



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism:

(21st August) Charlie Foat; (28th) Isla Goodall, Mika Goodall.

Weddings:

(4th August) Katie Stephens and Stuart Bedford; (5th) Louise Foley and Joseph Howson; (5th) Larissa Anderson and Christopher Edge; (26th) Natasha Fielding and Nathan Vass; (26th) Clare Young and Alistair Atkin.

Blessing of Marriage:

(30th July) Hazel and Craig Stuart

Funerals:

(9th August) David Lethbridge; (19th) Gwen Cotton.

Concerts in St Jude's

Following an excellent run of concerts in St Jude's, there is now a break.

The next concert will be a piano recital by Val Ward on Saturday 1st October at 4.00pm. Admission is free and you are invited to contribute towards the running costs of the Church.

Following this will be the Mosaic Choir directed by Karen Pepper on 5th November and Voices Anon directed by Guy Bunce on 10th December.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be in the Church Hall on Saturday 24th September – tickets (price £5) available in St Jude's.

COFFEE MORNING

Sat 17th September

10.00am-12 noon

Offers of jam, preserves,
cakes, biscuits etc
and help on the day
gratefully received

Things might have been very different ...

Last month, the world watched aghast as the streets of London were filled with rioters and looters who shamed the nation with their behaviour. Up in East Anglia, things were a little different. As the chaplain to an army cadet force unit, I was with a team of adults who had about 500 teenagers in their care. Being out in the open country and inside a secure army camp helped to ensure their well-being and safety. Things might have been very different if many of them had been at home in areas like Tottenham and Barnet. They could have been involved. Instead they were worried about their families. One cadet's father was kicked unconscious by a mob while cycling to work.

These cadets did two weeks of light military training, interspersed with more relaxed activities like gliding, clay pigeon shooting, archery, kayaking and rock climbing.

The gliding was based at the Watton air field where the air cadet unit took very good care of us as they got our own army cadets up into the air for a flight. Since the last time I was there, houses have crept up to the boundary fence and people now wander on to the airfield for picnics and walks, oblivious of in-coming gliders. The gossip is that the airfield is going to be sold off for more housing. The local papers certainly speak of huge numbers of houses being built in the area. So perhaps by the time Wreatham comes round again as the location of our annual camp, the airfield will have gone. That would be a great shame because it is an excellent location for our purposes, although I am sure there are other gliding opportunities in the area.

The challenge of going up in a glider brings out a range of responses in cadets from complete assurance that allows them go up and do loop the loop to some who cannot summon up the courage to go up at all. And I am not one to judge. I did not go up. It is in that range of responses that I can see what the ACF achieves for cadets. It challenges and stretches them so that they grow. Some who do not fly will excel at kayaking or rock climbing. Hopefully, everyone finds something they can do.

Part of the challenge of camp is to think of spiritual matters - something cadets do not do much of the rest of the time. Both chaplains, myself and a rabbi, were around camp and we met informally with a number of individuals who had issues, small or great, that were troubling them. On last parade, we had combined prayers and for the first time ever in my experience, this got a spontaneous round of applause, which tells me that that challenge too, to take spiritual matters seriously, had been met by cadets and would be taken away with them.

If this response to matters spiritual was encouraging, I was concerned that they also took away the moral component of military training when they went back to streets with burnt out shops. Chaplains teach this in the regular and reserve armies and it is passed on in a lighter form to cadets who will not normally encounter the extreme circumstances in which soldiers are sometimes placed.

The acronym used to help remember this lesson is **SOLID C**. This stands for

- **S** Selfless commitment
- **O** Others, as in respect for others
- **L** Loyalty
- **I** Integrity
- **D** Discipline
- **C** Courage, physical and moral.

It is asking quite a lot for disaffected teenagers to remember and practise all of that but the track record of the ACF is that it will nudge youngsters just far enough to stay out of serious trouble.

So as the fire and smoke lit the London night, one group of teenagers from London were learning spiritual and moral values that will make a positive difference to their communities in the future.

