



# *The* **HIGHLANDER**

## **July-August 2026**

**The monthly newsletter of Highlands Methodist  
Church, Leigh on Sea**

**These are services at Highlands for July 2026**

10:30 am Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship Café Church	Maureen Spinks
10:30 am Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship Holy Communion	Rev Heather Simmons
10:30 am Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship & Praise	Matt Bunkall
10:30 am Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship United Service <b>at Highlands</b>	Rev Dr David Chapman <sup>1</sup>



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10:00 am Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship Holy Communion	Rev Heather Simmons
7:30 pm Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> (7:00 for...)	Vespers Gospel Service	Rev Heather Simmons
7:30 pm Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Worship Taizé Worship	Rev Heather Simmons
10:30 am Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship United Service at <b>Highlands</b>	Rev Dr David Chapman <sup>2</sup>
7:30 pm Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mindfulness	Rev Heather Simmons



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## These are services at Highlands for August 2026

10:30 am Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Worship Café Church	Sanya Strachan
10:30 am Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship Holy Communion	Rev Heather Simmons
10:30 am Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship & Praise	Matt Bunkall
10:30 am Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Worship	Rev Heather Simmons
11:00 am Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship United Service <b>at Belfairs</b>	Rev Steve Mayo



## These are services at The Fishermen's Chapel for August 2026.

10:00 am Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship Holy Communion	Rev Heather Simmons
7:30 pm Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> (7:00 for...)	Vespers Gospel Service	Rev Heather Simmons
7:30 pm Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Worship Taizé Worship	Rev Heather Simmons
7:30 pm Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mindfulness	Rev Heather Simmons



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## From Your Minister

I am writing this letter to you in 33-degree heat as I prepare to go on holiday to Budapest, so forgive me if my thoughts are a little less organised than usual. I am one of those last-minute packers, mainly because if I start too early, I forget what I have packed and/or need the things I have beautifully folded in my case. Preparation is not always my strong point; I am more of an impulsive, anything goes personality!



However there is something to be said for preparation. Preparation enables us to be calmer; it gives us time to reflect and think about all the different scenarios. It can often be the difference between inclusion and exclusion of people's needs.

The bible speaks of being prepared quite often. Here are some examples...

✦ **Luke 14:28:** Highlights the importance of counting the cost and careful planning before starting a project.

✦ **1 Peter 3:15:** Encourages being prepared to explain your faith with gentleness and respect.



✦ **Matthew 25:13**

✦ **& Ephesians 6:15:** Stress the need to remain vigilant, alert, and spiritually equipped.

I particularly like the 1 Peter reference above. It's all about being

prepared to explain your faith with gentleness and respect. So often we can be caught off guard when someone asks us about our faith. Perhaps in these long summer days, when we may have more time to sit back and relax, we can prepare in our minds, the kinds of things we might say when asked to speak of God and our relationship.

It might make interesting dinner conversation to suggest, 'How might we speak of our faith with respect to those around us?' 'How would you speak of Christianity to a non-believer/Muslim/ Buddhist/person of another Christian denomination?'



1 Peter also speaks of gentleness. Gentleness is such a beautiful word. 'Preparing with gentleness' sounds slow-moving, with soft touch, quieter perhaps, and with care. This is a way we can think of others and their needs. As this heat gives us less energy and encourages slower moving, let us ponder **together** how to share the Good News of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I leave you with that thought as I finish my packing...

May your July be blessed with joyful times and filled with an abundance of colour in nature.

God bless,  
Rev'd Heather (Rev Hev!) x

## **Humour Corner**

I've just bought the world's worst Thesaurus. Not only is it dreadful – it's also dreadful.

Why do divers go in the water backwards? If they went forwards they'd land in the boat...



**We pray for** our friends who are ill, housebound, or bereaved and for those in residential care: particularly *Peggy Gosling* in Westcliff Lodge, *Doreen Morby* in Brambles, *Glenda Green* in Legra and *Andrew Savile* in respite at Beauleigh Court. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

We **learn with sadness** of the unexpected death of Rev Bryan Tolhurst, a former minister of Highlands, and we send our condolences to Credwyn, to his family and many friends. Detail of relevant arrangements will be through the Highlands website.

