

## Diary of local events for July and August 2009

### July

- 2 Papercraft club 7.00pm  
4 Bible Society Coffee Morning 10.00am  
6 Global Mission Prayer Group 7.30pm  
8 Women and the Word 9.30am  
8 Can Do It Club 2.00pm  
9 Searchers (school years 2-5) 6.00pm  
9 Elev8 (school years 6-8) 7.30pm  
15 Women and the Word 9.30am  
16 Chichester District Senior Forum 2.00pm  
17 Friday Fellowship 2.30pm  
18 Torch Trust for the Blind 2.30pm  
22 End of Term

### August

- 3 Global Mission Prayer Group 7.30pm  
15 Torch Trust for the Blind 2.30pm  
20 Chichester District Senior Forum 2.00

25 - 28 Show Stoppers Holiday Club

30 Holiday Club Service

- Church Club (for the youth from the area) 8pm every Sunday
- Acorns Parent & Toddler Group, 10am every Tuesday (term time)
- Fitness League 2.00pm Tuesday
- Bible Study, 10.30am every Thursday
- Lunch club Thursdays 12.15pm (not August)
- The Hub Youth Group (school years 9+) 7.30pm every Friday (not August)

**All events held at CBC unless specified**

If you would like to add a local event to the diary please contact:

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## BIBLE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 4TH JULY  
10.00AM TO NOON

CHICHESTER BAPTIST  
CHURCH

BOOKS BRIC-A-BRAC &  
CAKES

ADMISSION 50P

## Sunday Services

**10am** Morning service with children's and youth groups and crèche.

Please join us for tea or coffee and a chat after this service.

**6.30pm** Evening service.

**Communion:** 1st Sunday of the month during the 6.30pm service  
3rd Sunday of the month during the 10am service.



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## WHY MAKE A NOISE?

**A**mong other things this month in Contact you will find a summary of the Noise project which took place over half term in May.

This year there were more jobs to be done than ever. It was great to work alongside others and be part of this. Very often my role was as 'White Van Man' helping take away all the rubbish and recycling. This proved to be a great way to get an overview of the variety of jobs we were involved in. Sometimes carrying a van load of wet garden waste away it felt like 'The Smell' would be a better title than 'The Noise' but to see the transformations in each place was so very encouraging.

As with previous years, the Noise for us was a joint church project, which included a range of activities and events in and around the Parklands area (other churches were doing similar things in other parts of the city). Each morning teams of people helped clear gardens and remove rubbish from those who called us for help. Each afternoon and evening there were activities for children and young people, culminating in a great Fun Day on Parklands Green on the Saturday.

So why do we do the Noise?

Well firstly because there is a real need to help people and provide something for young people and if we as churches can help we should.

Secondly, because it is great to work alongside the other churches and share in serving together.

And thirdly, because sometimes what is needed is (in the immortal words of Elvis) 'a little less conversation and little more action' and Noise is about action.

I hope and pray that in Noise week and throughout the year you would know that the churches are a source of help and hope when needed.



Ken Benjamin



### A day at the Beach

- Build sandcastles
- Collect shells
- Look for strange shaped pebbles

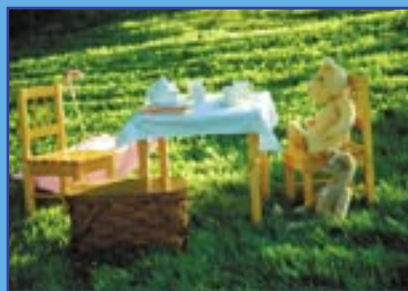
## Decorate biscuits with icing, currants and cherries

## A few ideas for the summer holidays

### French Cricket

One person throws a tennis ball or similiar under arm and tries to hit the defender's legs below the knee. The defender defends himself with a tennis racket or similiar.

