

## Who's Who?

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## This is your opportunity!

Would you like to get involved with the work of **W.B.S.**? Don't think that counselling is for you?

Do you back our aims to help those in agonising over the loss of a loved one?

How can you help?

We need your help & support!

Become one of our "**Friends**" we have a group of people who care for us as we care for others—**people like you!** We invite you to join them.

### What do they do?

Pray regularly for our work.  
Help us with street collections.  
Attend or help at our fundraising events.  
Encourage us.

Does this sound like something you could 'commit' to? Please contact us for more details.

Have you checked out our web site lately?



Patron, Rt. Rev. Nick Baines Bishop of Croydon

Woodside

Bereavement Service

Newsletter

July 2008

## Front Page News

It's difficult, these days, to find good news in any of our national newspapers. They tell us of murders, scandals, credit crunches, unemployment, all gloom and doom!

Woodside Bereavement Service is unique! We help people to turn their lives around! We are a Service which comes alongside people of all ages, young and old, who are grieving. A very lonely time in people's lives when the world no longer makes sense. We are just a telephone call away.

Our trained volunteer counsellors are ready to be listening ear when others no longer want to hear. This is a Christian Bereavement Service, staffed by Christian volunteers who want to reach out to hurting people in the community. As one of our leaflets says: "We hope you never need us ..... but we are here when you do."



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# Thank You

## Farewell & Welcome

On Friday 4th July WBS said “goodbye” to our treasurer, Colin Hunt and his wife Patsy leave the country soon to live in Gibraltar. Colin, as he said, has seen the fortunes of WBS rise and fall and rise during the time which he has spent with us but all through those 5 years he never seen God fail the Service. It was a good evening to get together and chat. Again we say a very BIG thank you to him for all the time and work he has given to WBS.

Finding a replacement for Colin was going to be difficult but Angela Fisher has bravely stepped into the breach for us. Colin and Angela have got together and handed over the books with Angela officially starting on 1st July. Welcome, Angela, and we wish you every success in your new post.

## Training Course 2008

WBS new training course is beginning in September. There is quite a bit of interest already—but we are always on the lookout for more people. We offer a 50 hour training course run over 12 weeks. The course includes 3 weekends (that is, all day Saturday & and Sunday afternoons) plus one evening per week. For more details contact Yvonne in the office or Margaret & Bobby.



## ANNOUNCING

WBS first September Art & Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday 27th September in Woodside Baptist Church premises from 10 am to 4 pm. We have lots of local craftspeople exhibiting and selling their handicrafts. In addition to this we have a plant stall, the WBS cards and of course refreshments throughout the day.



Thinking of Christmas presents already? Why not come along and see what we have to offer? Make it a date! Do come along and support us.

## Alexandra Rose Day

Again this year we collected at the Co-op in Addiscombe on Saturday 21st June. Our collectors were rewarded for standing outside the shop collecting a total of £297 and after sending Alexandra Rose their 10% we had £ 267 left for our funds. Alexandra Rose is a charity created in the late 19th century to help other smaller charities fundraise. In the past year we have received a £1,000 grant from their funds.



## Monopoly Marathon

On Saturday 17th May (cup final day) a handful of participants started from East Croydon station to have a day in the city following the Monopoly Marathon trail. It really was a fun day out in London. Despite the weather and the station closures due to rail-works our intrepid teams took to the rails under the eagle eye of Linda our adjudicator. We were very fortunate to have one marathon team member whose employer was willing to match some of the money pledged on her sponsorship form which was incredibly generous. This event has raised £805 so far.

## Beckenham Ladies Choir

A big thank you to the Beckenham Ladies Choir for giving us their time for the concert held in St Matthew's Church, Chichester Rd on Saturday 7th June. It was a really splendid concert and the event raised £249! Thank you to all who attended!