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Come Along and be a Part of History!

World Federation of the Deaf Conference will be here in Sydney!

Many people may have heard that there will be a conference here in Sydney on the 16th - 18th October 2013. Ephpheta is working as part of the committee to organise the conference. The theme for the conference will be *Equality For Deaf People* and the people who will speak will be talking about all different ways Deaf people have achieved Equality or what needs to change to give deaf people Equality.

Many of you might be wondering, "Is the conference right for me?" There will be many different people presenting about interesting and wonderful things happening from all around the world, Albania, Finland, Norway, South Africa, India and even the Democratic Republic of Congo - this will be an opportunity of a lifetime to hear about what life is like for deaf people in far and interesting places and it will happen right here in Sydney!

There will be hundreds of people from Deaf communities from around the world here in Sydney for the week of the conference, we hope that the Sydney Deaf Community will come out to meet them, get to know them and share the wonderful experience of being one large International Deaf Community.

Many of you know the Deaf Society NSW are celebrating their centenary (100 year anniversary) this year - there are a lot of events that are happening around the time of the conference like the International Deaf Film Festival, the 99th AGM, the International Deaf Festival and the Afternoon Tea Party at Town

Hall... These are all events that we should not miss! There is a lot of

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Equality for Deaf People

information about them on the Deaf Society of NSW's new website.

Why should we all celebrate the Deaf Society's birthday? One very good reason is - this year is really a celebration of the many things that the Deaf Community of NSW has achieved over the last 100 years. In our country, our white, nonindigenous history is less than 230 years old and our Deaf community have had an organised presence for more than 100 years - this is a big deal and something we should all be proud of and celebrate! There is a committee of people working on a website of our Deaf Community's history that will be launched at the Centenary Afternoon Tea Party. Brian and Dennis Johnston are both on the committee working very hard to find information and photos of old times. Congratulations to Brian and Dennis and the whole committee, this website will be wonderful for our community and future deaf children for many years.

Now it's time to buy your tickets to the events and your registration to the conference. Remember - It's a once in a lifetime event! All tickets must be bought on the internet, if you don't know how or don't use the internet, please ask us at Ephpheta, we can help you with this. You can also volunteer to help at these events -

see these websites for more information:

To see the WFD & Centenary summarised program please see page 3.

http://www.wfdsydney2013.com/http://deafsocietynsw.org.au/centenary



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Dear Friends.

As I pondered what to write in my first Director's Report for the year especially after the long layoff, I left it until the last minute. Firstly I must say it is great to be back and I thank you for your prayers which were much needed. I also thank God for the doctors and nurses who patched me up.

Finally I decided what to write after I went for a bike ride last Sunday 26th May. It was Trinity Sunday, a glorious day with beautiful weather, I met up with friends and the 9 of us began our ride through Brooklyn, Wollombi, Broke then on the Putty Rd stopping at Putty, Colo Heights, Wilberforce and Windsor before returning home.

With the power of the Yamaha FJR motorcycle beneath me and the freedom of exhilaration. I took in the sights of the country Spirit, He will as I rode through all the towns and absorbed all God's wonderful creation. Mind you I was within the limit and a touch over on some occasions! My friends commented on the clear blue sky and the fresh air and what a wonderful day it was to team up and share the experiences. I reflected on the mysteries of God's creation and how He created all these from nothing. Despite what the scientists, researchers,

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biologists and archaeologists come up with the earth that is supposedly billions of years old and how life began; yet it is a mystery beyond our wildest dreams.

Talking about mysteries, another mystery is the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit three in one! What does it mean by 3 in one? I think it is pretty much the same as in my 2nd paragraph, a mystery beyond our imagination. Listening to the priest's sermon at Saturday's vigil, he pointed out that not everyone understands what it means or that we might feel it is too hard to know about it. Maybe it is boring because it doesn't make sense. We learnt or were taught that God is our Father that Jesus is the Son of God and then there is the Holy Spirit. But Big Steve KSS who is the Holy Spirit? Is it really

a dove or tongue of fire as in Pentecost? It is important to hear that Jesus said the Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of Truth". God our Father speaks to us through the Holy guide us to all truth, and He will glorify Jesus. In our life sometimes we ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, quidance and strength so that we can deepen our faith. Riding the Yamaha FJR along the Putty Rd thinking, even though I do not

claim to fully understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity but to have faith in what Jesus told us will bring us closer to God even with all His mysteries. We can always ask and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us through life's journey.

