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the NEWSLETTER of LISS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
serving the village and surrounding area
at THE TRIANGLE CENTRE, LISS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGER:-

Since I joined the Triangle in April I have been busy getting to grips with all the different events and activities that go on here. I'm pleased to say that I now feel very much at home and have been working hard with the team of volunteers to plan for the next six months.

On Saturday 24th November, we will be holding our first Indoor Market, the focus for this being on fresh, local produce such as bread, local meats, fruit and vegetables, home-made cakes and preserves. There will also be a selection of stalls selling home-made cards, jewellery, wood turnings, crochet and knitting and much more. If the November market goes well we hope these will become regular events in 2008. If you would like to book a stall for November

please contact the office. There is no charge for this first market.

For all cinema going cyclists, Saturday 1st December is an important date. In partnership with Moviola, we will be showing a special matinee performance of 'The Flying Scotsman', the triumphant story of top British cyclist, Graham Obree. It starts at 3pm and will be followed by a special Christmas Tea. Tickets will soon be available from the Triangle office, so call now and reserve your seat as we expect it to sell out fast!

Also coming up, on Sunday 20th January, 2008 will be a production of Beauty and the Beast by the Proteus Theatre Company (see advert page 2).

Hope to see you in the Triangle soon

Vanessa

TRIANGLE PEOPLE:-


Nikki Pushman loves being out in the fresh air, riding her motorbike or caravanning, but to us she is the manager of the Triangle lunch café, pictured here (second from left) with three of the team of 9 assistants who cook and serve light lunches and refreshments



at the Triangle on weekdays. For 4 years now she has been a support worker with On Track, part of the Elizabeth Fitzroy Foundation which provides training and other life enhancing opportunities for young people with learning disabilities. When Nikki is not with us she might be assisting the young people to get to grips with computers, organising cookery or music sessions or sporting activities - everything and anything to widen their horizons and help them to get the most out of life. She is sure that having the

responsibility of doing a real job of work in the café is an extremely valuable experience for them, and we certainly appreciate the service they provide. Incidentally, the free range eggs served come from

chickens, tended by residents at Whitegates, the Elizabeth Fitzroy home in Liss, and there are plans to use more fresh home grown produce as the horticultural unit is developed further. So, when you enjoy a lunch at the Triangle you are taking steps to reduce food miles as well as supporting a well respected local charity. If you've not visited the Triangle at lunchtime, why not pop in and say 'Hello' to Nikki soon. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

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PSST! -SOMETHING YOU OTTER KNOW!

The **TRIANGLE QUIZ NIGHT** will be on **Saturday February 9th.**

As usual, this quiz is based firmly on the principle that taking part is far more important than winning. There is a small prize for the team scoring the most points but many more, and better, prizes for those contributing to the fun of the evening in other ways. A licensed bar and delicious two course interval supper are provided and past participants will vouch for the evening being a whole lotter fun! Ideally a team should have 6 members but some flexibility is possible - indeed usual. Tickets costing £7.00 per person will be available from the Triangle office early in the new year.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! - The Community

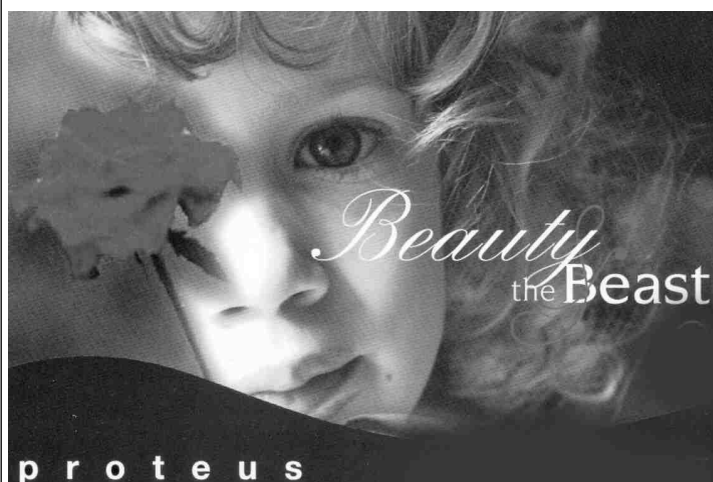
Association together with Liss Parish Council have fixed



