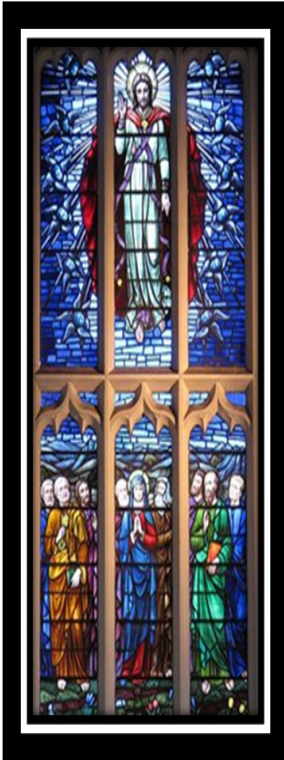


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The Opening of Dalmain School's New Building



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On Saturday 16th July Dalmain School welcomed parents, pupils, governors and staff to its Summer Fair and long awaited Grand Opening Celebration of its lovely new building extension. Most exciting of all a very warm welcome was extended to the mystery celebrity guest **Rolf Harris!**

Rolf delighted everyone by first of all meeting and talking to the school staff, and following on from this the

Grand Opening of the

New Build was a wonderfully fitting occasion.

The Dalmain School Brass Band played well known Rolf Harris numbers in order to welcome Rolf to the new part of the building, speeches were given and Rolf kindly referred to Dalmain School's outstanding commitment to the arts.

Toasts were made and thanks given to Liz Booth, Headteacher, Ruth Jenkins, Gover-

nor, Jim Monahan, parent, the contractors Frankham Consultants and DB Builders as well as Mike Miles, Lewisham Council's project manager along with other officers.

Rolf cut a ribbon to declare the new build open and then went on to perform two full shows, one after the other to the pupils, parents and guests of the school during which time he explained how to play the didgeridoo.

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

After an enormous amount of work Dalmain school has completed and opened its new extension. True to form and despite heavy rain they celebrated the opening in style with the help of one of my childhood heroes, Rolf Harris. Now in his 80's, Rolf is going strong and giving pleasure and encouragement all round.

Its autumn: a beautiful mature season. In Church it's a time to celebrate the fruits of the earth, so we have our Harvest festival, even in a city. This always involves sharing what we have with those who have less- so we bring gifts for asylum seekers and refugees to be distributed through LEWCAS. The following Sunday, for the first time, we invite people to bring an animal to church -to remind us of God's love for the whole of our beautiful world.

Then in November we have a time for remembering, both family members who have recently died, and those who have died in warfare.

For everything there is a time and a season. And in every time and season we can celebrate the wonderful gift of life and love. Thanks Rolf for reminding us of this!

Alyson



GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Robert Frost said in one of his poems "good fences make good neighbours." But I disagree. I hadn't really thought about the importance of good neighbours before this year.

Talking to lots of people in the 20-40 age range who do not have children they say they could neither name nor identify at worst any and at best one or two of their neighbours. They go from work to home and out again. Until April this year I knew my neighbours names but that was really as far as it went until I was the victim of an arson attack. After that I came to see and realise just how lucky I am with my neighbours.

Within seven minutes of the fire starting 12 calls were made to the fire service. The fire blazed for a couple of hours and my home was

quite damaged but my good neighbours came out, took pictures for insurance purposes, offered me comfort and support and also offered to help reduce the risk of a repeat incident.

I am not sure how we got to be better neighbours beyond treating them how we would like them to treat us. By taking in post/parcels for them, listening out if they have gone away, keeping an eye on their property, feeding their pets or watering their plants. Or simply bringing in their bins so it is less obvious that there is currently no one at home.

As we live further and further away from our blood family its nice to make new friends in our local community and to be able to support them and have them support us in return. Do good neigh-

bours become good friends? Yes if we put in a little bit of effort.

Perhaps next year we will get to know more of our neighbours by having a series of street parties celebrating such things as The Big Lunch or The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, or if you are more private maybe you could just smile and say hello.

With regards to our neighbours, I say to quote Luke 6:27-31: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Robert Frost is wrong with regard to fences and neighbours unless one is having a chat over it.

C.A. Bradford

From Brockley Rise to Kenya

On the 14 July Colin and Anita Smith, former Vicar and curate at St Saviours, returned to give a talk about the work they have been doing for CMS in Kenya during the last 12 years.



They were joined by their children Shelia and Sandie, now both taller than their parents. There was a slide show showing the difference between modern Kenya with its high rise buildings and the slum areas in Kibera so near to each other but so far apart in living conditions.

Colin is director of the Centre for Urban Mission (CUM) in the heart of Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi. He is involved with the training of pastors and evangelists from a variety of denominations all of whom are working in the slums. Colin is licensed to St Jerome parish in Kibera and has made great strides in helping urban churches work for a lasting change in Africa's vast slums. At a recent CMS sponsored "Building Just Communities" confer-

ence in Nairobi, Colin had hoped for 200 participants but over 300 arrived.