To conclude this I would like to give my praise to the staff at Ephpheta Centre for their tireless work without yours truly at the Christmas and Easter celebrations. I believe they have done very well to support all of you while I was laid up at both celebrations. Again, your prayers were much appreciated and together I would like to pray for those who are currently ill.

Ephpheta to you, Be Open,



Rebranding the Ephpheta Centre!

With our NEW Website & NEW Logo!!

A new look for the Ephpheta Centre!



We have been hard at work with a new logo and a brand new website!

The people at our Easter Vigil mass received an Easter card showing our new logo, which we will officially start to use soon.

So why did we choose this as our logo?

There are 3 main colours - light red (the blood of Christ, our life force), gold (light – Jesus our light in the world) and white (peace and purity). The new logo has few meanings and tries to tell a few things:

1. The central vertical stick in the logo represents Jesus as the community leader.

2. The wavy curve around part of the logo is Jesus embracing His people who He loves



3. The whole logo represents the Cross on which Jesus died for us...

The Ephpheta Centre is working on a brand new website with lots of information in Auslan - we will have it ready soon!





The WFD Conference & Centenary Program has so many events, we thought we'd list them here for you:

Wednesday 16th October

WFD Conference Welcome Reception - 6.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 17th October

WFD Conference Day 1 - 9am-5pm International Deaf Pub - 6pm-late

Friday 18th October

WFD Conference Day 2 - 9am-5pm

WFD Conference Dinner - 6.30pm-10.30pm

International Deaf Pub - 6pm-late

Saturday 19th October

International Deaf Festival - 10am-4pm International Deaf Film Festival 6pm-9pm International Deaf Pub - 6pm-late

Sunday 20th October

Centenary Afternoon Tea - 2pm-5pm International Deaf Pub - 6pm-late

For more information & prices, please go to: http://www.wfdsydney2013.com/program.php

Here is a sneak preview of some new Ephpheta website pages!

You can see we will have a "Deaf Directory" button which will go to a page of different Deaf owned businesses and their contacts. If you or someone you know wants their business in it please contact Danni danni@ephpheta.org.au to give information for this page.

The whole website will have accessibility options so if you can't quite see well, you can change contrast or the website font bigger! Don't you think the new flashy buttons look great?!



Save the Dates

Some very important things to book in to your diary now so you don't miss out! See below for more information...



10th-17th June - Fr Cyril visits Australia again! **25th June -** Joy Warby's Memorial Service

1st August - Women's Day Out
4th August - Ephpheta Sunday
8th August - MMK Feast Day Mass
11th August - MMK Mass & Tour
16th August - Men's Day Out
31st August - Father's Day Eve Mass

FR CYRIL VISITS AUSTRALIA - 10th-17th JUNE

Fr Cyril's visiting Australia again, during 10th to 17th June & will be at Deaf Café on Friday 14th June & say Mass at Seven Hills on 16th June. He will also give a Community Presentation after Mass! He's looking forward to meeting you all again!

Deaf Café

When: Deaf Café, Friday

14th June

AND

Seven Hills Mass

When: Sunday 16th June at 11.00am for Mass then Community Presentation.

Where: Our Lady of

Lourdes, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills

After Mass: Please stay to talk with Fr Cyril and

listen to his Community Presentation.

Joy Warby nee Glover Memorial Service - 25th June

Many of the Waratah School Girls know Joy Warby (nee Glover) as the "Big Sister" at school. Because many of us could not go to Joy's funeral in Newcastle, we will have a



Memorial Service and welcome any Waratah girls to come and share their memories of Joy.

