuvred the structures into place was quite remarkable - in fact we have managed to upload a five minute video onto the school's website if you are interested in taking a look.

Amazingly, as they arrived you could see that a lot of the conduits and even some of the fixtures such as hand basins were already in position. Suddenly, after what seemed like endless weeks of groundworks and preparation, a new school was taking shape before our eyes!

Now comes the process of continuing to fit-out the modules and make good the surrounding areas (the

children can't quite grasp why they can't move in straight away!), but the look of our new school is there at last for all to see.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, as local residents, for your co-operation and support during these months, and I hope that you share the enthusiasm that the staff and Governors have for the resolution to the old problem of replacing the 'mobiles'.

To get this far has taken a lot of hard work, endless meetings, sets of minutes, e-mails and phone calls - not just by me, principally by senior members of the Governing Body - without whom this innovation simply would not have been possible. The school community is particularly deeply indebted to the work of Carol Collins, Chairman of Governors, and Tony Chase, Vice Chairman of Governors, who have been relentless in their efforts to effect a positive change for the youngsters at the school.

## 'Twins' for a weekend



John Adam (right) with new friend Gonzague from Douai enjoying cross channel camaraderie - full details of the Douai trip are on page three.

### Calling all keen photographers!

The Oyster will include a photographic competition reflecting the theme of The Oyster - i.e. the illustration and celebration of God's World (maximum size for photographs A4). Please contact The Parish Office on 8460 5682 for further details and an entry form.

Photographs will be returned safely to their owners after the event.



## Special Services and Events for the coming weeks

### Sunday, 3rd June - Trinity Sunday

6.30pm: The Bromley Three Choirs' Festival,  
which will take place at St. Mark's Church, Bromley  
Address - Reverend Alison Newman

Introit: O, gladsome light (Stocks); Responses: John Reading; Setting:  
Brewer in D; Anthem: Blessing, Glory, Wisdom and Thanks (Brewer)

### Sunday, 10th June

10.30am: Family and Parade Service - Canon Paul Miller

Address: Reverend Alison Newman  
followed by the Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds

### Sunday, 17th June

6.30pm: Choral Evensong - Canon Paul Miller

Responses: J. Reading, Setting: Noble in B m., Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity  
(Tchaikovsky) Organist: Daniel Beach, music directed by Claire Tillotson

### Sunday, 24th June

6.30pm: Informal Service

led by Reverend Alison and Mark Newman, and members of the youth  
organisations, with music led by the Music Group

### Sunday, 1st July

Family and Parade Service

- Reverend Alison Newman, Address: Canon Paul Miller



## From the Registers

### Marriage:

We congratulate:

5th May Neil Slee and  
Katherine Chapman

### At Rest:

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

20 April Doreen Lovelock, aged 82  
25 April Anita Bailey, aged 62  
26 April Lucy Hill, aged 100  
2 May Peter D'Allen, aged 81  
4 May Benjamin Marshall, aged 6



## Remembering

### Doreen Lovelock

Doreen was born in Cheshunt as one of a large family of nine children. She served in the Land Army during the Second World War, marrying George in 1945. They had four children, and for many years lived in Anerley. Doreen was a real home maker, always supportive of, and taking pride in, her family's achievements, as well as keeping up with all the extended family news.

Tragedy came with the early death of her daughter, Maureen, and then George, as well as the onset of her crippling arthritis. Doreen was not one to grumble or complain, but stayed independent as long as she was able, helped by her family. Three years ago Doreen came to Durham House, where she loved watching the birds, hearing the Highfield children's laughter, and was supportive of the Home's fundraising for other activities. She will be much missed.

Her funeral, conducted by Ann Gimson, took place at Beckenham Crematorium, attended by her daughters and son, Ann, Joanna and Martin, and her seven grandchildren as well as members of her early family, neighbours and friends.

### Anita Bailey

Anita died on April 10th, aged 62 at Blenheim Court. She had come to live there only recently, having lived nearly all her life in Bellingham with Doris and Alfred, her mother and father, and her brother, Dennis. She was very close to Doris, who passed away only two years ago.

Anita worked for British Gas in Sydenham for 30 years, and took early retirement only when the family moved away from the area.

A service conducted by Peter Stotesbury took place at Lewisham Crematorium, when members of the family gathered together with Jonas, her nephew, to give thanks for her life.

### Lucy Hill

Lucy (nee Baxter) was born in Catford, the youngest of 12 children. She was married to Robert in 1941, and their daughter Helen was born in 1944.

During an air raid in the war she once wheeled Helen in her pram with as many of their worldly goods as they could carry from Forest Hill to Petts Wood! After the war Lucy and Robert, who worked for BP, travelled around the world, including living in New York for two years. Lucy made the perfect partner; she enjoyed organising hospitality for Robert's clients.

They came to live in this area first on the Langley Estate and then to Shortlands. After her husband's sudden death in 1974 Lucy threw herself into charity work, working at Orpington Hospital as well as enjoying her hobbies of golf and bridge. She always took an active interest in others. She received a telegram from the Queen on her 100th birthday last year, and Waitrose at Beckenham honoured their weekly customer with champagne and a cake at their store. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

The service was conducted by

Reverend Alison Newman at Beckenham Crematorium, attended by 30 family members, friends and neighbours.

### Benjamin Marshall

Benjamin tragically died at the young age of just six years. He had been baptised at St. Mary's in 2002, had attended St. Mary's Pre-School in 2003/4, and then St. Mark's School from January 2005.

