

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Make your peas a bit sweeter

■ **PURBROOK:** Interested in growing better sweet peas in 2008? Then come along to hear Jim McDonald give a talk entitled *Growing Sweet Peas for Pleasure and Exhibition* at Purbrook Horticultural Society's first meeting for 2008 on Thursday, February 7.

The society meets at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of every month (except January) at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook.

In the coming months, visiting speakers will cover *Cultivating orchids - the basics! the truth!; Plants and gardens in*

Britain and *How to produce lovely hanging baskets*.

The talks are usually split by a break for free refreshments. There is a show table where members' horticultural successes compete for a small prize, a raffle and a seasonally appropriate selection of bulbs and plants on sale. But most importantly a fount of horticultural expertise is on tap if required.

The society store, adjacent to the allotments in Widley, is open from 9.30am to 11.30am every Saturday and supplies almost all garden and

allotment requisites in both small and bulk sizes, at heavily discounted prices.

The society's spring show will be held on March 22 at the Deverell Hall and the summer show will be at Crookhorn College of Technology on August 17.

The society also organises several coach day trips each year to places with a strong horticultural component.

New members are made very welcome and can join at either the monthly meetings or the store.

Annual membership is £5 per household.

New club is up and running

■ **WATERLOOVILLE:** A new social club for the elderly is being run in the Waterloo Community Association Building, Maurepas Way.

It is intended to entertain and be a friendly place for people to meet every first and third Friday of the month.

Contact Arthur Matthews for more information on (023) 9259 5237.

Win yourself £20

■ **WATERLOOVILLE:** As Waterloo does not have an allocated children's centre, it has been combined with Mill Hill Children's Centre.

Now there will be specific venues within the Waterloo catchment area which will be used to provide a range of support to parents-to-be, mums, dads, carers and their children.

Penny Povey and Katy Leworthy would like local families to be involved in the naming of the new Waterloo Children's Centre.

There will be a prize of £20 to be shared for the winning name and logo and any suggestions should be sent to Mill Hill Children's Centre, Mill Road, Waterloo PO7 7DB by February 29.

■ CHARITY: Holiday home is fitting tribute to brave Hannah

Helping other children have quality time



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WHEN 10-year-old Hannah Westbrook lost her fight against Hodgkin's Lymphoma, family and friends rallied round.

They supported her mum Pam, and son Adam, in their quest to raise funds for the Piam Brown Ward at Southampton General Hospital where Hannah was treated.

Now, three years on, these friends and family have formed a committee to provide respite for families whose children are suffering from child cancers.

Through her traumatic experience of losing a child, Pam knows what parents are going through and decided to provide something tangible in memory of Hannah.

In November the committee was formed and registered with the council, and a loan was taken out to buy a holiday home so children undergoing gruelling treatment or recovery can spend quality time together with their families.

It will also be used by families needing time to get over the loss of a child.

To help repay the



The hard-working committee of Hannah's Holiday Home charity, top left to right, Kev Stokes, Sue Stokes, Pam Westbrook, Jane Lefeuve, Kirsten Childs, and Diane Martin. Bottom, left to right, Colin Marshall, Peter Holt, Derek Childs and Stuart Martin

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loan and pay for maintenance and insurance of the home the group have been busy fundraising. Southampton hospital has already donated £10,000 as it will be responsible for referring children to receive a free holiday at the home.

A school in Southampton has raised money and £2,500 has been registered at John Lewis to use to furnish the home. In February, the Hannah Holiday Home will be officially opened

at Oakdene Forest Park in the New Forest, a holiday venue chosen by Pam as she, partner Colin, son Adam and one-year-old Grace have spent happy times there with their friends.

Pam said: 'It seemed the obvious place, as it has become a tradition to visit Oakdene for a cracker weekend in December with friends and family and this time 45 of us stayed at Oakdene.'

'The holiday home offers luxury accommo-

modation for six and has all the comforts of home, and it will offer families the chance to forget the illness for a week and enjoy precious quality time together.'

The committee are hoping to involve local schools, businesses and companies in supporting their cause.

If you can help, call Pam on (023) 9257 0810 or 07790 349876 or e-mail pamcolandadam@btinternet.com. The website is at www.hannahsholidayhome.piczo.com

The News reader offer

Free Lily of the Valley for every reader

Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria*) has traditionally been a favourite for the winter garden, with dainty white, bell-shaped flowers on sword-like leaves giving off a lovely fragrance - and we've got a great offer of three free rhizomes worth £5.28 for every reader. All you have to do is send £2.29 to cover postage and packing.

To add some brilliant colour to your garden, why not take a look at some of the other great offers we have for you?

A 3 *Helleborus Orientalis* (Lenten Rose). Flowers from Feb-April in unusual colours for only £7.99

B Asiatic Lilies. Ten exotic lilies in a glorious mix of colour for only £7.99

C Three Arum Lilies. Elegant blooms in a mix of colours for only £6.99

D Three *Helleborus Niger*. Lovely white flowers with golden centres for only £7.99

E 20 Lily of the Valley rhizomes for only £8.99

■ To claim your free Lily of the Valley rhizomes and take advantage of additional offers, you'll need to cut out this voucher and send it, together with a cheque to cover postage and packing and an order form to be printed in tomorrow's News (Friday January 11).



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