

Guides set for foreign adventure



Two members of 2nd Shortlands Guides, Young Leader Eleanor Thompson and Guide Harriet Adam have been selected to represent Girlguiding UK on trips abroad this summer.

Commenting on their selection, Eleanor said: 'I have been selected to represent Girlguiding for London and South East Region in South Africa. This summer I will be spending three weeks in Johannesburg and Durban. In the first week there we will meet South African Guides and do mainly sight-seeing. In the last two weeks I will be working in a Christian orphanage, God's Golden Acre, for children who have lost their parents to the Aids/HIV pandemic. For this trip I have to raise £2,000. I am extremely excited and really looking forward to my trip.'

Harriet who is due to go to Austria commented: 'I have been selected to represent Girlguiding GLK (Greater London Kent) in Austria. I will be spending nearly two weeks at a jamboree on a campsite in Berg. I will be participating in many water activities, including well-digging. I will also be meeting many new people from other countries, and learning about Austrian customs. For this I have to raise £500, and I am really looking forward to this wonderful opportunity.'

A cake sale was held following the Mothering Sunday service at St. Mary's Church, at which the magnificent sum of £605 was raised towards their trips.

Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Team

Welcome to the Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Team.

There have been some changes to the Team recently and we are delighted to introduce the new Team to the Shortlands Community.

We are delighted at the way we are being 'looked after' and it's good that we can be partners together for the wellbeing of our Community.

Some of the Team recently joined the congregation at St. Mary's at the end of the service to 'meet and mingle'.

Left to right (back row) PCSO Debra Peirce, Special Constable Emma Sayers, Special Constable Helen McKeer, PC Micheal Burgess, PCSO Christian Bundock, and (front row) PC Katy Porter, Sgt David Harvey.





From the Registers

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

27 Feb Stella Phelps, aged 84

27 Feb Monty Watson, aged 87



Remembering

Stella Phelps

Stella was born in South London and grew up in Herne Hill. She joined the Army at the age of 15. After the war she worked as a seamstress. She married Bob and they emigrated to what was then Rhodesia, before returning to England and to Brabourne Rise and then Kingswood Avenue. In 1992 she moved to Merlin Court.

Stella was a regular worshipper at St. Mary's, Shortlands. She was a founder member of the 2WW's group, and a regular participant in the Parish Weekend. She was on the Church cleaning rota.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, took place at St. Mary's, Shortlands prior to committal at Beckenham Crematorium. A congregation of residents of Merlin Court and members of St. Mary's joined with Roy, her son, and other members of the family.

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Monty Watson

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He later began a new career in Fleet Street, eventually becoming the Circulation Manager for the Daily Mail. In 1944 he married Pat and enjoyed 21 happy years with her until she died. He married Doris in 1969 and they were happily married for 25 years until she died. Audrey has been his partner for the past 14 years.

It was said that Monty had a super sense of fun and lived life to the full. He also had many interests and enjoyed sports having been a keen footballer in his earlier years. More recently his great interest has been bowls at the Bromley Town Bowls Club. He was also a member of Probus.

A great many friends and colleagues joined his step daughters Janet and Barbara, Audrey, his brother Vic and the five grandchildren at a Service of Thanksgiving for a life well lived, at Beckenham Crematorium on 27 February.

St Mary's Shortlands Holiday Club 2008

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Although only 26 people could make the Parish Weekend this year, it was a resounding success.

Hosted by the Beach Hotel, a weekend of laughter, good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The weekend included a trip to Arundel where Canon Paul Miller took a break by the river with Peggy Smith (left) and Frances Beckman (right), and a Quiz which taught participants that Sarah was the most mentioned woman's name in the Bible!

Glorious weather and a super seaside location helped to make the weekend one of the best yet!

Highfield Infants' School needs to appoint a Partnership Governor. If you would like the opportunity to become involved in the further development of this highly successful local school – recently judged by Ofsted as “outstanding” – then please speak to the Chair of Governors, Carol Collins (07845 705855) or the Vice Chair, Tony Chase (020 8464 6188) who will be happy to explain what is involved.

