

Who's Who?

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Project Worker

Angie Henley

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Phil Jones

Lyn Barnett

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Woodside Bereavement Service

Ordinary people can make a difference

Our achievements:-

Over our 15 years we have counselled more than 1200 people (including children)

We have trained more than 100 counsellors to work with us; many of whom have moved on later to do other work within the community.

We created a part time administrator post 7 years ago.

We now have a part time Children & Young People's project worker.

We began our Friends of WBS scheme.

We have been runners up in the SOLOTEC Community Awards.

We have been awarded the prestigious "Investors in Volunteers Award".

We were shortlisted for the 2006 "Faithworks" Community Excellence Award

These are just some of our achievements why not find out more about us!

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15th Birthday Celebrations

You are invited to the WBS 15th birthday celebration Thanksgiving Service in St Matthew's Church, Chichester Rd, Croydon on Sunday 22nd July at 3 pm. In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Derek & Mrs Bunty Millard, WBS will be thanking God for the opportunity to serve the people of Croydon by offering them bereavement & loss counselling when times of darkness come into their lives.

WBS is a Christian based counselling service which began from small beginnings in 1992. All our trained volunteer counsellors come from many Christian Churches in the Croydon area. Our birthday celebrations will include some words from the Bishop of Croydon, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Baines.

The Service has invited past clients, counsellors, committee members and friends of the Service to join the present team in a time of reunion over refreshments afterwards.

A warm welcome awaits everyone!



Birthday Celebrations

Training Course

WBS is once again running our training course for volunteers in September. The course is 50 hours which is run over 12 weeks starting on Tuesday 11th September. This also includes 3 weekends. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact the office on 020 8662 1648 or Margaret or Bobby.



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.thelisteningear.org.uk



After school young people's group.

W.B.S had the privilege of holding a group for young people who had been bereaved in June. 4 youngsters all of whom had lost a brother were united by sharing their experiences with each other. The group which was led by Angie Henley & Rachel Coleman ran for 6 weeks at our Tennison Road Centre. The young people, whose ages ranged from 11 to 16, looked at a range of issues which they encountered when bereaved. The final evening was marked by a balloon release outside the front of the centre which was witnessed by their parents. We trust that each of these young people will be in a better position to cope with any future bereavements which they may meet later in life because of the work that the group has done together.

Birthday Celebrations

WELL DONE & THANK YOU

Jackie Parsons, one of our past Chairpersons, celebrated her 60th birthday by doing a sponsored **ONE MILE SWIM** in her Leisure Club pool. Well done Jackie! She managed to raise around £400 with her superb effort. Thank you to all those who sponsored her.

Carmen Hagel, who is one of our counsellors and has served WBS in the past as our Administrator, is fundraising by holding a Cream Tea in her garden on 15th September. Why not drop in and enjoy the afternoon? Carmen lives just off Woodside Green itself, (in the corner) at no. 169 Woodside Green.

Retreat Weekend for counsellors

All our counsellors really appreciated the opportunity given to us, helped by a generous grant from the Co-op Community Fund. to spend time together. We went to the Emmaus Christian Conference Centre in West Wickham. We had 2 guest speakers, talking on bereavement related issues, as well as our own Angie Henley speaking about her work with WBS in supporting bereaved children who are having a difficult time at school as a result. Angie shared her expertise and demonstrated some of the resources which she uses to help young people. The weekend was a wonderful time to get to know each other better and was a good time to reflect and pray.



Counsellors relaxing over a cup of coffee.

Green Space Walk

Our annual sponsored "Green Space Walk" will be held on Saturday 8th September. Eddie, our fundraiser, promises us that this year the course is flat! He has put together a new route which is about 10 miles long. This exhilarating morning has always proved to be a time of fun and enjoyment—and an excellent way to get fit and lose some of those excess pounds! Do plan to come and join us. We start and end at Woodside Baptist Church.