When: Tuesday 25th June at 10.30am

Where: Chapel of St Francis de Sale, 4 Turner

St, Punchbowl

Afterwards: Join us for lunch for a donation. **Wear:** Red shoes - Joy loved Red shoes because of the "Wizard of Oz" movie!

Deaf Women's Day Out -

1st August

Young-Joo has invited us to learn about her Korean



heritage! We will discover what it's like in Korea by going to the Korean Culture Office (KCO) seeing Korean art exhibitions and antiques from Korean history,

demonstrations of Korean customs and a chance to try on Korean costumes! For lunch, we will go to a Korean Restaurant on Pitt St to

try Korean food!

When: Thursday 1st August

Time: 10am to 3pm. Tour will start at 10.30am.

Where: Meet in

front of KCO, 255 Elizabeth St, Sydney.

Cost: FREE Entry. Korean buffet Lunch \$10 (if you want).

RSVP: to Danni on 0410 567 621 (sms) or

email danni@ephpheta.org.au

Ephpheta Sunday - 4th August

Ephpheta Sunday is a special day celebrated by Catholic Deaf Communities all around the world! We celebrate the gift that the Deaf community brings to the world.

Once again, we will celebrate Ephpheta Sunday in our own chapel and follow with lunch.

When: Sunday 4th August, 10.30am Mass starts.

Where: Chapel of St Francis de Sale, 4 Turner St. Punchbowl

Lunch Cost: \$10 per person, under 12 years \$5, under 5 years free.

Must RSVP by 30th July: Please contact Liz to confirm you are coming.



Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass - 8th August

Mary MacKillop Feast Day is on Thursday 8th August so if you can't go to the MMK Mass & Tour but would like to celebrate our Australian Saint, welcome to join us for Mass at the Ephpheta Centre!

When: Thursday 8th August, 11.30am

Where: Chapel of St Francis de Sale, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl Afterwards: Join us for lunch at the Ephpheta Centre for a donation.



MMK Mass & Tour - 11 August

We will be celebrating Mary MacKillop month with Mass & a Tour of the MMK Museum by our very own Nicole Clark as Tour Guide!

When: Sunday 11th August, Mass starts 10am. Tour will start after Mass.

Where: Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount St North Sydney (close to North Sydney train station)

Cost: \$21 Museum Tour & Lunch Package: Includes museum admission, guided tour and lunch

(sandwiches, brewed coffee, tea and cake) at the MMK Café.

Must RSVP by 6th August: To Danni - email: danni@ephpheta.org.au or SMS: 0410 56 621

Because of this Special MMK Mass, GOSFORD Mass is CANCELLED on 11th August.



Deaf Men's Day Out - 16th August

Q Station Tour with Auslan Interpreters! Explore the wonders of THE Quarantine station. Meet at the reception, Quarantine Station,

North Head Scenic Drive Manly. When: Friday 16th August, 10am

Where: North Head Scenic Drive, Manly Cost of Entry: \$12 Seniors or \$15 Adults



NO THONGS OR SANDALS, please wear covered shoes.

Deaf Men's Group



RSVP: to David 0408 669 672 (sms) or david@ephpheta.org.au or Fax 0297095638 or TTY 0297086904 For more information about the Q Station tour, please visit the website:

www.gstation.com.au/



Father's Day Eve Mass - 31st August

Because Father's Day is on Sunday 1st September, we will have Mass on Saturday evening instead, on Saturday 31st August.

When: Saturday 31st August at 5.30pm

Where: Chapel of St Francis de Sale, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

After Mass: As we usually have lunch after Mass, we will have dinner

instead as the usual arrangement.





Out and About in the Deaf Community

Deaf Men's Day Out at Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk



It has two gently swaying cantilevered arms and a central tower raised fifty metres off the forest floor. We had stunning views of the rainforest and out to the ocean. It is an amazing nature experience! For lunch,

most of us had yummy fish and chips for lunch. We then drove to the Carrington Falls and we

browsed through the forest to get a glimpse of the steep water fall.

Thank you for a great day! The next event is on 19th August at Q

Station. See page 5 for more information.

