

## Who's Who?

### Chairperson

Margaret Surrey

### Vice-Chairperson

Eddie Parsons

### Co-ordinator

Bobby Jones

### Administrator

Yvonne Harrison

### Treasurer

Colin Hunt

### Secretary

Jean Clarke

### Web Designer & IT

Jason Coleman

### Project Worker

Angie Henley

### Committee Members

Rishi Chatterjee

Phil Jones

Lyn Barnett

Sarah Kiffin

**Don't miss our  
Thanksgiving Service!**

**Come and join us!**

**Sunday July 22nd**

**@ 3pm**

**St Matthew's Church  
Chichester Rd, Croydon**

**meet**

**Bishop Nicholas Baines  
& The Mayor of Croydon  
Councillor Derek Millard**

**Refreshments will be  
provided at the end of the  
Service**

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## **Woodside Bereavement Service Newsletter**

April 2007

## **15th Birthday Celebrations**

**Woodside Bereavement Service is 15 this year!**

We can hardly believe it. The vision which we had for the Service still goes before us. Over a thousand grieving people have been supported by WBS through their darkest times and the work continues. During our 15th year we intend to have many celebration events, the main one being our Thanksgiving Service in July to which we invite everyone. Whether you have ever been involved with WBS in any way



at all, as a client, a counsellor, a committee member or a supporter, we would value your presence at this Service. Please plan to be with us to support and encourage our work.

## *Birthday Celebrations*

### **Training Course**

WBS is once again hoping to begin its training course for volunteers in September. The course is 50 hours which is run over 12 weeks. This also includes 2 weekends. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact the office on 020 8662 1648 or Margaret or Bobby.



### **Investors in Volunteers Award.**

Last year WBS with a grant from CVA applied for the IiV Award. Our assessor interviewed some members of WBS, poured over our paperwork and submitted her report to the board for their consideration in November. We can now display the logo on our headed notepaper and put the plaque up in the office. The Award was presented to us at our AGM on 27th February by Carole Short of Croydon Voluntary Action.



### **Visit our Web Site**

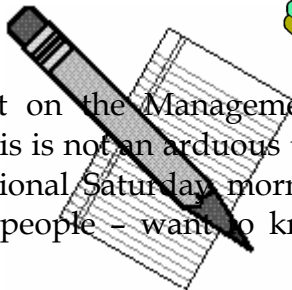
We have updated our website and would appreciate any feedback, it is there to inform and provide our details for those who are bereaved.

[www.thelisteninggear.org.uk](http://www.thelisteninggear.org.uk)



### **Sits Vac**

Current vacancies exist on the Management Committee. Why not consider joining us? This is not an arduous task - we meet only 4 times per year and the occasional Saturday morning prayer breakfast. We need enthusiastic new people - want to know more? Please contact Margaret or Bobby.



## *Birthday Celebrations*

### **THANK YOU**

**Deborah Roberts**, one of our long term counsellors who has also served on the Management Committee celebrated her 60th birthday in February. She had a 'surprise' party given to her by her church friends and she asked that a donation be given to WBS in lieu of birthday gifts. So thank you to Deborah, her friends and relations who gave so generously, £145 was raised

**Jackie Parsons**, who has been one of our Chairpersons, is celebrating her 60th birthday by doing a **ONE MILE SWIM** in her Leisure Club pool. She is leaving a sponsorship form at the reception desk and also has other forms available for anyone who would be kind enough to sponsor her. Why not contact her on 020 8656 0094?

### **Retreat Weekend** for counsellors

With some generous funding from the **Co-op** WBS has been able to organise a residential training/retreat weekend at the Emmaus Centre in West Wickham in May for all the counsellors. We shall be taking time out to consider some of the complicated bereavement issues and spend time thinking and praying together.

### **2007 '15' Challenge**

Would you be prepared to organise a fundraising event for us? What about a coffee morning on the 15th of every month, or perhaps you have some other idea? Put your thinking caps on and give us a ring.



### **Watch out for our coming events.**

Walk, Bounce, Swim

Green Space Walk

Music in the Air - Black Tie Dinner/Dance