

## Shortlands Councillor elected Mayor

Councillor George Taylor, recently re-elected as one of our two Shortlands Ward Councillors has been elected Mayor of Bromley for the Municipal year 2010/11. His Mayoral year of office began on 19 May. Councillor Taylor has been a resident of the Borough since 1954 and attended Burnt Ash Primary School followed by Bromley Grammar School for Boys in Hayes Lane.

First elected twelve years ago in 1998, he has represented Shortlands ever since. As well as performing the role of one of the two Ward Councillors, he also became the first ever Portfolio Holder for the Environment under the new system of Local Government that began in 2002. He replaced a committee of 14! Remaining the Portfolio Holder for the next four years, he had responsibility for Planning, Roads, Road Safety, Waste Management and Environmental Health. In 2006 he became the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety.

After being chosen and appointed by his fellow Councillors, it is his duty to act as a politically impartial chairman of the Council, making sure that proper conduct takes place in the Council chamber during meetings. The Mayor also has a duty and privilege to support local initiatives aimed at providing benefit to the Council area and its diverse communities. In this role, the Mayor can speak and act, in multiple capacities, as ambassador, facilitator, promoter and encourager.

This may involve highlighting relevant causes and assisting members of the local community to receive the recognition they deserve.

However, it is probably the Mayor's ceremonial role that most people are familiar with. Mayors are frequently invited to attend events in the community, such as openings and fundraising events organised by voluntary and charitable organisations. Fundraising events may also be held for charities that are chosen by the new Mayor at the start of the civic year. All in all, it is potentially a busy year for any Mayoral candidate.

Commenting on his appointment, Councillor Taylor said 'I am particularly proud as a Shortlands Councillor to be honoured as I believe it has been some time since this has happened. Shortlands is a wonderful community of people and I hope that they will also regard my election as Mayor as a tribute to them.'

'I am also lucky to have the support of my Mayoress, Carole, a lady who will bring both dignity and engagement to the role.'

The Mayor chooses a charity to support throughout the year, and Councillor Taylor has opted for The Prince's Trust. 'It was a difficult to decide which organisation would benefit as my Mayoral Charity this year,' he said, 'the factor that decided me was reading that around one in five young people in the UK are not in work, education or training. Youth unemployment costs the UK



**Councillor George Taylor, with his Chaplain Canon Paul Miller, on his first full day of office**

economy £10 million a day in lost productivity, while youth crime costs £1 billion every year. I decided therefore to nominate the Prince's Trust who address this by giving practical and financial support to the young people who need it most. They help develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to move into work, education or training.'

Councillor Taylor's Deputy

Mayor is Councillor Ruth Bennett who represents the Bromley Common and Keston Ward.

Canon Paul Miller, Vicar of Shortlands, will be the Chaplain to the Mayor throughout his year of office.

**There will be a Civic Service at St. Mary's, Shortlands on Sunday, 20 June at 10.30am to which all are invited.**

## Holy Land Pilgrimage 2011

Canon Paul Miller will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2011. Brochures are available in the Church porch.

### Parish Picnic & Barbecue, Fun & Games

Sunday, 13 June 2010

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!**

## St. Mary's own version of STRICTLY COME DANCING

comes to Shortlands

on Saturday, 25 September

at 6.45pm for 7.00pm in the Church Hall

Watch this space for further details

Arranged by the Friends of St. Mary's

### Special Events and Services

<b>Sunday</b> 13 June	10.30am	<b>Parade Service followed by the Parish Picnic and Barbecue</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 20 June	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Civic Service Choral Evensong</b>



## From the Registers

### Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

16 Apr Cerys Baxter  
18 Apr Charlie Neil  
Katie Neil  
25 Apr Olivia Hoad  
Sarah Wood

### Holy Matrimony

We congratulate:

16 Apr Andrew McArthur and  
Joanna McEgan

### At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

1 Apr Kenneth Smith, aged 79  
17 Apr Lawrence Woodham, aged 58



## Remembering

### Kenneth Smith

Ken was born in Lewisham and grew up in Beckenham where he attended Beckenham Grammar School. He was one of three and the eldest. He is survived by his brother, Brian, and sister, Jill. He was married to Rosemary for 44 years and they lived in Shortlands for 35 of those years. They had two sons, Richard and Kevin, and four grandchildren.

He did his National Service in the RAF and then he became a chartered accountant and a partner in a firm of accountants.

Amongst his interests were reading, politics, history, classical music and his garden.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, took place at Beckenham Crematorium prior to cremation, at which both his sons and two of his grandchildren Marko and Aleksander took part.

### Lawrence Woodham

Larry was born in Sydenham in 1951. He was one of four. He was educated at Green Hayes School and Hawes

Down in West Wickham. He married Helen in 1979 and they had two sons Michael and David. He is survived by his brothers Gerald and Trevor and his sister, Michelle.

