

**HOT NEWS!**

We heard on 26th January that we could have an empty shop at 26 North Street, Emsworth to use as a Pop-up shop for two weeks starting from Monday 6th February, so it was all systems GO! 1000 flyers were printed and distributed locally, posters were put up in Havant and Emsworth. St Joseph's in Havant very kindly lent us some of their stalls, which made perfect shelves to display items for sale and Havant URC lent us a couple of small tables to use as a 'counter', all we needed now was some stock! Everyone pulled together and soon stock was coming at us from all directions. The plea for good quality things to sell was answered by so many people it was overwhelming and in no time at all the shelves were groaning under the weight. The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Mrs Faith Ponsonby, agreed, at very short notice, to 'officially' open the shop for us at 2:30pm on 6th February, although we had started trading at 9:30am that morning. By 2:30pm many people were in the shop for the official opening, we even had a photographer, John Tweddell to capture the moment that the ribbon was cut!



*Waiting to open*



*Cutting the ribbon*



*Everyone enjoying the shop!*

We have just completed our first week in the shop and it is bringing in about £100 a day, much needed funds for our play in August 2017. The owner of the shop has kindly agreed we can stay for a third week, an offer we were delighted to accept as it will take us over the school half-term holiday, when we hope to attract many new young buyers! New stock is arriving all the time and we have a constant stream of buyers, as word is spreading that there is a 'new' Charity shop in North Emsworth! The traders on the north side of Emsworth have welcomed us with open arms and we have been visited by many of the local shop assistants, some coming to check us out and others donating things for us to sell or buying from us. We have had many offers of help to 'man' the shop from a variety of people. Once again I can only thank the generosity of everyone involved in this exciting venture. The support for HPP is wonderful and everyday someone comes into the shop offering help or wanting to be involved, it is heart warming and very humbling. If goodwill can enable our new play to take place this year, we have it in bucket loads. My thanks and blessings to you all, Jacky Chong.

Opening hours Monday - Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm, Sundays 10am - 4pm, do visit us, we would love to see you!

**Havant Passion Play AGM**

The AGM took place on Thursday 9th February 2017 at Havant United Reformed Church. It was very well attended and it was good to see so many 'old' friends again. The meeting started by Rev Bill Stillwell leading us all in prayer. The election of three new trustees to the Board was agreed by the members and we are pleased to welcome, Fiona Rosen, Pauline Kaznowski and Mary Close to replace retiring members, Martin McGranaghan, Derek Phillips and Carol Lanham, all of whom were thanked for their work and contribution. After reports from the Treasurer and Chairman there were many questions from the floor about the new play. The buzz and excitement in the room was palpable. Everyone is looking forward to working with James Burke-Dunsmore again and can't wait for the workshops to begin on 6th March 2017 at Havant Methodist Church as before.

*Below is a list of dates for Workshops and rehearsals for the 2017 Play. Initially you should only be required to attend rehearsals for your scenes. Do come and join us, no obligation!*

**Workshops: all at 7-9pm Havant Methodist Church, Petersfield Road**

Monday: 6th March 2017; Friday :10th March 2017; Friday: 17th March 2017; Monday: 20th March 2017 and Friday: 24th March 2017

**Rehearsals: Weekdays 7-9pm; Sundays 2-5pm all at Havant Methodist Church, Petersfield Road**

Friday: 30th June; Sunday: 2nd July; Monday: 3rd July; Friday: 7th July; Sunday: 9th July; Monday: 10th July; Friday : 14th July; Sunday: 16th July; Monday: 17th July; Friday : 21st July; Sunday: 23rd July; Monday: 24th July; Friday: 28th July; Sunday: 30th July; Monday: 31st July; Friday: 4th August

**Outdoor rehearsals and performances will be held as detailed below:**

Saturday: 5th August - 10am-3pm St Joseph's, Havant ; Sunday: 6th August 12noon-4pm St Joseph's, Havant.

Thursday: 10th August Tech rehearsal Havant Park; Friday: 11th August Full dress rehearsal Havant Park

**Saturday: 12th August 2017 HPP Play Havant Park; Sunday: 13th August 2107 HPP Play Havant Park**

*It is expected there will be three performances. Two on one day and one on the other, details of times to follow.*

**FUND RAISING**

**100 Club**

The next draw, for those interested, will take place on Monday 20th March 2017. Those who would like to continue to take part will keep the numbers originally allocated, but need to pay for the next draw by 17th March 2017, if they have not already done so. If anyone would like to purchase more tickets or new people would like to join please contact: [lingagstimpson@gmail.com](mailto:lingagstimpson@gmail.com) or your church HPP contact.

**FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS**

**FASHION SHOW**

A Fashion Show has been booked at the Edinburgh Woollen Mills Shop in Waterlooville, near to Waitrose.

Do come and join us on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now, price £5 each but numbers are limited so get yours as soon as possible. You can purchase the tickets in the Pop-up shop or by contacting Jacky at [jackychong@btinternet.com](mailto:jackychong@btinternet.com). Some of our HPP Members will be acting as models so come and cheer them on!

There will be a 10% discount on all purchases and another 10% will be donated to HPP funds. Raffle, light nibbles, fun and fundraising!

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

We have booked Emsworth Methodist Church for a flower festival on 10th-11th June 2017. If you, or any organisation you belong to, would like to arrange or sponsor a floral display or be involved in any other way we look forward to hearing from you. It is a date to put in your diary. For further information please contact Mary Close : [mary.close@live.com](mailto:mary.close@live.com)

**HPP RECIPE BOOK**

Calling all 'Bake off' and 'Masterchief' fans! Do you or your family have a favourite recipe? It could be for granny's shepherd's pie or auntie's fruit cake, or even your own take on Easter biscuits, if so we'd love to hear from you as we would like to compile a HPP recipe book in time for Easter. It would be a wonderful Easter present to give instead of the traditional chocolate egg and would raise much needed funds for our charity! Please e-mail a 'Word' copy of your recipes to: [kaznowskipauline@gmail.com](mailto:kaznowskipauline@gmail.com) as soon as possible and she will start compiling the book. Do give Pauline any interesting or fascinating facts about your recipes, you are not restricted to sending her just one!