Mark Ewbank

Happy Birthday Village Centre

On 25th September it be one year since we opened!

As it's a Sunday we will be celebrating on September 24th offering free tea or coffee with every cake or lunch purchased.

What an amazing year! We've paid off all our major bills and built up a customer base much bigger than we ever imagined in our first year. We're taken on Wendy as my part time assistant and increased our volunteers to include Brian, Joan, Paul and Libby who run our computer room.

One day one of my volunteers called to say she was going to have to give up helping due to family commitments; I knew her slot was going to be an awkward one to fill. I took it to our weekly prayer meeting the next morning and at 9.10am in walked Florence, a French Au Pair, whose charge was at school and who needed to improve her English....what a blessing.

Recently we have been able to strengthen our links with the community and are constantly looking to see how we can support those in need.

So, just in case you don't know already let me tell you what can be found at The Village Centre.

Café Rendezvous, our community café, is open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm (10am-4pm in school holidays) and Saturdays 10am-2pm offering home-made cakes, light lunches and hot and cold drinks. A Community Big Breakfast is held on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-11am.



Rendezvous

Our computer room is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9am-12noon and other times by appointment. Help is on hand to guide beginners and more experienced computer users.

Sacred Space (The Upper Room) provides space for prayer, reading and reflection.

We have a small lending library of children's and adults' books. Counselling is available on request and a wet room for those unable to access their bath at home.

Weekly activities include Music with Mummy, Pilates, belly dancing, "With Singing in Mind" (for people with dementia and their carers) Children's Theatre Group, Ballet, Urban Saints and Impact Youth Club. An informal art group meets in

the café every Monday afternoon and other groups/activities are in the pipeline.

Thanks to a grant from Surrey County Council we now have a full audio/visual set up in the café and it was great to launch it by showing "The Wrong Box" throughout August. This film was chosen because it was in part filmed on the Green.

This autumn we aim to make good use of our AV by showing films and running "Reel Issues" where we use secular films to stimulate discussion of a variety of topics.

Forthcoming events:

Barn Dance with caller Barrie Bullimore. Sept. 17th @7pm tickets £10 (Concessions £8) to include an a ham and cheese ploughman's supper.

Return of our popular Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday 22nd October at 7pm. Tickets £12 to include a fish and chip supper, dessert and coffee.

For updates please see our website:

www.villagecentre.org.uk

Linda Ashford

Public Notice

To whom it may concern:

We the Management Committee of the Village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green TW20 0QX do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority at Runnymede Borough Council for a premises license:

Provision of regulated entertainment

Plays, films, recorded music, performances of dance

Provision of entertainment facilities for:

Dancing

These events to terminate by 10.00pm Monday to Friday and 11pm on Saturdays.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to Runnymede Borough Council, Licensing Section, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2AH or by email to licencing@runnymede.gov.uk not later than Monday 3rd October 2011. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at Runnymede Borough Council, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

September Diary

- 4 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30pm Family Communion 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Local Ecumenical Project 7 year review
- 10 Saturday 9.00-11.00am Big Breakfast in the Village Centre
- 11 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 13 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at Rita's: Puzzles!
- 14 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 17 Saturday 10.00am-12 noon Coffee Morning outside St Jude's Church 7.00pm Barn Dance at the Village Centre
- 18 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) *Traidcraft goods after 9.30am service*
- 19 Monday 6.15-7.45pm Crusaders (Urban Saints) start up again in the Village Centre new children (8-11) welcome
- 21 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 24 Saturday 7.00pm Harvest Supper in the Church Hall, Bond Street (tickets required)
- 25 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung)
- 27 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour with Mrs Linda Ashford at the Village Centre
- 28 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 30 Friday 8.00pm at the Village Centre *For Such a Time* — a time to pray for our young people — all welcome

All events take place at St Jude's Church unless otherwise marked

The Church is open every Saturday 2-4pm for tea and a chat and to discuss weddings and baptisms