Under 16?  
Over 60?  
Free swimming at  
Westgate Leisure  
Centre



Have a teddy bears picnic in the garden

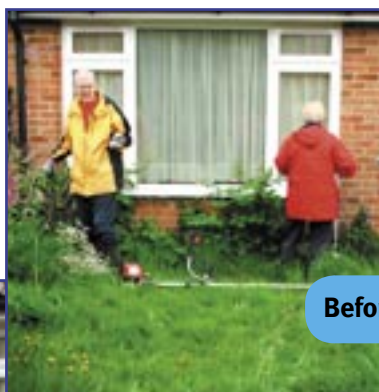
Visit Chichester Museum  
Look out for special activities for young people. Wed - Sat  
10 am - 5.30pm



Early on a Monday morning a heavy, scented, parchment envelope hit the mat at The Maltravers' house. It was an invitation for Reginald and Lily to Lily's cousin's daughter Eliza's wedding. Lily couldn't believe it. Her cousin's husband is a Lord. The ceremony was taking place at a Royal chapel followed by a reception at a posh London hotel.

The invitation sat proudly in the hallway for all to see. 'Shouldn't we answer that, dear,' suggested Reginald one evening about a month later. 'Don't worry, Reggie. We're family; they'll know we're coming. We'd never miss this one,' replied Lily.

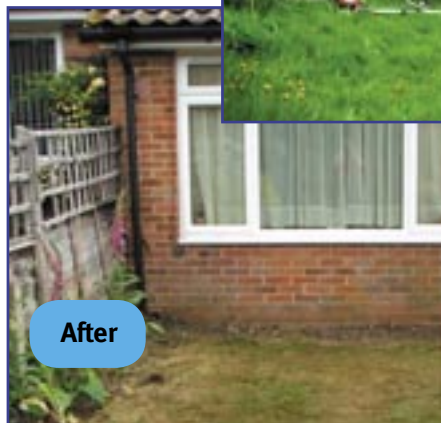
As a busy couple they neglected the gold-edged, hand-finished



Before



Before



After

**Noise Project 2009**  
11 Churches worked together  
20 Tonnes of rubbish, including  
appliances, a mattress and garden  
waste were removed  
69 Houses were visited



After

# The Greatest Invitation

invitation and the days blurred into weeks and then into months.

Reginald works long hours in a city job and Lily is a part-time charity worker.

No one called to remind them about the great day and, caught up in the endless whirl of clubs, meetings and coffee mornings, they forgot to send a reply.

Lily scoured the designer boutiques and bought an expensive, exclusive outfit and a wide brimmed hat to match. Reginald was smartly kitted out in a morning suit, cravat and gold cufflinks; a silk-lined top hat



completed the outfit.

On the wedding day, the Maltravers arrived at the chapel in good time and took their seats at the front on the bride's side. Lily didn't notice the odd looks from the people around her. A few minutes later, after much twittering, an usher appeared at the end of the pew. 'Mrs Maltravers, I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to move. These seats are reserved,' he whispered.

'Oh, I'm so sorry,' said Lily a little embarrassed, as she and Reginald shuffled out of the prominent pew to a place further back in the nave.

Only after the beautiful ceremony, when Lily's cousin sidled up to her during the photographs, did she realise the full horror of the situation.

'How totally humiliating,' exclaimed Lily.

No places had been reserved for them at the church or at the glittering reception afterwards. They had not replied to the invitation, the most fabulous they had ever received, and now they stood outside the church, all dressed up, watching as the other guests left happily for the banquet.

'We really should have replied to that invitation,' said Reginald, removing his cravat and dropping it into his top hat.

Will you miss out on the greatest invitation of your life? The invitation to God's heavenly banquet...read Luke Chapter 14 verse 7 - 14.

## By Chance?

I am the first to admit that I do not have 'green fingers', my gardening skills usually amount to cutting the grass and keeping the hedge trimmed, but I still love my garden and the countryside around Chichester. This year I decided that I would strip the borders and choose and plant our bedding plants, which is a job normally done by my wife. The bedding plants have already started to grow and produce amazing flowers. We have also planted out our vegetable patch, and I am looking forward to tasting fresh tomatoes, French beans, strawberries and many other delights that will grow over the summer months.

When I look around my garden and our surroundings I am constantly amazed by God's creation. As a Christian I believe that God created the world we live in. There has been a lot in the media over the past few months as this year marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. Charles Darwin's 'theory of gradual evolution' appears to be in direct conflict with the account of sudden evolution in Genesis Chapter . I don't want to argue about *how* our world was created. I don't really see the point. For me the most important thing is that the God I believe in is powerful enough to have done it!

Next time you stand on top of the Trundle looking out over Chichester and the South Downs just ask yourself "Could this really have happened by chance?" If your answer is no, maybe we'll see you in church on Sunday?