Wednesday December 12th as the date for the village **Christmas Street Fair**. Between 6.00 and 8.00pm, Station Road will be closed from the station to the mini-roundabout and there will be stalls, music, refreshments and other entertainment in the street. Many of the shops will stay open late and there will be fairground attractions in the Whistle Stop car park and at the Triangle. Inside the Triangle will be a craft fair and the Coffee Bar will be dispensing mulled wine and mince pies. The event would not be complete without a visit from Santa, whose grotto this year will be in the bowling room of the Whistle Stop by kind permission of licencees



Heather and Andy.
**DO COME ALONG
AND JOIN IN
THE FUN**



LIVE THEATRE AT THE TRIANGLE

Sunday January 20th 4.00pm

Acclaimed local theatre company PROTEUS is bringing us this delightful fairy story for one performance only. Suitable for ages 5 - 105. Tickets (adults £7.50, under 12s £5.00) are limited and sure to sell out fast. Get yours from the Triangle office now!

TRIANGLE TEASER: The puzzle this time returns to the nation's fixation with the digits 1 to 9 (but don't panic -it's not a Sudoku). Our puzzle setter has used these nine digits to make three 3 digit numbers, one of which is the sum of the other two. For good measure, she has also added the zero and done the same again, though, of course one number now has 4 digits. It is unlikely that either of these examples is unique, but the need to go to press meant there was no time for further cogitation on the subject. So, the challenge to you is to investigate this further. Can you find multiple solutions? Can you devise any other interesting calculations using all digits once only? Is a multiplication sum possible? We await enlightenment.

As usual there will be small but hopefully worthwhile prizes for the best 'thoughts' which should reach the Triangle office before Monday December 17th in an envelope marked 'Triangle Teaser' not forgetting your name and contact 'phone number or address.

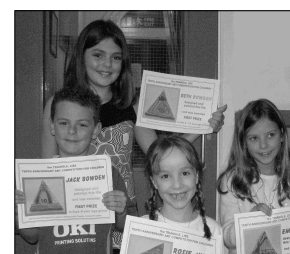
The last teaser - to form words, and anagrams, from the letters of 'TENTH ANNIVERSARY' exercised some of you greatly. We had no idea that so many words were possible. The most diligent puzzler achieved over 600. The anagram we came up with, which makes sense, (just about) interpreted as 'You in charge of the farm vehicle, trap that bird' was Hay van sir! net tern. Especial congratulations to Margaret Dowell and Pam Turbett for their entries.

A BIG THANK YOU TO *FRIENDS* OUR VERY GOOD

Over the last ten years the Triangle has become such a valuable asset to the village that it is hard to imagine Liss without it. Despite its success, the trustees have had to face the frightening prospect of the Centre running out of funds within the foreseeable future. Diminishing grants coupled with escalating costs for everything from water to insurance had begun to threaten its very existence. In order to help build a more secure financial base the Trustees launched a tenth anniversary 'Friends of the Triangle' appeal. The Trustees are very grateful to Shilling Communications of West Liss for donating the entire design and production costs of brochures which outlined the contribution the Centre makes to village life and which were then distributed throughout the village by volunteers. As a result, over 70 householders have agreed to become 'Friends of the Triangle' and to donate money on a regular basis whereas others made one-off donations. Although we aren't totally out of the woods, the future is looking rosier and so plans for improving the Triangle, which had been put on hold, can now be actioned. Within the next six months we hope to re-decorate the Hall and to improve the lighting. If we are able to obtain

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION:

