

LOCAL MP SPEAKS TO SHORTLANDS RESIDENTS

It was standing room only as around 120 residents attended the Shortlands Residents' Association Annual General Meeting on 25th April in St. Mary's Church Hall.

The Guest of Honour was local MP, Jacqui Lait. She praised the work of Residents' Associations in representing the views and interests of local communities, and stressed the importance of decisions on

development issues being made at local level.

In his report to the meeting on progress over the last year, SRA Chairman Mark Dempsey focused on the way in which the Association was improving communication through regular newsletters and open meetings, both of which would attract new members. Planning issues continued to dominate the SRA's work,

with over 80 applications reviewed in the year, and six major appeal schemes pending.

The SRA had joined forces with St. Mary's in organising a successful barn dance in January, and worked with Bromley on an environmental project at Kingswood Glen. It is hoped that there may be more links in the future.

Mark told SPAN "the turn out for

the meeting was very encouraging. It gives us a real sense that what we are doing is important and of value to the residents. This has been a good year for the SRA, but there is always more that we can do, and I should be very pleased to hear from any residents who would like to be more involved in our activities.

Mark Dempsey can be contacted on 8460 4060.

French Twinning



Over 30 French parishioners from the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Douai, Northern France, St. Mary's Link Parish, were welcomed once again to Shortlands at the end of April for their biennial visit. Photographed above are Father Dominique Dewailly (left) and Canon Paul Miller, parish priests of Douai and Shortlands.

As part of a sightseeing tour of London, which took place on the Saturday afternoon, two pods of the London Eye were filled with the French visitors and their English

hosts. After this very enjoyable trip, hosts and visitors returned to Shortlands, where a number of dinner parties took place.

A shared Parish Eucharist/Mass was held on the Sunday morning, at which Alison Newman, Associate Vicar of Shortlands, gave the address, which was translated by her husband into French. A Sunday lunch then followed in the Church Hall.

"It was a tremendous weekend, during which we were able to show that Christian faith crosses boundaries of culture, nationality, language and

denomination. I sometimes wonder if all the high powered committees that exist to promote Christian unity would be better off coming to places like Shortlands to see a simple model of sharing faith and worshipping together!" commented Canon Paul Miller.

There was, however, a sadness to the visit. It was announced that Dominique Dewailly would be moving on from Douai at the end of the year, and therefore this was his last visit to Shortlands. The following letter was received from Fr. Dominique after the weekend:

*Dear Paul and Lynne,
A very big thank you to all your parishioners for the welcome we received from you; as always warm and generous. May our parishes continue to be of encouragement to one another in finding a strong and clear path in the way of the Lord.*

With all good wishes.

Dominique Dewailly

Special Services in June and July

Sunday, 4th June

10.30am - All Age Eucharist
Canon Paul Miller
and Mark Newman

Sunday, 11th June

10.30am - Family and Parade
Service
followed by the Parish Picnic
in the church grounds

Sunday, 25th June

6.30pm - Taize Service
led by Ian Brentnall

Sunday, 2nd July

10.30am - Family and Parade
Service

led by Mark Newman
Address: Canon Paul Miller

6.30pm - Choral Eucharist
(Book of Common Prayer)
- Canon Paul Miller

Introit: Holy is the True Light
(Ian Brentnall) Setting: Harris in F;
Anthem: Strengthen for Service
(Ian Brentnall)

Organist: Tony Baldwin
Music directed by Ian Brentnall

Parish Picnic & Barbecue, Fun & Games

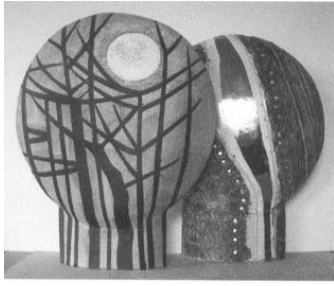
Sunday 11th June 2006

in the church grounds, after the 10.30am Family and Parade Service. Bring your own picnic - BBQ food and refreshments also available to buy.

Toddler play area, Bouncy Castle, Treasure Hunt and many fun games for both adults and children -

Come and enjoy the community of Shortlands!

Open Studios



This year, for the first time, local residents will be offered the opportunity of visiting the 'Open Studio' of three local artists, Norma Jameson, Jane Gibson and Jane

Barnard. Their work, mostly ceramics and painting, an example of which you can see on the left, will be on show in the relaxed atmosphere of Norma's garden (11 Hayes Way, Park Langley, Beckenham).

Entry will be free, and there will be no pressure to buy, although with prices from as little as £2.50 you may be tempted!