We **pray especially for** a number of church members afflicted by long-term illnesses and short-term accidents or recovering from surgery. Also for those of us whose families are far away.

We send **congratulations** to Jean and Frank Edmonds on the occasion of their diamond wedding (60 years) anniversary



### **Table Tennis, Board Games and Puzzles.**

Sorry, no information – I daresay that my ping-pong correspondent has been busy with other stuff (see item immediately above).

## **Hobbies**



We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in Room 1, with a donation of £3.00 including refreshments. 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Painting DVDs to make a garden spinner

16<sup>th</sup> July. Flower arranging with Jean

There will be no Hobbies in August, but we will return in September. All are very welcome. Wishing everyone a very happy summer holiday. Take care, stay safe.

## **Classic Film Club**

This month's feature is showing at 11:30 on Friday 3 July. *Once* (2007) tells in words and music the romantic story of an Irish busker and a Czech flower seller who meet on the streets of Dublin.

The August movie is yet to be chosen. Suggestions welcome.



## **Puzzle of the Month<sup>3</sup>**

This is a nice easy puzzle, because I felt bad about making you turn the page upside-down to solve the last one. So here we go:

- Angela has as many brothers as she has sisters,
- But each brother has only half as many brothers as he has sisters
- Question – how many siblings are there in the family? (The graphic below won't help at all, by the way.)



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<sup>3</sup> Solution page 22



A promotional poster for a 'Barn Dance with Fish and Chips Supper'. The top half features a wooden sign with the event title in blue and red lettering. Below the sign, silhouettes of people dancing in a barn are visible. In the foreground, there are illustrations of musical instruments (bass, guitar, accordion) and a plate of fish and chips. The bottom section contains event details: date, time, location, cost, and ticketing information, all set against a rustic, textured background.

# BARN DANCE

*with*

## FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER

MUSIC BY THE FAMOUS POTATOES.

5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

At Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Bvd.

Cost £20, under 16 £10.

Tickets on <https://www.gottickets.com>

## **From the Editor**

*The FIFA World Cup; Wars in the Middle East; Changing the Prime Minister again; President Trump says something unwise; War in Ukraine; Famous artist dies; Wimbledon; Heat wave toasts England; Ebola kills 250 in DR Congo; hundreds of Venezuela earthquake victims...*

For the record, I certainly do have strong opinions about all of these topics. But this is not the place for them.

The world is a risky, unstable place, full of people who disagree with each other. You might decide to bury your head in the sand. Don't read papers, avoid TV news, and especially stay clear of the internet. The problem is that keeping up with the news is part of the price we pay for democracy. How can you vote well, if you are not sure of the facts? You might decide to vote for the candidate with the loudest voice, promising the best outcome, spending the most money...

We must accept that the world, as we find it, is on shaky ground. as Christians we must look at the news and separate truth from untruth, opinion from fact and peace from upheaval. To resolve matters, we cannot rely on our leaders – with one exception. That exception is the God of whom hymn-writer and Methodist Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) wrote these lines:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Which is quite reassuring in a time of turmoil.

*Andrew*

## **July 2026 Calendar**

(All events are at Highlands unless otherwise stated)

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 Hobbies
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Film Club 'Once' 12 noon (11:30 for refreshments)
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 onwards Coffee
<b>Sun</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship (Café Church) Maureen Spinks 12:00 noon Youth Church Day
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers 9:30
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm Showstoppers Community Afternoon
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward
<b>Sun</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship (Communion) Heather
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Toddlers 7:30 pm House Group
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter Lunch Club 12:00
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Hobbies
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward 6:30 pm 'Murder on the Overnight Express' <b>at Wesley</b>
<b>Sun</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship & Praise Matt Bunkall
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	No Toddlers
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter Bible study/house group 1:00
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Fri	24 <sup>rd</sup>	
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward

<b>Sun</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship (United Service) Rev Dr David Chapman
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	No Toddlers
Tue	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup>	

## **August 2026 Calendar**

(All events are at Highlands unless otherwise stated)

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward
<b>Sun</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship (Café Church) Sanya Strachan
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Toddlers
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward
<b>Sun</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	No Toddlers House Group 7:30 pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers + 10:00 Tuesday Chatter 11:00 am Holiday at Home
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	
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Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward
<b>Sun</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship United Service at Wesley Rev Heather Simmons
Mon	24 <sup>rd</sup>	No Toddlers
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Prayers 9:30 am Open Top Bus Trip
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lectio Divina 7:30 pm (online with <a href="http://www.whereby.com">www.whereby.com</a> )
Thu		
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10:00 onward
<b>Sun</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Morning Worship
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	Summer Bank Hol ☺ No Toddlers

## Calendar

Please note that some items are subject to change – do check before setting off. Also, inaccuracies can occur if information is unavailable at the time of printing.