For our special anniversary we asked the young people of Liss to decorate some triangular clay tiles in any way they wished, with a view to combining them into a permanent work of art to commemorate our first ten years. We were enchanted by the imaginative and colourful results. We invited two local artists, father and daughter Harry Butler and Sharon Russ to judge the entries. Both are recent winners of awards from the Petersfield Arts and Crafts Society, Harry for his wonderful work with wood and Sharon for her skill and flair with textiles. They awarded first and second place in the 3 -8 year age group to Jack Bowden and Rosie Jukes and in the 9 - 14 year age group to Beth Bowden and Emily White. The mosaic made from all the tiles is now on permanent display in the foyer of the Triangle and was on view for the first time at the preview party for the annual Arts Exhibition on October 23rd. The winners' prizes were also presented then.



further grant aid we hope also to build a furniture store and to improve the foyer and office. So - a huge and heartfelt 'thank-you' to our existing 'Friends', and a reminder that it is not too late to join them if you haven't already done so. Regular donations can be as large or as small as you choose - details of the scheme as well as other ways you might help can be obtained from the Triangle Office.

How Green Are You? 'Green' issues and our impact on the environment are becoming daily news items, and so our Events Committee has been busy planning a 'Green Awareness' event to highlight the problems and some of the simple steps we can all take to address them. We aim to show that everyone can lower their carbon footprint and it does not need to involve undue effort, expense or sacrifice.

The event will take place at the Triangle over two or three days during half-term in February 2008 (exact dates to be confirmed) providing an opportunity to take part in a range of activities and pick up useful information. We will also have stalls where you can buy environmentally kind and energy saving products, possibly at a discount. We plan to show the film, 'An Inconvenient Truth', by former US Vice-President, Al Gore, which makes a clear, compelling case for the harmful effect of some of our actions on the planet.

We hope to draw on the expertise of Terena Plowright from the Sustainability Centre in East Meon, in order to offer you practical advice and there will be a "Ten Things To Do" sheet available for everyone to take home with them.

If you would like to help out with this event, or have some useful contacts that we could call on, please drop into the Triangle office and tell us!

Look out for further details around the village and in the press in the New Year.

**Children's Parties
At
The Triangle Centre**



Party Planning made simple at a very reasonable cost. Call at the Triangle for a full brochure

LOCAL LIMERICK No.9

If you fancy a cup of good cheer,
There are six pubs to choose from round here.
There's no need for the car;
You don't have to go far
To announce "I'm just here for the beer"

NEED A BUTTON?

Isn't it annoying when you lose one button from a shirt and have to buy a whole set? Well, a trip to the Triangle may avoid that as we now have a grander version of that great domestic standby - the button box - grander because there are a lot of buttons and because some pre-sorting by colour and into sets has been done. So, a quick rummage may

DAYS of HOPE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL- SATURDAY

8th DECEMBER, 10am till 4.00pm -a day of fun and creativity for children aged 5 and over - while parents can enjoy time on their own for Christmas shopping, secure in the knowledge that their children are being well looked after. Run by the trained and vetted staff of the Woodcraft Folk whose summer playscheme was described by Ofsted as 'outstanding', this pre-Christmas fun day offers craft, sports and recreational activities with something for everyone. Full details and booking forms can be downloaded from the website www.lisswoodcraftfolk.org.uk or you are welcome to phone the project co-ordinator, Pam Gruber, on 01730 301270. See you on December 8th?

well find a match for that missing button or, if you need a whole set for a sewing or knitting project you could well be lucky there too. All we ask is a small donation to the Triangle (5p a button - or more if you're feeling generous) and that you leave the box tidy. We will be grateful for any unwanted buttons to swell the collection - its a bit of recycling which could benefit someone else and, as they say, "Every little helps".

STOP PRESS:- Another very successful Arts Exhibition was held during half-term week. As a result of the visitors' vote, prizes were awarded to Fran Stewart whose pastel 'a Walk in the Woods' received the most votes and to Gordon Rusmer all of whose paintings received numbers of votes.

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