Although he started his career as an electrician he soon moved into finance - working for Sun Life of Canada and then Arthur Copelands. He loved the outdoors and people. He enjoyed cycling and was a great socialiser. He was a great host and loved entertaining. He had a very large circle of friends and business associates.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, and attended by many people took place at Beckenham Crematorium prior to Cremation.



## FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S, SHORTLANDS

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# Parenting Course in Shortlands

We are delighted to announce that a Parenting Course is to be offered in Shortlands in September.

Julianne Medway, a trained facilitator for the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program Course, is to lead two courses in Shortlands during 2010/2011. One will be for parents of teenage children and the other for parents of under 11s.

'I am excited by this opportunity,' enthused Julianne. 'The course equips parents from every walk of life with skills that can directly and positively affect their children's welfare.'

Triple P is an eight week course. It is a support strategy aimed at the prevention of behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children. This is achieved by enhancing the



knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. It helps to improve parenting skills and assists parents in building positive relationships with their children.

The first course in Shortlands will commence on Tuesday, 28 September at 8.00pm and will run for 8 weeks. It will be for parents of under 11s. The course for parents of teenage children will commence in January 2011.

If you would like to register your interest please contact the Parish Office.

# Chorister of the Year



The Paul Baker Chorister of the Year Award was recently made on the occasion of the Friends of St. Mary's Annual Service of Choral Evensong. Sophia Pearson was nominated by Frank Roddy, Organist and Director of Music at St. Mary's.

The Award is made annually by the Friends and consists of a medallion and a cash award for scholastic use.

Pictured are Frank Roddy and Sophia Pearson.

# Mission of the Month

## Motor Neurone Disease Association - West Kent Branch

The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) supports those with MND through a network of ninety local branches. The West Kent Branch covers the BR and TN postcodes.

In the Bromley area there are four volunteer Association visitors. They visit those with MND to support, encourage and assess needs not being met by the Local Authority.

Two of these visitors attend the multi-disciplinary meetings held every two months at the Princess Royal Hospital. At these meetings are the neurologist, thoracic consultant, speech therapist, occupational therapist, St. Christopher's Hospice and others.

The Branch helps to supply equipment 'to provide the highest quality of life possible'. Recently this has included a two storey household lift and also a four wheeled buggy.

Motor Neurone Disease Association, West Kent Branch is St. Mary's Mission for the Month of June. There will be a display on the Missions notice board during June and further information can be found on [www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org)

## SPAN THANKS

We record our thanks for recent donations of £5.00



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# Douai Weekend



Over 118 sat down to lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday, 2 May as the Parishes of Douai and Shortlands met for their annual twinning visit.

The visit began on Saturday, 1 May with a tour of Rochester Cathedral followed by Choral Evensong at which Hortense de Mereuil, one of the Douai party, read a lesson. Dinner parties followed back in Shortlands - the French and English Guides spent the night in the Church Hall! Accommodation was readily provided for our guests and on the Sunday we shared a Eucharist together, attended by over 300 people. The service was in both French and English and both Canon Paul and Abbe Michel shared in leading the service. The uniformed organisations presented their flags and we had both the Union Jack and French Tricolour on parade. 'A really fantastic weekend' said Canon Paul.

## Churchwardens elected



At the recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting David Jefferys and Ann Swatton were elected as Churchwardens. David now begins his second year of office and Ann her first.

## Inner Peace - this is so true

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

**You are probably the family dog!!**

## FRIENDS OF SOUTH HILL WOOD AND KINGSWOOD GLEN PUBLIC MEETING - ALL WELCOME

**Wednesday, 30 June, 7:30pm, Highfield Infants' School**

This is the first Public Meeting ... the opportunity to contribute to the future of our treasured, and historic, local parks; to meet council officers from the parks department; to question your Committee; to hear, and comment on tentative plans; to make suggestions; to become members ... and more.

**Have your say!**

## Pastoral Assistants' Training Weekend



On 23 April Debbie Speller & Lynne Miller joined 30 other Pastoral Assistants from the Diocese of Rochester for a training weekend away at The Oasts Christian Retreat and Conference centre in East Sussex.

The theme of the weekend was 'From Grit to Glory' - focusing on how as Pastoral Assistants in our churches, they could be better equipped to serve others in whatever area of pastoral care they were involved in.

It was a time of reflection and sharing, fellowship & fun with other Pastoral Assistants and friendships were developed as the weekend progressed. Debbie & Lynne are pictured here with Anita Townshend, 1st left (Bromley Parish Church) and Anne Straiton, middle right (St. John's, Eden Park).

## The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands

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### WORSHIP

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- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 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 2½-14.
- 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

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