David Parker, Deaf Men's Group





On Friday 17th April, we ran a Photo Workshop at Deaf Society of NSW on a cloudy day for a group of Deaf young people. The lovely Sue Wright was the presenter and she gave an interesting presentation on how to use a Digital Camera (SLR) properly and we learnt about the fundamentals of using a

camera. We learnt quickly about what white balance, aperture, speed, focus etc. We then walked to Parramatta

river next to the
Riverside Theatre, so
we could take photos
of the free running
water with various
photo settings. We
also took many
photos of a very
friendly duck.
Matthew White was

sitting down and this duck waddled up and stood next to him and fell asleep! ©

By David Parker



Fr Peter Woodward travels the world! See his stories in the next issue!!

Fr Peter Woodward has arrived home safe n sound from his worldly travels! His journey included Italy, France and other countries. Here are some sneak peeks into his travel photos. Watch out for his travel stories in the next newsletter!



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OUR FIRST WOMEN'S DAY OUT!!



On Tuesday 14th June, a lovely warm sunny day, we had our very first Deaf Women's Day out! About 35 deaf ladies, led by Nicole and Danni from the Ephpheta Centre, met for a tour of the Rocks in Sydney.

We met at the Rocks café and then had our own tour around places of interest in the Rocks

we saw the "Suez Canal", Sailor's Home, the

Nurses Walk, Campbell's storehouses, the Rocks Discovery museum checking out old broken antiques from the homes in the area and more. We were all very interested to hear stories of Sydney's past – we all thought that it must have been a fairly



scary place to live! We then finished with a tour at the Rocks Museum and a display of lolly making at the lolly store which was fantastic. All finished with a yummy lunch and then home!

Our next Deaf Women's Day Out will be at the Korean Culture Office! See page 4 for more information.

Religious Interpreter Workshop

In early April we ran a Religious Interpreting workshop here at Ephpheta with SLC NSW. We had 30 people attend, interpreters and

interpreting students.
Our very own Nicole
Clark did a wonderful
job leading the
workshop!

The workshop focused on the parts of religious services – the Mass, other Christian Sunday services and funerals. Often interpreters feel nervous about interpreting in church so we hope to support interpreters while they build their confidence to do more of this kind of work.

The feedback from the workshop showed that everyone gained a lot from the day. Good work Nic!







Deaf Cafe

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people!

Deaf Café is for anybody, no need to book just turn up, we will have the coffee hot and the cake and biscuits waiting!

You can meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa.

Tea & coffee available all day! Gold coin donation. Bring your own lunch or you can buy your lunch for \$3.

The next dates are:

14th June (Fr Cyril & NDIS Workshop), 12th July & 9th August

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)
Time: **10am to 2pm**



At: the Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl. See you there! ©

Deaf Young Adults Group Announcement

This group is now **CANCELLED**. Deaf Young Adults Group will NOT meet anymore. You are always welcome to any of our other groups or events.

The Ephpheta Centre is always setting up new

groups so keep an eye out, perhaps in future, there will be a group you can join & would be very welcome to! Thank you all.

Contact: Any questions contact Danni - 0410 567 621 or danni@ephpheta.org.au

CANCELLED & CLOSED



Deaf Youth Sydney group is busy planning new and exciting events for June to August this year! Please regularly check the Deaf Youth Sydney website:

www.deafyouthsydney.org.au OR Check out the Deaf Youth Sydney Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/deafyouthsydney For more information, contact David 0408 669 672 (sms) / email david@ephpheta.org.au Amanda 0423 276 079 (sms) / email afagirzada@DeafSociety.com



Little Hands, Red, green, blue & yellow..... With a palette of paints,

We have some fun in store for you!
So come over and let's get CRAFTY!!!

Crafts

We will be supplying blank paper animal face masks/paints & paintbrushes etc.

Each Little Hands will chose their own animal face masks to paint and get creative!