The Studio will be open from 11.00am to 6.00pm on June 9th-11th, 15th-18th and 22nd-25th, and if you would like details of other studios to visit, there will be leaflets available from local libraries.

Some Shortlands Statistics ...

Following on from last month's article on 'The Church of England Today', here are some statistics about the Church of England in Shortlands.

The Church of St. Mary, Shortlands serves the community of Shortlands, in which about 7,000 people live. Last year, there were 17 baptisms, 8 weddings and 29 funerals. Over 300 people attended services on Easter Day and over 1,100 attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The average attendance at Sunday worship on a 'normal' Sunday is about 200, and there are 345 names on the church's Electoral Roll.

"Statistics provide pointers as to the health of an organisation", commented Canon Paul Miller. "I find there is renewed interest amongst parents to have their children baptised - they want their children to be brought up as Christians within the Church family.

The number of weddings, however, has slumped considerably since other locations were licensed for weddings, but it is heartening to know that still some want to acknowledge God's presence in their future, and make their marriage vows in Church.

Death, I am afraid, is the ultimate statistic - one in one dies. And we are here to support the bereaved, stand alongside the sad and to help, through the ministry of funerals, those who ask for our presence."

The pattern of church worship has changed considerably in recent times. Whereas Sunday used to be a day of rest, now, since the introduction of Sunday trading, it has become just like any other day. And the introduction of Sunday sport has also provided alternatives to worship. People are now confronted with choices, and Church is seen as just one of those choices. However, a great number of people in Shortlands take their Christian faith seriously, worship regularly and value our presence in the community. We are glad to be partners in the community, and to provide a resource for people's spiritual journey through life."

One of the most significant statistics is that over 300 young people belong to our uniformed organisations.



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He is the God of heaven and earth,
of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley.
The God above heaven and in heaven and under heaven.*

Saint Patrick

Keep smiling!

by Sarah Newman

'Smile International' is a relatively small Christian organisation which focuses on supporting Christian work in several countries where there is great need. It provides missionary opportunities for students who are taking a gap year, and also for Church groups.



As part of my own gap year, which will begin this September, I will be travelling to Uganda with a small group to work with Smile International at the 'Stephen Jota Children's Centre' in Kampala.

During my time there I will be taking part in a variety of projects including teaching, sports activities, assisting in the slum area on HIV projects and supporting the local Church.

I shall be leaving this October, and spending five months there, so have a lot of preparation to do in a short amount of time! This will include not only doing some serious fundraising, but training mentally and spiritually as I prepare for what God has in store for me.

This is an opportunity to gain experience of the wider world, learn about other cultures and the challenges they face, and be of some help to them. If you feel able to support me financially it would be greatly appreciated, and if you would like more information please contact me. 'Smile' also has a website: www.smileinternational.org

If you would like to support Sarah in this venture, contributions can be sent to The Parish Office, 39 Kingswood Road, Shortlands, Bromley BR2 0PU, cheques payable to St. Mary's, Shortlands.

Leprosy Mission Update

Thank you to all those at St. Mary's who continue to



support The Leprosy Mission via the phials collection, co-ordinated by Patrice and Zoe Cooper. A cheque has recently been sent to the Mission for £205.

If you would like to know more about giving to The Leprosy Mission, please contact the Parish Office (8460 5682). Thank you.

Men's Walk at Westerham

Friday 7 July

Leaving St Mary's at 7.00pm

If you want to miss out the walk, just join us at the pub for the drinks afterwards!

For details of the pub, or any other enquiries, Contact Mark Newman on 8658 7784 or 07837 001893 on the night.

Parish Day out to Hever Castle

Saturday, 24th June, 2006

Would you like a day out at Hever Castle? Have a picnic, eat in the restaurant, take a look round the castle, a walk in the grounds, play in the adventure playground, investigate the water maze?

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From the Registers

At Rest:

We extend our sympathy to those who loved

- 11 April Baby Clementine Aves
- 4 May John Lane, aged 79
- 9 May Jonathan Connolly, aged 51
- 17 May Irma Shivanathan, aged 73

Interment of Ashes:

23 April Ivy White



Remembering

Jack Lane

Jack was born in South Norwood. During the war he and his family escaped unharmed when a bomb fell on their home, killing the family living downstairs. He was called up towards the end of the war, and served in the army in India. He worked for British Transport, servicing the trams, and later on the buses.

Jack never married. He moved to Bromley in 1979, when both his parents had died. His hobbies included aviation, model making, travel and eating out. Whenever he sent postcards from abroad they always began "I've found a good restaurant ...!" Jack was a very sociable person, who will be much missed by his family and friends.

