



Petersfield Area Churches Together

11 Churches – many shades of worship – but only 1 God

May 2012 Newsletter

Hello, may God give you wisdom and peace this month. God bless, Susanne Irving

Kings Arms News

At the recent Kings Arms AGM, the following activities were reported:

- We see about 150 young people attending the afterschool and evening clubs each week
- We mentor over 30 Young people in TSP and Bohunt secondary schools,
- 78 pupils from TPS, Bohunt, Amery Hill and Eggers took part in the offsite provision
- 24 Young carers benefitted from group support, one to one support and trips and activities to give them a chance to have 'normal' childhood experiences.
- We run two special needs groups, teaching life skills and giving parents respite.
- A Tuesday evening 'social action' group has kicked off with a litter pick around the Heath
- We will be running sports at two holiday clubs over the summer
- We are currently signing up year 11's to join us for a 4 week national citizenship service in the summer
- We have been commissioned by the council to run a drop in and outreach service providing advice and support for young people in Liss and Liphook!

Hannah Turner, the Kings Arms Operations Manager commented, "Our afterschool and evening clubs are the bread and butter of the youth work we do. Strong relationships are built here, the young people feel safe and comfortable here, and for a lot of the young people we are the last door open to them, they might not be sporty, or into scouts or brownies, they might not want to join the homework club or want to sit at home on their own waiting for their parents to come home from work, or some of these young people have just been kicked out of all of these other clubs and we are the last ones desperate to show them that they are worth the effort and that we really value them as individuals. We have been running for over ten years now and the number of young people we see is increasing so we are confident that as long as there is a need for our service we will meet the challenges and continue to provide this valuable service". For further information, visit our website www.thekingsarmsyouthproject.co.uk or visit us on the Petersfield Area Churches Together website www.pact.org.uk under Partnership Groups

Unity Bookshop – this month's book recommendations

We have two new books by two popular authors:

"Do yourself a favour ... FORGIVE" by Joyce Meyer; price £12.99, this book helps us to learn how to take control of our lives through forgiveness.

"There are no strong people" by Jeff Lucas; price £9.99; this book is based on the story of Samson and explores some vital principles for living life well.

Cafe Church

Sunday, 13th May from 5:15-7:00pm (Costa Coffee, Ramswalk)

General Community Events

Performance of Tess of the d'Urbervilles: presented by the the Lion and Unicorn Players; tickets £10, concessions £9; under 16s £5 at www.lionandunicornplayers.co.uk (credit and debit cards accepted) or phone 01730 263 254; performances at 7.30pm in Rogate Village Hall (13/5), Greatham Village Hall (14/5), Buriton Village Hall (15/5), West Meon Village Hall (16/5), South Harting Village Hall (17/5), Hambledon Village Hall (18/5), The Petersfield School (19/5), ending with a matinee at 2.30pm at Butser Ancient Farm (20/5)

Rotherlands Nature Reserve – work party: The riverside meadows of Rotherlands were once part of Penns Farm and were neither intensively cultivated nor treated with pesticides or artificial fertilisers. Due to years of neglect the brambles and nettles on Rotherlands had encroached onto the meadows and footpaths, and the more sensitive wildlife areas had become threatened with invasive plants. Rotherlands Conservation Group have worked to transform that wilderness into a wildlife haven and pleasant riverside walk. As a result of volunteers hard work, the site was designated a Local Nature Reserve on 28 May 2004. Work parties are generally held on the third Saturday in the month from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meet in the car park outside Petersfield Rugby Club, Penns Place at 9:30 am, or find the work party on the Rotherlands site. On Saturday, 19th May 2012, help is appreciated in laying footpaths. For more info, check www.rotherlands.co.uk

Prayer Impact – Survey of prayer cover for Petersfield

If you are praying for your road and those around you, could you please e-mail Anderson at vice.chair@pact.org.uk with the name of the roads covered.

Queen's Jubilee on 4th June

At 2 p.m. there will be a procession from the Square to the Heath led by cars and traction engines from the 1950s onwards. PACT hope you will join us as part of the march. We shall have the PACT banner and everyone needs to be wearing clothes from the 1950s era. Children are especially welcome and there will be a best costume competition. There will also be a PACT stall on the Heath.

Holiday Club 30th July – 3rd August

Please sign up on PACT website to receive regular updates. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Messy Church section of Holiday Club, help with the juniors (Craft, Dance, Drama & Sports) and also the site team. We're looking for someone who can run the junior Art & Craft section for 8 -11 yr olds. (Last year there were 24 in this group, and they made small things and some lovely banners and t-shirts!) The theme this year is God's brilliant idea (thank you Spring Harvest 2012!). Even if you aren't able to help maybe you can offer support to someone with the planning, or you may know of someone who would/could be interested in helping out. Contact Emma or myself on 01730 231400 or email helenmason1@ntlworld.com

Praying for the presence of God to fill our communities

We want to cover the whole of the British Isles in prayer using the Olympic torch 'route' as a catalyst in the season 19th May-27th July 2012. It is all about every individual, church or group of churches, taking time to pray about the light of Christ to be seen more brightly and God's blessings on and for our communities either before, or on the day of, or after the Olympic Torch has passed through each area. For full details and resources, including info about the praise bus that will be journeying ahead of this prayer cascade look under 'Shine as the Flame travels' for the pdf www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer

Spiritual food for thought:

"It is no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed. (Augustine)

Any items for inclusion in the **JUNE** PACT Newsletter to reach me by **Friday, 25th May**

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