How useful do you find the calendar? I would like to get some feedback. Email or telephone or leave a comment on Facebook.

As an ideal, if the calendar is worth retaining then I need someone to take on the job of collating information, fact-checking where necessary and chasing up. If you think this could be you, please have a word.

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## **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations & Thanks**

Highlands' Got Talent! Well, at least we know how to entertain each other, be it with various music genres, comic monologues, drama and general silliness including Robbie Norton (channelling his internal King Charles III) as compère beyond compare. By inviting friends and neighbours, selling them ice cream and drinks, we raised about £400 for Aspirations. Big thanks to Jean Edmonds and Matt Bunkkall for organising the event and dressing the stage.

We should expect healthy competition, so it's no surprise that our friends from Showstoppers are putting on the Ritz with an event. Details are on the poster here 



Also coming up are three great events you won't want to miss:

**Holidaying at Home** - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday 11 August a fun-packed day as the poster  promises. You must book on 07951 963730 **before 3 August**

# Holidaying at home.

**A FUN FILLED DAY FOR ALL!**

**TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2026**

**11:00 – 16:00**

**Highlands Methodist Church**  
Sutherland Blvd SS9 3PT

**Tickets £10**

**LAST DAY FOR TICKETS 3RD AUG 26**

- Live Entertainment
- Punch & Judy
- Dora & Dolly visiting from T Cribb & Sons
- Fish & Chip Lunch
- Ice Cream
- Ball Pool
- Raffle

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**Tickets available from Highlands 07951 963730**

**Highlands Open Top Bus Trip.** 9:30 am on Tuesday 25 August. Some of you probably remember when all buses were open-topped. Don't forget your bus pass! Details on the poster  below, but note that the price is now £6.50.



The poster features a blue and yellow double-decker bus with 'Highlands' written on its side, parked on a seafront. The background shows a beach and the sea. The text is in a mix of blue, green, and white fonts. There are icons for a church, a bus, a coffee cup, and a signpost. Two inset photos show the 'Beach House' and a picnic area. A ticket icon is also present.

# Highlands

## OPEN TOP BUS TRIP

Tuesday 25 August

-  Meet at **Highlands Church** at **9.30**, ready to go.
-  Enjoy the bus ride along the sea front to **Shoebury East Beach.**
-  Treat yourself to coffee or brunch at the **Beach House**, or bring a flask to sit at a picnic bench on the green.
-  Return journey - choice is yours, buses run every **30 minutes.**

Cost **£5.50** return, with your bus pass.

 *Sign up on the list* in the Jubilee Room.

## More Upcoming Events

- **5 July** 12:00 noon– Youth Church Day – including 4:00 pm Worship prepared by the young people. Information and tickets from <http://wegottickets.com/f/20647>
- **5 September** – 7:00 pm Grand Barn Dance. In the church with music and calling provided by the *Famous Potatoes*. Tickets available soon £20 including Fish & Chip supper (by phone or <http://wegottickets.com> )! Watch for detail on posters or church website.
- **12 September** – ‘Our Atlantic Roots’ with Laura and Mac – fabulous guitar and vocals. Tickets available now £5 by internet <https://wegottickets.com/f/22011>

**Also** Sat 27 June: 10:00 Table Sale at Thorpe Bay MC

: 4 July 10:00 Children’s Craft at

➤ Thorpe Bay MC: : 10:00  
also Art Exhibition at UMC

4 July 2:00 Beetle Drive: 25 July 11:00

Westerley Open Day

## **Essential Canine Life Skills**

You may know that a regular dog training class is held at Highlands. Some may question whether this is appropriate. In my opinion it is, since the difference between well-trained and untrained dogs is very evident. It is the difference between ‘nuisance’ and ‘benefit’. Examples include guide/assistance dogs, police and army, and farm dogs. Not to mention the companionship and steadfastness of a trained dog. Reece Harris local owner/manager explains:

*The company's original ethos of trying to help reduce the rate of dogs into rescue through lack of education still stands strong today and is echoed throughout the business. This was particularly prevalent as a result of dog ownership during COVID lockdown.*



*I am passionate about delivering fun, practical training in a relaxed environment. My love of dogs began in childhood, strengthened by a close bond with my grandfather's pet. My first dog, a rescue Sprocker, sparked an interest in behaviour and psychology. Later, I fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning German Shepherds — my preferred breed for their intelligence, versatility, and striking looks. Over the years, I've owned four German Shepherds, attending classes, exploring gundog and scent detection work, and developing 'the bug' for training. After retiring from the police, I committed more time to training, assisting in classes and deepening my knowledge. I've completed the Spirit dog trainer course, trained with the Institute of Modern Dog Trainers, and I'm now studying behaviour with the British College of Canine Studies. I believe in a calm, reflective approach that focuses on positive, ethical methods reinforce the bond between dogs and owners.*

If you want any further information, Reece can be called or messaged on 07981 015007.

### **Next edition**

The next *Highlander* will cover September 2026. Contributions for this issue need to be with me by 23 August. Earlier is even better! But note that missing deadlines causes headaches. So, in good time please email [andrewghyde@aol.com](mailto:andrewghyde@aol.com) or use the pigeonhole.

## **Dining In** **Nigella-spiced Paneer Fried Rice.**

This is an easy cook on a hob, all in a single large frying pan or wok. Very tasty. Paneer is a fresh acid-set Indian cheese made from cow or buffalo milk (so vegans can substitute tofu).



### **Ingredients**

225g paneer, inch cubed  
2 tbsp neutral oil  
1 onion, fine chopped  
2 garlic cloves, fine chopped  
200g cherry tomatoes, halved  
150g spring greens, chopped  
200g basmati rice

2 cm ginger, peeled & grated  
2 tsp nigella seeds  
1 flat tsp ground turmeric  
1 heaped tsp coriander  
400ml boiling veg stock  
Serves 2-3

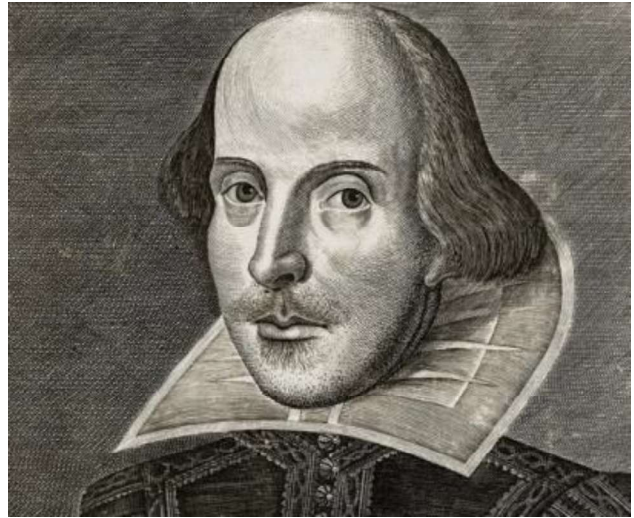
### **Method**

1. Tip the paneer into a bowl of just-boiled water and leave
2. Fry and stir the onions in half of the oil 5 mins until soft
3. Add garlic and ginger and fry for a further 2 mins, meanwhile
4. ...dry the paneer 2 mins and add to the pan, then fry without disturbing 3-4 minutes (it should brown on one side)
5. Add the nigella seeds, turmeric and coriander and stir-fry briefly (less than a min)
6. Add the tomatoes and greens and stir-fry briefly again
7. Tip in the rice, then stir in the stock
8. Bring to the boil, cover and cook for 12 minutes – *don't even think* about lifting the lid to have a peek.  
Now you can add salt if required and serve warm with yoghurt on the side

## **Poem of the Month**

Having done death last month, I thought it was time for some romance. I can add nothing to the millions of words already penned - mostly by Eng Lit students.