Cost: \$2 dollar per child (this is to cover the art materials & rest as donation to support Shirley and Belle)

Lunch - Sausage Sizzle BBQ by Belle and Shirley

Shirley and Belle have been elected to represent

Australia at World Federation Deaf Youth Junior Camp in Rome, Italy in July.

To fundraise to help them to cover the expenses for their participation of the WFDYS Camp, we will be having a sausage sizzle!!

Cost: \$3.50 per sausage sizzle/bread roll and an additional 50c as an extra for onions. Soft drinks will also be available to purchase.

Venue: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

Date: Sunday 30th June Time: 11pm to 2pm

Please R.S.V.P to Nina before 20th June to confirm the number of people attending so we could order enough sizzle sausages!

Contact: Nina by email nina1977@tpg.com.au or 0400 372 951 (sms)



https://www.facebook.com/groups/311899722269189/?fref=ts

500 Club

There's a NEW group you can join! If you like playing cards & (of

course) chatting with old & new friends, you're welcome to join this new group - 500 Club! On once a month on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

When: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 10.00am-2.00pm
Next Dates: 25th June,

23rd July, 27th August



Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

More information: Morning tea, coffee & biscuits provided. Please bring own lunch.

Skype Access at Ephpheta

Centre

Do you like to use Skype but don't have it at home? Or maybe you would like a "Pastoral Visit" at

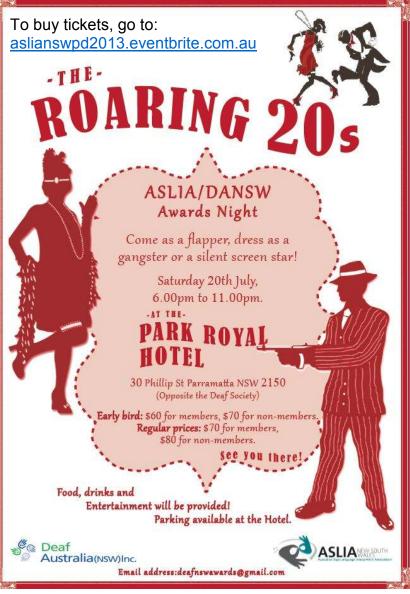


home on the computer?

You're welcome to Skype any of the staff at the Ephpheta or you can come to the Ephpheta Centre and use our big TV to Skype your friends, maybe they live far away in the country you can chat with them and it will feel like they're in the same room!



Contact Donovan on donovan@ephpheta.org.au if you would like to Skype us or make an appointment to use our Skype.







The NDIS – It's YOUR money!
It's YOUR choice!
It's time for you to tell us what you want!

Tell us what services you want from the Deaf Society.

It is important that the Deaf Society can offer services that you want and that meet your needs.

If you would like to have your say and give feedback to help the Deaf Society improve services for Deaf people then join us soon for workshops.

Coming to Ephpheta Centre Deaf Café!!

When: Friday 14th June

Contact: Karalyn Church and Diane Urlich-Smith

SMS: 0414 917 857

Email: NDISresearch@deafsociety.com

www.deafsocietynsw.org.au

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Craft workshop!!

The Deaf Craft Ladies are having a workshop on Friday 28th June at the Ephpheta Centre. This

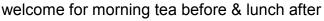
workshop will teach how to use Flip-n (Flip la K) templates & make beautiful quilts & other items using these templates. To RSVP & for more information please contact Danni. If you don't come regularly, you are still welcome to come to the workshops!

Flip-n (Flip la K) Workshop

When: Friday 28th June For more information please contact Danni at Ephpheta Centre or look at www.fliplak.com

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.

Time: 10am-3pm (You're



for \$3)

Cost: Around \$10 or more for one template & materials (you take what you made home!)

RSVP: Please RSVP to danni@ephpheta.org.au

or 0410 567 621 (sms only) so we can make sure there is enough for everyone.

the Ephpheta Centre!

Deaf Craft 20 years Anniversary

When: Saturday 14th September

The Deaf Craft group will be celebrating their 20 years Anniversary! They will launch the ew group name & have a historical Craft display & special guests invited.

