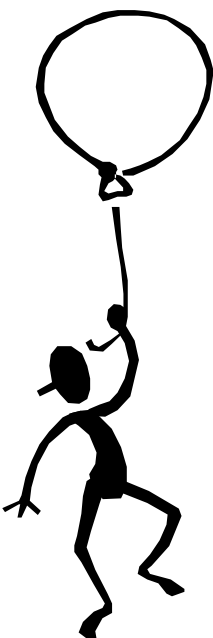


WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE NEWSLETTER

World of Portland Road

A big **thank you** goes to **Andrew Copeland Insurance** who valiantly sponsored our Balloon Race in the People for Portland Road first Fair in Oakley Rd on 22nd July. Over 1,000 were expected to visit the event which featured stalls, food and live displays from a variety of neighbourhood clubs and societies. All went well until high



winds and rain forced us to abandon our stall. The event doggedly continued until the programme was completed and this was a great tribute to the organisers. Our balloons headed off in the Essex direction and the winning destination recorded was Wall-singham. With

the help of our sponsor the race raised £100 for our funds. Thank you everyone.

WBS short listed for Award

WBS is one of the seven Christian organisations which has been short listed for an Award sponsored by Faithworks in their category for Excellence within the Community. A representative from Faithworks came to see the project at the end of September in order to write a report for the selection committee to make their final decision. The Award promises a £5,000 grant for the successful organisation. The final decision will not be known until the day for the presentation which will be made on November 7th at the House of Commons. WBS was short listed from 121 applicants for the award. Other possible prize winners were community groups working in the fields of education and health

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World in a turmoil

The last few months have had their share of disasters and tragedies coupled with the 5th anniversary of 9/11. Newspapers and the media continue to bombard us with headlines reminding us of sad times and memories are brought to the surface once more. National and global disasters continue to touch the lives of the people living in Croydon. WBS remains true to its mission statement in good



and bad times alike—to be a listening ear for those who need to share their sadness with others. We exist to be able to come alongside those who feel they have no-where else to turn .

Fundraising Craft Event

Saturday October 21st is our first browse or do it yourself taster craft event. Join us in Woodside Baptist Hall and try your hand at making greetings cards. If crafts are not for you, you can buy some ready made cards or spend some time relaxing over a cup of coffee or why not plan to have a light lunch with us? Take the opportunity to look at Partylite's latest candles and holders which will also be on display, purchase or just browse, as you wish. Youngsters will enjoy taking part in Scalectrix races too. Having fun is our aim and there's something for all tastes.

Green Space Walk

Thank you to everyone who took part in or who sponsored our walkers in this year's Green Space Walk held on 15th July, the stupendous amount of £736 was raised! Well done and many thanks again.



Our 15th Birthday Celebrations

2007 is to be our 15th Birthday. We have plans for some interesting events throughout the year, including a thanksgiving Service on 22nd July 2007 with the Bishop of Croydon presiding to which counsellors who have served WBS over the years, committee members and of course clients will be invited. We are also planning a "black tie" event (perhaps a Christmas dinner/dance) later in the year.



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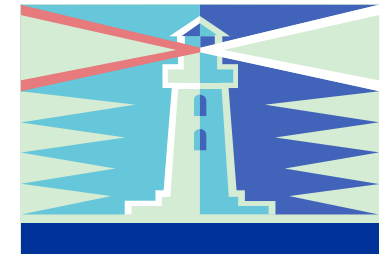
There is quite a bit of interest in our January 2007 Training Course already. If you are interested in seeing whether this kind of ministry is for you—why not contact Margaret or Bobby and talk it over. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Contact them at the office—020 8662 1648

From Darkness to Light

Our annual memorial service will be held in Woodside Baptist Church on Tuesday 5th December at 7 pm. Again this year we have the privilege of having a children's choir from Woodside Junior school. After the service mince pies and coffee will be served in the lounge. Everyone is invited to share this time with us whether you have lost someone recently or many years ago. Feed back over the years has indicated that this time has been of great help to those who attended.

Webb Ivory

The Christmas catalogue is now available, please ask Eddie for a copy. The orders are coming back very quickly from Webb Ivory at present and they seem to have everything in stock, so don't miss out—order now and don't be disappointed.



Supper Quiz

To coincide with our Craft Day we will be holding another of our popular quiz nights. Sadly Eddie will not be able to be the quiz master—but do not despair—he has set all the questions—so please plan to be with us. Gather together a team and join in the fun.



Good News

WBS have been given 3 years funding for a part time project worker for our Children's Work from Churches Together in England. We have been able to appoint our worker for one day per week to take our children's work forward. We are delighted to be able to welcome Angie, who has been one of our counsellors for a while now to the post both WBS and Angie are very excited about this new venture. Angie will now begin to make contacts with local schools, education and health authorities.