Special Church Services for April and May

Sunday 20 April

6.30pm - Café Worship in the Hall
Come and taste a new form of worship, titled 'Bodybuilding'

Sunday 27 April

6.30pm - Choral Evensong
Responses: Reading, Canticles: Brewer in D,
Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley)

Thursday 1 May

Ascension Day

8.00pm - Holy Communion with hymns
followed by drinks at the Vicarage and
the lighting of the Ascension Day Rocket

Sunday 11 May

Pentecost - The Birthday of the Church

10.30am - All Age Family Eucharist
with the release of Pentecost Balloons

Sunday 18 May

6.30pm - Three Choirs Festival Choral Evensong
The Choirs of St. Mary, Shortlands, St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley and
St. Mark, Bromley join together for the Annual Three Choirs Festival.
Preacher: The Very Rev'd. John Simpson, O.B.E., M.A., D.D
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Residents' Association AGM

The AGM of the Shortlands Residents' Association takes place on Wednesday, 23 April at 8.00 pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Chief Superintendent Charles Griggs, Bromley Borough Commander of the Metropolitan Police who will talk about crime and security issues in the Borough. The AGM is your opportunity to hear about the Association's activities and progress, and to elect the committee for the coming year. We would also like to hear local residents' ideas and suggestions for how we can celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2009. And we are also seeking volunteers to complete our essential network of liaison officers to make sure that each street and road in the patch is properly covered.

Archbishops' response to Government consultation on blasphemy

As the Government publishes its amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to abolish the blasphemy laws, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, have made public their response to the Government's consultation. In their response the Archbishops make clear their affirmation of the central place of Christianity in British public life and call on the government to explain precisely what the removal of the blasphemy laws does and does not mean for those living out their religious faith in society.

The Archbishops, following consultation with a number of other Christian leaders in England and Wales, restate the Church of England's longstanding position on the blasphemy laws in their joint letter to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government: “Having signalled for more than 20 years that the blasphemy laws could, in the right context, be abolished, the Church is not going to oppose abolition now, provided we can be

assured that provisions are in place to afford the necessary protection to individuals and to society”. They also register ‘reservations’ about the method and timing of such a change and call on the Government to be clear as to precisely why the offences are being abolished.

The Archbishops point to four issues that highlight the need for caution before abolishing blasphemy laws. Firstly, it is still too early to be sure how the new offence of incitement to religious hatred will operate in practice. Secondly, the increased significance of issues touching on religious identity has underlined the importance of not lightly changing laws that carry a significant symbolic charge.

Thirdly, as recently as 5th December the High Court underlined the very high threshold that has to be passed for a prosecution to be brought. Fourthly, a number of those calling for the repeal of the offences misunderstand both what the existing law is intended to achieve, as clarified in the High Court decision as

the preservation of society from civil strife, and the extent to which, in doing so, it protects particular religious beliefs.

In the letter, the Archbishops emphasise that: “Against that background we in the Church of England have serious reservations about the wisdom of legislating at this moment, and especially as part of a Bill introduced to deal with quite different matters, themselves of significant importance. In the light of the recent High Court decision, which should make it a good deal harder for prosecutions to be brought in all but the most compelling circumstances, it is not clear that there is a pressing need for repeal until there has been more time to assess the impact of the offence of incitement to religious hatred.”

They call on the Government to be clear as to precisely why the offences are being abolished and what the implications are for the position of the Christian religion - in relation to both the State and society more generally. “At a time of

continuing debate about the nature of our society and its values, this change needs to be seen for what it is, namely the removal of what has long been recognised as unsatisfactory and not very workable offences in circumstances in which scurrilous attacks on the Christian religion no longer threaten the fabric of society. It should not be capable of interpretation as a secularising move, or as a general licence to attack or insult religious beliefs and believers.

“The place of Christianity in the constitutional framework of our country, governed as it is by the Queen, in Parliament, under God, is not in question in the current debate. The relationship between Church and State, reaffirmed by the Government last July in The Governance of Britain, will continue to provide a context in which people of all faiths and none can live together in mutual respect in this part of the Realm,” the Archbishops say.

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