They shared stories of how CUM training had helped them to work with others to provide health-care, education, sanitation and income generated projects for people in their community. Colin is committed to exploring how urban church leaders can challenge and change unjust structures that keep people living in desperate circumstances.

They have set up after school clubs where young people can do their homework with the use of electric lightening and Colin remarked that when you enter the building everyone is studying really hard and you could hear a pin drop.

Anita is licensed to

All Saints Cathedral, and has a special role amongst the International and settler community. This is particularly through invitations to be involved in baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorials, most of which take place outside of the cathedral. It has taken her many years to be accepted but now really feels a welcomed member.

The eye opener for me was that the tin shacks in Kibera that are on top of each other and may only have one room for a family to cook, eat and sleep people actually have to pay rent for the privilege. Yet people look happy and have great faith. Maybe we can learn something from them?

Sandie Avenell

Good News for All at Crofton Park Library

The Summer Reading Challenge registered 165 children and had 81 completers!

The weekly under 5s group on Thursdays at 10 am is going well. So too is baby Bounce on Fridays at 11.0 am

Brockley nursery is making a visit once a month and Brockley infants plan to each week.

In addition for adults on-line computer training has a steady flow of people and in September 10 completed the course. A new session on help people seeking work is also planned by Pauline Morrison.

Well done volunteers and especially Allison Davies who manages and trains volunteers.

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2011 is the 60th anniversary of the UN Refugee Convention, the international treaty which guarantees refugee's rights. British lawyers played a crucial role in drafting the Convention and the UK was one of the first countries to sign.

At that time most refugees came from war torn Europe, some of your own family may have been amongst them. Now they come from many parts of the world- Iraq, Iran, Zimbabwe, China .

The Refugee convention has saved millions of lives and no country has ever withdrawn

from it but over recent years refugees have not been treated with dignity and respect and properly supported to rebuild their lives.

To mark this anniversary the Refugee Council has launched a campaign so you can show your support for a great British tradition- refugee protection.

There are postcards at the back of St. Saviour's Church which call on our Government to ensure that our asylum system is fair, humane and effective, enabling refugees to find a safe haven and a new home here, or you can pledge your support online at www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/protect.

60 years of refugee protection is something we should all take pride in- it is part of our national story particularly here in London where many refugee communities have settled in the past. Let's continue to welcome the stranger in our midst.

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St Saviour's (semi) Edible Garden

Most of the garden has survived the hot dry weather and is now mainly planted with perennials and self-seeders for easy maintenance.

What is growing that is edible? There is rather a lot of Salad Burnet, Jerusalem Artichoke (big sunflower type plants) and parsley, chives, currants, gooseberries and raspberries. What isn't edible is the Achillea aka Yarrow as well as a few other pretty flowers. If in doubt, don't eat it!



If you can or want to help out in the garden, either by helping out with tasks, donating plants or giving ideas on how to develop it further, then please contact me, Ruth Robinson on 07766 596600 or email:

impermaculture@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome to the next drop in session, weather permitting. Tea, coffee, biscuits, gloves and tools provided for volunteers. Kids under 11 need to be supervised.

Harvest Gifts for Asylum Seekers

Lewisham Churches in support of Asylum seekers needs our help. The cupboard is bare and with increased basic food prices LEWCAS is spending around £130 per week to support 15 destitute asylum seekers here in Lewisham with a parcel of basic foodstuff each week.

What would be most helpful are - Rice, pasta, noodles, dried pulses such as peas, beans, lentils, sugar, tea, long life milk, flour, cooking oil, biscuits, tins of fish such as sardines, tuna. Gifts of toiletries are also welcome such as toothpaste, soap and shower gel. These may not seem like traditional Harvest goods but they are part of God's worldwide harvest which we enjoy in plenty.

Please help if you can. If you would like to find out more about LEWCAS and volunteering in this work of supporting asylum seekers in our community please contact

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Carnival comes to Crofton Park

Friday 15 July saw the first Crofton Park Carnival. It was located in the Courtrai Road/St Hilda's Church area and was attended by over 500 people. The event ran from 1pm until 9.30pm and consisted of stalls, games and entertainment until 6pm and then bands performed in the church hall and on stage in Courtrai Road.. The Project was funded by the Ward Assembly and replaced the summer Assembly Meeting and

the games and clowns were organised by MadCap Coalition, who made the event a traditional fairground with coconut stalls, stocks, human fruit machines and numerous other forms of entertainment. We are now looking for feedback and new ideas so that we can make the Carnival an annual Event. If you have any ideas or comments, please contact:

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7.30 p.m. Guides *vacancies*

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Montage Theatre Arts

5:30 p.m. Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health

7:30 p.m. Fitness for Mummies *vacancies*

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