

**Woodside Bereavement
Service Newsletter**

July 2006

Summer is here.

The promised hot spell has finally arrived justifying the hose pipe ban. The media tell us that the South of England can be officially designated as having desert conditions. Water is scarce and must be used wisely. Bereavement can be likened to a desert place, a place that appears barren and seems endless. W.B.S. can be a source of water in this kind of wilderness. If you need to talk, give us a ring. Talking can be start the of water beginning to flow again. Let us help you. Call us now on 020 8662 1648 (24 hour confidential ansaphone) leave us a message and we will ring you back.



Combined Craft Event & Quiz Nite

Saturday October 21st is our first combined day time and evening event. Join us in Woodside Baptist Halls and try your hand at making cards. If crafts are not for you, you can buy some ready made cards or relax with a cup of coffee. Take the opportunity to look at Partylite's latest candles and holders which will also be on display - just browse or place an order, as you wish. Youngsters will enjoy taking part in Scalectrix races too. There's something for everyone. Eddie's ever popular Banger's 'N Mash Quiz in the evening—a chance to relax in a fun atmosphere. Everyone welcome!

Hurry!

There is quite a bit of interest in our January 2007 Training Course already. If you are interested in seeing whether this kind of ministry is for you—why not contact Margaret or Bobby and talk it over. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Contact them at the office - 020 8662 1648.



Cheese & Wine Event

In the wake of the Monopoly Marathon a Cheese & Wine Prize Giving was staged in National Volunteers Week. All the volunteers were given a Certificate of appreciation and everyone who took part in the marathon received a small prize. This event raised around £900.

Thank you

A big thank you to all those who took part in or supported those who took part in our Monopoly Marathon. The day was a great fun day out. Matthew Wood was the winner of the main prize for his fantastic completion of the course in less than 4 and a half hours. A special thank you to Sam Duke who was our youngest participant aged 10, who was accompanied by his mum.

So what are we up to?

W.B.S. counsellors and supporters are a lively bunch. Our fundraising committee are always planning interesting events which are fun to take part in. Among our activities this year we have an event to mark Volunteers Week, the Monopoly Marathon Walk and on October 21st a Christmas Crafts Event followed by a Quiz evening plus all the other events advertised on this page. Next year we reach our 15th birthday. Keep your eyes peeled for the dates and watch our web site.

Good News

WBS have been given 3 years funding for a part time development officer for our Children's Work from Churches Together in England. We are on the look out for someone who is suitably qualified to take our children's work forward and has one day per week to spare. We have lots of exciting ideas and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested!

Getting Active with WBS



“World of Portland Road”

WBS has a stall and is holding a balloon race at this event to be held in Oakley Rd off the Portland Rd on Saturday 22nd July from 10 am to 4 pm. Do join us and enter the race. Balloons only £1 each. Purchase in advance of the date—speak to Margaret or Bobby.

Green Space Walk

Another sponsored Green Space Walk is planned for 15th July this year. Don't miss out on the fun. Contact Eddie for the details and collect your sponsorship forms.

Who's Who?

Chairperson

Margaret Surrey

Vice-Chairperson

Eddie Parsons

Co-ordinator

Bobby Jones

Administrator

Yvonne Harrison

Treasurer

Colin Hunt

Web Designer & IT

Jason Coleman

Committee Members

Walter McCann

Rishi Chatterjee

Phil Jones

Carolyn Lawrence

Deborah Roberts

FRIENDS OF W.B.S.

Counselling not for you but you would still like to help? Why not join our management committee? We have vacancies for a Secretary and committee members. Still not quite your style? Why not consider becoming a 'FRIEND' of W.B.S.? We have a small but growing number of people who are committed to regular giving and praying for our work. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Yvonne, at the office on 020 8662 1648 or talk to Margaret or Bobby.

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