The Deaf Craft Group is always open to any

interested ladies, meets every Wednesday (except when there's something on) from 10am until 2pm at the Ephpheta Centre.

provided for \$3. More information? Contact

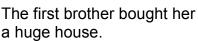
Bring your crafts to work on. Lunch is

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl.

More Information: Watch out for more information (time, costs etc) in the next newsletter!!

Hehehehe!!

Three rich brothers each wanted to do something special for their elderly mother on Mother's Day.





The second brother gave her a limousine, with a driver.

The third brother remembered that his mother

used to love to read the Bible, but couldn't see well anymore, so he got her a specially trained parrot that could recite any verse from the Bible on demand.



Soon, the three brothers received thank-you notes from their mother.

The note to the first son said, "The house you

bought me is much too big! I only live in a small part of it, but I have to clean the whole thing!"

The second son got a note that said, "I rarely leave the house anymore, so I hardly use the limo you gave me. And when I do use it, the driver is so rude!"

The third son's note said, "My darling baby boy, you know just what your mother loves! The chicken was delicious!

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air.

"He is an Artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?"
the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."



Mass Times

JUNE

2nd Sunday 10.30am PUNCHBOWL & Assembly Report

9th Sunday 9.30am

NORTH GOSFORD

16th Sunday 11.00am

SEVEN HILLS

& Community Presentation (for more information, see page 4)

22nd Saturday 6.00pm

JULY

7th Sunday 10.30am

PUNCHBOWL

REVESBY

14th Sunday 10.30am

MANLY

21st Sunday 11.00am

SEVEN HILLS

27th Saturday 6.00pm

REVESBY

AUGUST

4th Ephpheta Sunday 10.30am

PUNCHBOWL

8th MMK Feast Day Mass 11.30am

PUNCHBOWL

(for more information, see page 5)

11th Sunday CANCELLED 9.30am

NORTH GOSFORD

11th Sunday 10.00am

NORTH SYDNEY & MMK Place Tour

(for more information, see page 5)

18th Sunday 11.00am

SEVEN HILLS

24th Saturday 6.00pm

REVESBY

31st Saturday 5.30pm

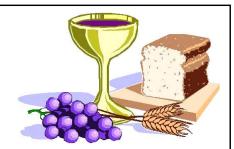
PUNCHBOWL (Father's Day Eve)

(for more information, see page 5)

SEPTEMBER

1st Sunday CANCELLED 10.30am

PUNCHBOWL



Church Addresses

Chapel of St Francis de Sales 4 Turner St Punchbowl

9.

Our Lady of the Rosary 92 Glennie St North Gosford Integrated Mass

St Mary's 6 Raglan St Manly Integrated Mass



Our Lady of Lourdes 7 Grantham Rd Seven Hills



St Luke's 1 Beaconsfield St Revesby 6pm

Integrated Vigil Mass

Campbelltown Mass Dates:

At: St John the Evangelist, 35 Cordeaux

St, Campbelltown

When: 14th July, 11th August, 8th September Time: 9am

We pray...

For those who have died

29 March 2013 - Jim McCleary (Heather Kerr's husband) March 2013 - Harry Passlow (Lawn Bowls & Tennis player)

29 March 2013 - David Rodwell

9 April 2013 - Seung-Bong Park (Young-Joo Byun's father)

16 April 2013 - Joy Warby (nee Glover, Waratah girl)

19 April 2013 - Kenneth Ashley (James Ashley's father)

5 May 2013 - Maureen Partington (Bernie-Marie Colquhoun's

mother)

22 May 2013 - Christopher Dane (Orange)

For those who are sick

Nicolas Tayeh

Stephen Dane (Orange)

Ian Rogers (Prostate Cancer)

Chris Whitehead (Robyn Houston's brother)

Grant Kent

Pam Tully (Joyce Tully's sister-in-law)





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Please send your news, stories, information and requests to Danni to be considered for the next newsletter!

WEBSITE NEWS Have you seen our website recently?

Our website is now being updated weekly so it is always full of current information - we hope everyone will get used to checking it!

If you have any ideas for our website please contact Danni.