Jon Connolly

Jon was a very warm, generous man, who would always help people out. He was very proud of his young son Jonathan, and they loved to go and watch their favourite team, Arsenal, play, as well as kick a football around together in the garden - the dog, Max, often joined in!

Jon was a builder and decorator by trade. He put up a tremendous fight against cancer, never complaining, and continuing to remain positive, helped throughout by the constant support of his wife, Rosalyn.

Irma Shivanathan

Born in Sri Lanka, Irma moved to England to develop her training and qualification in nursing. She married Siva Shivanathan in Epsom in 1966, and moved to Shortlands in 1975.

For the past seven years she had been part of the team which led St. Mary's Toddler Group. Her many interests included children, flower arranging, cooking and entertaining, cricket and motor racing. She was a lady with a real glow in her smile, which demonstrated a deep faith in Jesus Christ. Her presence gave people confidence and happiness.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Mary's, Shortlands, where a large congregation of friends and family joined her husband and Suba and Siva her daughters, prior to cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. A Service of Thanksgiving was simultaneously held in Sri Lanka.

BEAVERS RISE TO LEUKAEMIA CHALLENGE - in 26s!

Anyone who watched the London Marathon in April may have noticed that there were a lot of people running in aid of Children with Leukaemia.

Earlier last term, the 6 and 7 year old Beaver Scouts at St. Mary's had also done their bit for the charity.

We had a meeting composed entirely of doing things in 26s - to match the 26 miles of the Marathon - 26 star jumps, hold your breath for 26 seconds, 26 hops, 26 seconds of silence (nearly)! In groups they thought of 26 first names, 26 sports and sportsmen, 26 countries - that got them in the mood!

The next step was for them to get sponsorship for completing a list of 26 creatures starting with each letter of the alphabet - over half the colony took up the challenge, and raised a magnificent £233 for the charity, thanks to the generosity of their families and friends. Depending on how much they raised, the boys were rewarded with unique Stick'em on Mr. Men and Little Miss badges, made available by the family of their creator, Roger Hargreaves.

It is always good to be able to give something back, and it would appear that age need not be a barrier.

John Westropp, Polar Bear



Choir Notes

We are thrilled at the great response we have had to the launch of our Choir Club, which takes place on Thursdays from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Our Organ Scholar Claire Tillotson has begun working with nine children, and we were delighted to welcome them into the morning service for the first time on 7th May. If you have a child in year two or above who is interested in singing and would like to join, please contact Claire on 8460 7368 or Suzie in the Parish Office on 8460 5682. New members will be very welcome, and Choir Club is fun as well as work!

Our very own Canon Paul Miller will be preaching at the annual Bromley Three Choirs Festival at 6.30 pm on 11th June at Bromley Parish Church, and he's promised a short sermon! To hear Paul, as well as the combined choirs of BPC, St. Mark's and St. Mary's who will sing a really exciting service including Noble in B minor and Parry's great anthem "I was glad", we hope very much that you can join us.

The next choral service at St. Mary's will be a service of Choral Eucharist on 2nd July at 6.30 pm, when the choir will sing Harris in F and Ian Brentnall's anthem "Strengthen for service" (written for the Licensing of our Assistant Vicar Alison Newman).

Guides keeping busy ...

The 2nd Shortlands (Friday) Guides recently enjoyed a weekend cycling in the Isle of Wight, which followed a successful Cycling Proficiency course put on specially for them by Bromley Council. Their time out of the saddle included a visit to Amazon World (see photograph below), where Katie Shanahan and Hannah Dowling were enrolled with two unusual companions - a meercat and a capybara (the largest rodent in the world).

Amy Hickey and Claire

Donovan, also of the 2nd Shortlands (Friday) Guides have recently gained their Baden-Powell Challenge, the highest award that can be achieved in the Guide section. Their badges and certificates were presented by Division Commissioner Zoë Phillips, and District Commissioner Claire Hardy.

Amy and Claire have now gone on to become Young Leaders with local Brownie and Guide units. They shared their success with the Guides in the traditional way, with giant cookies bearing their names.



St. Mary's, Shortlands Advent Dinner and Dance

Friday, 24th November
7.30pm for 7.45pm

at the Bromley Court Hotel
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Mary's Church Hall. The cost will be £5 a day per child or £23 for the whole week.

Bookings are now being taken; please contact the Reverend Alison Newman on 8658 7784 for a booking form.

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- 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

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- 10.00 Holy Communion

Every Friday

- 20.00 Night Prayers

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