Something that fascinates me is how little we know about him. Mostly what we do know is garnered from his output, which luckily is quite substantial - 39 plays, 154 sonnets, three long narrative poems and a few other verses, still read, studied and performed all over the world in every major living language.



### **Sonnet 18**

#### **William Shakespeare (1564-1616)**

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:  
    So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
    So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

## Puzzle of the Month Solution

The answer is **7 (4 sisters and 3 brothers)**.


The key is to keep it simple. It's clear from the first clue that girls outnumber boys by one – and that one is Angela. So what are the possibilities? Well, it could be ONE girl + NIL boys: TWO+ONE THREE+TWO and so on, always keeping the girls one ahead.

Then apply the second rule. It doesn't fit any of the solutions above BUT... the combination FOUR+THREE fits perfectly, because each brother has 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

## **More Homicide at Wesley?**

Yes, I'm afraid that the carnage continues, and the guilty are still free.

The stage is literally awash with gore and it's time for the usual cast to step in. Thrills and spills are certain to ensue, and I for one can't wait to see how they get a full-size railway carriage on to the stage at Wesley.

Further details  
right here 



WESLEY THEATRE GROUP  
PRESENTS

**MURDER** ON THE  
**OVERNIGHT EXPRESS**

A Murder Mystery by Patricia Gay

**SAT 18TH JULY**  
**6.30PM**  
**TICKETS: £10**

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH  
ELM ROAD | LEIGH-ON-SEA

TICKET INCLUDES A LIGHT MEAL

The poster features a black and red steam locomotive pulling a train of orange and black carriages. At the top left are social media icons for Facebook and X. At the top right is the Wesley Theatre Group logo. The title 'MURDER ON THE OVERNIGHT EXPRESS' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, the author's name 'A Murder Mystery by Patricia Gay' is in a red banner. The date and time 'SAT 18TH JULY 6.30PM' and the ticket price 'TICKETS: £10' are prominently displayed. At the bottom, the venue 'WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, ELM ROAD | LEIGH-ON-SEA' and the note 'TICKET INCLUDES A LIGHT MEAL' are included.

## **Comedy Corner: Teach Yourself 'Builder'**

Here are some well-known builder quotes together with their correct translation into English. I assure you that none of these apply to any local builders. The Builder speak is on the left:

<b>Builder speak</b>	<b>English</b>
Making good	<i>Disguising cock-up.</i>
Quotation	<i>One-eighth of the final price</i>
There are a few differences from the drawings	<i>We had the plans upside-down</i>
We're using well-seasoned timber	<i>We're putting in your new beam as soon as the leaves have dropped off.</i>
Is there an RSJ there?	<i>Don't blame us if the house falls down</i>
Don't you worry - you won't know we're there	<i>We won't be there.</i>
I'll be round first thing in the morning	<i>I'll be round tomorrow afternoon, just when you've decided not to stay in any longer.</i>
Buying off plan	<i>We plan to be off as soon as you have bought the property. Spain next stop.</i>
Thanks - lovely cup of tea	<i>Could have thrown in some chocolate digestives.</i>

## **SERVING the COMMUNITY 7 Days a Week** **Children and Young People**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Scouts	Thu 7:30 to 9:00 pm	Jack Reeve 07847 355859
Cubs	Thu 5:45 to 7:15 pm	Jordan Rutherford 07804 065933
Rainbows	Wed 4:00 to 5:00 pm	Julie Griffiths 07834 321724
Brownies	Wed 5:30 to 7:00 pm	Teresa Thompson 07809 219729
Guides	Fri 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Jacqui Hendle 07961 545037
Rangers	Thu <sup>4</sup> 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Jacqui Hendle 07961 545037
Toddlers	Mon 9:30 am to 11:30	Ros: 478631

### **Fellowship Groups**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Prayer	Tue 9:00 to 10:00 am	Andrew Hyde 473111
Chatter	Tue 10:00 am to 12:00 noon	Rosalie 478631

### **Services to the Community**

Group	Time	Contact
Lunch Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 12:00	07951 963730 Registration essential
Classic Movies	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	Matt 07305 769086

### **Social and Recreational**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Hobbies	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu 10:00 am to noon	Jean 801517

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<sup>4</sup> Every fortnight