

In Peace



20th August Jimmy James aged 76.

3rd September Peter Clough aged 44.

Dorie Heath

Dorie died in June as the result of a fall and a severe head injury. In January she had moved into a nursing home near Kettering, where her older daughter, Beverly lives.

After the death of her husband, Cyril, Dorie moved to Sawbridgeworth to be near to her younger daughter, Barbara. She joined a church and was happy; slowly coming to feel she belonged (She missed All Saints' so much.) Sadly, Barbara die from cancer a few years later and Dorie was shaken, but her son-in-law, Bob, and the two grandchildren comforted her with their care and affection.

Some members of the All Saints' congregation will remember Cyril, who was a Reader – a witty, fun-loving man and widely known for his work as a journalist for the Hertford Mercury. Dorie loved her flower garden, which was always a delight. Her talents extended to flower arranging and she loved sharing activities in the Flower Guild; and we enjoyed her arrangements!

Many years ago Dorie was one of the Young Wives and later joined the Women's Fellowship. We appreciated her enthusiasm in her church work and we remember her with love.

Decorators needed

The Vicarage needs a lick of paint before Jo and Doug move in. Offers of an hour or more of help would be gratefully received. Please speak to Richard Toyn.



Mothers Union

Our next two meetings are talks by familiar faces! On Monday 8th October, Dorothy Toyn will present an illustrated account of her recent trip to Canada.

On Monday 12th November, Nick Hoyle will be giving a talk entitled "How to read a church". We can join Nick in finding out more about mediaeval church architecture.

Refreshments will be served before the talks & everyone is most welcome to join us at 8pm in the Church meeting room

Women's Fellowship

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 24th when Barbara Hurford will show slides taken when she was in South Africa

Aschiana update

Mission: To educate Afghanistan's street working and war-affected children and give them and Afghanistan a brighter future.

Twenty-three years of war and oppression in Afghanistan have caused the Afghan people, especially the children, severe mental and physical suffering. Many parents have been killed or disabled and whole families displaced. Many very poor families are still struggling to earn a living. Often children have been unable to continue the education or have not had the opportunity for education as they were out of the country or living as internally displaced citizens.



Since its foundation in 1995, Aschiana has become the leader in educating Afghanistan's street and war affected girls and boys. ASCHIANA (*Afghanistan's Children – A New Approach*) is an Afghan NGO

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registered with the Ministry of Economy. Aschiana means 'nest' in Dari, one of the main languages in Afghanistan. The organisation's mission is to assist the thousands of war-affected Afghan children and their distressed families to provide them with a more positive and productive future.

Aschiana operates seven centres and three outreach programmes in Kabul; centres in Mazar-e-Sharif, Charikar and Parwan Province; and programmes in Qarabagh district and Herat. Sixty per cent of the students are girls. Each day over 4,500 girls and boys attend Aschiana's centres and receive a hot, nutritious lunch.



Aschiana offers a variety of educational and vocational programmes. Children aged 8 to 10 learn to read and write so that they are academically able to join the regular Afghan schools. Children aged 10 to 13 years receive a basic education, recreation time and some professional training. Those aged 14 to 18 are taught reading, writing and vocational skills needed to earn money to support themselves and their families. Vocational courses include plumbing, electronics and small machine repair, masonry, carpentry, woodworking, computer technology, photography, tailoring, embroidery and hairdressing.



Aschiana also offers art education in calligraphy, watercolour, oil painting, wood

carving and pottery. The music program teaches children to play traditional Afghan instruments and sing traditional Afghan songs, therefore preserving the children's cultural heritage.



A unique accelerated education programme has been formulated for girls whose education was disrupted due to the Taliban and civil war. The programme compresses two years of school into one year using the regular Afghan school curriculum of the Ministry of Education

The students' health is considered very important. All students attend health and hygiene education classes. Aschiana's mobile clinic visits the Kabul area centres providing check-ups and diagnosing and treating minor problems. Aschiana's social workers visit students' homes and workplaces to make sure there is continued support on a family level.

Aschiana's other programmes include financial and entrepreneurial training, including a micro-finance loan facility for women, and a children's development bank which is managed by the children themselves. The students at Aschiana also write and publish their own newsletter.

Aschiana's future includes plans to open centres in provinces where as yet no centres currently exist – such as Ghost, Nangarhar, Kandahar, Kunduz and Bamiyan. And in 2008 construction of a new, larger centre in Kabul will begin.

Please contact John or Fiona Earle (01992 462467) for more information or visit www.friendsofaschiana.org.uk