He was a bright and determined boy, who tackled his school work with enthusiasm, and loved playing games and watching football. He was one of Bromley Football Club's youngest fans.

To his parents, Nigel and Claire, we offer our deepest sympathy; he was their only child.

His funeral service at St. Mary's, Shortlands was attended by over 200 people, and tributes from family, church and school were moving and full of praise for such a remarkable little boy. Canon Paul Miller presided at the service, and the Reverend Alison Newman, the Reverend Steve Varney and the Reverend Nicky Teverson assisted.

# Pre-Schools affirmed!

Bromley Council has decided against the proposal to bring forward the admission into school of all children born between March 1st and August 31st to the September before their 5th birthday rather than, as is currently the case, in the January before their 5th birthday.

After wide consultation, a large number of objections from Pre-Schools - who faced the possibility of closure as a result of the proposals - and from parents, SPAN is delighted to report the decision to keep admission arrangements as they stand.

"This is a wise decision", commented Canon Miller, "and affirms the excellent work Pre-Schools do for our younger children in preparing them for full time education." SPAN detailed in its May issue the reasons why the proposal should be opposed.

# S.M.I.L.E. International

'SMILE International' (Sharing Ministries In Lands Everywhere) is a Christian charity based in Orpington, Kent. It became a registered charity in 2000, setting up a number of long-term development projects across the continents to help those in need. Its focus and dedication are based on relieving suffering and poverty in these communities, while giving a hopeful future too. It arranges for gap year students and for ministry teams to visit these countries to help.

I recently went to Uganda with 'SMILE' and spent an amazing five months with the community and children of 'Stephen Jota Children's Centre'. Photographed with me is Joviah, one of the children I was lucky enough to meet during that time.

'SMILE' is St. Mary's Mission for



the Month of June, and on June 24th I will be talking at the 10.30am service of Family Communion about its work. I hope to see you then!

Sarah Newman

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# DELIGHTS OF DOUAI



by Canon Paul Miller

The bi-annual trip to our link parish in Douai, Northern France, took place over the first weekend in May.

58 people travelled, the highest number ever to go, and as usual there was good support from the Guides.

After a smooth journey through the tunnel and a brief stop for wine shopping, we arrived at Arras, where we met our hosts and had a tour of the underground caves, followed by a welcome drink in the pavement cafés.

Dinner with our hosts in Douai to renew, in some cases, old friendships and in others to make new ones was followed the next day by a wonderful Parish Mass presided over by Abbé Michel, the new Parish Priest, and shared in by Canon Paul and the Reverend Alison.

Several people led the prayers

echoing the concerns and needs of both France and the United Kingdom. It was such a significant moment too, when we were all able to receive Holy Communion.

After Mass we enjoyed a Parish lunch together, washed down by what seemed like a never ending supply of wine, before saying our 'au revoirs' and heading home. Most people were nodding off on the journey back!

Photographed above left outside St. Francis after the Parish Mass are Charles and Jenny Stokes with their French Hosts, Claire and Christian, and above right Abbé Michel (centre) with Canon Paul and Reverend Alison. Below is a group of Shortlands Guides gathering with their French counterparts after lunch in Douai.



## New Appointment

It has been announced that the new Organist and Director of Music at St. Mary's, Shortlands is to be Frank Roddy.

Frank is Head of Music at Wilmington Girls' Grammar School and is currently Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's, Sidcup.

Frank lives in Orpington, is married to Janis, and they have two children, Alison and David. He will take up his new appointment on 1st September.



## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association's Spring newsletter is now available, and includes information about the Safer Neighbourhood Teams introduced over the last year into every ward in Bromley.

Our Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Police Team's February/March Newsletter informs us that agreed priorities for attention are burglary, anti-social behaviour, theft from motor vehicles and anti-social behaviour by motorists.

The February operation to intercept certain youths at Shortlands railway station resulted in almost 200 people being penalised for fare evasion, and speed camera operations resulted in a significant number of speeding fines.

Four individuals were also arrested by the team. The following relevant contacts are noteworthy:

Bromley Police: 01689 891212 -

ask for the Orpington Control Room if reporting suspicious behaviour, or the Help Desk, Bromley if reporting a recent crime or requesting contact details for our Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Police Team.

**In cases of immediate emergency/danger always dial 999.**

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And if you would like a copy of the newsletters or more information about issues under consideration by the Panel, contact Peter White (telephone 020 8460 9357) or enter 'shortlands snt' into Google to visit the Team's webpage!

### Parish Picnic & Barbecue, Fun & Games

Sunday 10th June 2007

in the church grounds, following the 10.30am Family and Parade Service in the church.

Bring your own picnic - barbecue food and refreshments available to buy.

There will be a toddler play area, and many fun games for adults and children.

**Come and enjoy the Shortlands community !**

### A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

led by Canon Paul Miller and the Reverend Alison Newman

24th – 31st May, 2008. Visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Jericho, the Desert and the Sea of Galilee, and the S.O.S. Children's Village in Bethlehem. Details and booking forms are available in the church porch, or telephone Canon Paul on 8460 4989.

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- 10.30 Family Communion, except the first Sunday in the month in term time. During term time there are separate groups in the Church Hall for children aged 4-14.
- 10.30 All Age Eucharist or Parade Service (1st Sunday in the month, term time).
- 18.30 Evening Service

Every Monday

- 17.00 Evening Prayers

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 Holy Communion

Every Friday

- 20.00 Night Prayers

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