

Children's choir are Lambeth Country Show-stoppers



St Anselm's North Lambeth's new junior church choir took to the stage at the Lambeth Country Show this year - and 'stopped the show'! After less than a year in the making, 'The Young Voices of St Anselm's' put on a fantastic performance which had passers-by singing along and demanding an encore! The choir welcomes children from all backgrounds and sings a mix of secular and sacred pieces. They perform once a month at St Anselm's Church, North Lambeth Parish, as well as at many public events.

Outwood Heritage Day launches vital repair project

The church of St John the Baptist, Outwood buzzed with activity during its Heritage Day at the end of June.

The day marked the start of vital repair work on the Grade II listed church building following a substantial grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The grant of £140,300 will fund repairs to the external stonework, which was in imminent danger of collapse, removing old loose material and re-rendering the building.

It will secure the building for regular worship and as a focus for local heritage and history displays and cultural events.

Architect John Bailey was on hand to explain the project and an exhibition in the church celebrated the memories of past generations, with photos and documents. Visitors were able to visit parts of the church that are usually unseen

and track points of interest around the church building and an ecology trail round the churchyard. The Outwood Horticultural Society took the opportunity to stage its Early Summer show.

The day concluded with a concert of sea shanties. It was the first performance by the Windmill Songmen, made up of men from the local communities and the Windmill United Benefice churches.



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125 years of the Mothers' Union in Surbiton

St Andrew & St Mark, Surbiton Mothers' Union Branch celebrated its 125th birthday on Wednesday 20 June.

Among the guests present were Heather and Brian Elphick, visiting from Somerset for the occasion. Heather was Branch Leader from 1988 until the end of 1999 and was the main organiser of the centenary celebrations in 1993.

After the welcome cups of tea, Audrey Eldridge, Branch Leader, read a congratulatory letter from Bev Jullien, Mothers' Union Chief Executive.

The Vicar, Robert Stanier, a Mothers' Union member, led an informal service of thanksgiving.



During the service he asked everyone to share memories of Mothers' Union over the years.

Members also heard about those doing the catering at Southwark Cathedral and Mary Sumner House and shared fond memories of former leaders of the branch who have died.

After the service the reminiscences continued over a celebration cake, bring-and-share puddings and bubbly. On behalf of the members, Audrey Eldridge said: "Many thanks to all who contributed in some way to leave us with such happy memories of this special occasion".

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