



Friends of Hersham Library

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Newsletter Summer 2009

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is a busy and exciting year for the Friends of Hersham Library. We were created in Spring 2006 after the library was saved from closure by a vigorous protest campaign led by the local organisations and residents. We aim to keep Hersham Library a happy and busy place and a focus for the local community. In the last three years we have organised more than 50 events at the library, many of them for children. We have exciting mornings with Magic Catherine, Punch and Judy shows, Science Wizard for educational fun, and many more. To date, we have entertained more than 1000 children at the library! We get much of our funding from Elmbridge Borough Council and local organisations, but we also rely on the support of local residents who are firm Friends of the Library. There are already 100 members, but need more to show the authorities what an important part Hersham Library plays in the community. So if you are not already a member, join today and help us to secure a long, bright and happy future for Hersham Library.

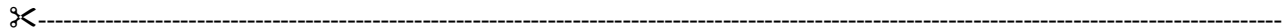
GOOD NEWS

We have seen several improvements this year to the fabric of the library. The car park was resurfaced early in 2009, with improved marking for the disabled parking. During Easter, the building was shut for a new ceiling to be installed, with improved lighting. Also, the heating system had not been working for 18 months but improvements were made when the ceiling went in so our loyal Library Staff should not have to endure another freezing winter. There is now a disabled person's toilet to meet with legal requirements. We are hopeful that we may be getting new carpeting and repainting as well. So this is all positive news.

BETTER NEWS

Read the other side of this newsletter to find out about our exciting METAL SCULPTURE PROJECT. Many local schools have been involved, and children will be helping to make the components at workshops throughout the summer.

Sue Mealor, FHL Secretary (e-mail address: fhl_secretary@btinternet.com)



<p>Friends of Hersham Library membership: members can join now for 2010. These are suggested MINIMUM payments – please be generous Cheques payable to "Friends of Hersham Library" or "FHL"</p> <p>Circle one below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Membership @ £5 per year • Concessions Membership @ £2 per year (for over 60's and children aged 14 years and under) • Community Organisations @ £15 per year • Corporate Membership @ £30 per year <p>Total amount included : £ _____ including donation of : £ _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Tel no: _____ E-mail: _____</p> <p><i>I wish to receive info about children's activities by e-mail: please tick here:</i></p> <p><i>You can join the FHL at any time, but you can only be entered for the draw before 18th December 2009.</i></p>	<p>Send back this membership form with your membership fee for 2010</p> <p><i>before 18th December 2009</i></p> <p><i>And you will be entered in a PRIZE DRAW.</i></p> <p>You could win £20 to help your Christmas Festivities.</p>
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MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FOR HERSHAM LIBRARY OVER THE YEARS

On behalf of everyone at Friends of Hershham Library

AND THANKS TO OUR DEVOTED LIBRARY STAFF:

Sue our Library manager, Liz, Joy, Carol, Yvonne and Erez.

Hershham Library Metal Sculpture Project



We have a very exciting project at the Library this year. We are building a large Metal Sculpture to be erected on the wall at the front of the library. It will be big. It will be inspirational. It will be a joy for the eyes, for young and adult alike. It will be unveiled at the FHL AGM on 1st October 2009.

Local schools are at the heart of this project. Rydens provided designs for the overall sculpture. Pupils at Burhill, Bell Farm, Cardinal Newman and Cleves provided drawings for the smaller elements of the design on the subjects of nature, books and learning.

Alison Catchlove, our gifted metal sculptress, has taken all these elements and come up with an overall design, which is on display at the library.

Alison will be holding workshops at the library so that children can have a part in creating components of the design: they will cut metal parts, hammering texture into them, filing away rough edges, and generally being an integral partner of the project. (Children who want to participate must be accompanied by a parent, who will sign an agreement to work with Alison. Details at the library).

FUNDING

This is our biggest project so far. Most of the funding has come from the RC Sherriff Trust, who support and advance the Arts in Elmbridge. Elmbridge Borough Council is providing funding for the extra materials.

Local residents are helping too, by sponsoring individual parts of the sculpture: this will be launched at the Hershham Summer Fayre on the Green on July 4th 2009. So come and support your community in this unique venture.



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SUMMER CALENDAR 2009 for CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY £1 PER CHILD



Friday	24 th	July	11am to 12 noon:	Jo Jingles
Tuesday	28 th	July	11am to 12 noon:	Punch and Judy
Tuesday	4 th	August	11am to 12.30pm*:	Celebrity Reptiles*
Friday	14 th	August	11am to 12 noon:	Andy Mason songs
Friday	21 st	August	11am to 12 noon:	Juggling John
Tuesday	25 th	August	11am to 12 noon:	Magic Catherine

*Three half hour sessions 20 tickets available for each session.
PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY, no refunds.

FHL COFFEE CLUB In the library from 10.30am till noon Enjoy a free tea or coffee and maybe a home made cake



Open to all; meet friends or get to know some more people in your local community.

Tuesday	14 th	July 2009
Tuesday	11 th	August 2009
Saturday	19 th	September 20
Friday	16 th	October 2009
Tuesday	17 th	November 20
Tuesday	15 th	December 2009

