

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School

11th May 2011

Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Fri May 13	3.15	Class 5 Ice cream stall
	7.30	The Vampire Class 9 Play Hall
Mon May 16		Class 8 on trip to River Wye
		Class 9 on trip to Schloss Hamborn
Tues May 17	7.30	Class 10 Parents' Evening
	7.30	Talk for Early Years Parents by Janet Klaar
	7.30	Stream of Sound choir
Mon May 23	8.00	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Tues May 24	12.30 & 3.15	Sushi stall for Japanese earthquake
	7.30	Class 4 Parents' Evening
Fri May 27		School, closes for half term

School Affairs

About Loose Ends

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 3.30 pm for publication the following day, subject to space.

Please be aware that *Loose Ends* is published on the Elmfield website each week.

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Maigread Reynolds, Editor.

Many thanks indeed to Martin Wilkes who has put up a really beautiful strong rope swing for the children. He's done this in his own time and without charge. We are truly grateful. It is very strong. Do have a look and maybe even have a "go". Thank you Martin from all the children and teachers.

Class 5 Ice cream and other bits stall Friday May 13th after school.
Sarah Clay

Parking reminder: May we respectfully remind you that parking close to a T junction is dangerous and can cause obstruction. Please be aware of this when parking on Gainsborough Hill. Thank you.
The College of Teachers

Parent and Child Groups – Our Parent and Child groups are flourishing. We have welcomed lots of new families alongside the familiar faces of others within our community. Please contact me if you would like to come along as some of the groups have a waiting list. Many thanks, Lorraine Bresnahan Tel. 376334 or via the School Office.

Vacancies

SCIENCE and MATHS Teacher, full time. Offering some or all of the following: Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Biology. IT would also be useful. We are looking for a teacher with a good understanding and experience of the Waldorf science curriculum and a commitment to a phenomenological approach to teaching. Key aspirations are to foster a lifelong interest and enthusiasm for the natural world, and to impart a high level of scientific and technical literacy among our pupils.

GYM AND GAMES Teacher, full-time. Steiner Waldorf background essential. Salary based on £19,356, to start from September 2011.

Closing Date Friday 20th May 2011.

Current basic teaching salary starts at £19,356 p.a.

Elmfield School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB Enhanced Disclosure and full checks.

For further details, job descriptions and application forms, please contact the School Office at info@elmfield.com or 01384 394633.

"Come! Play with Me" has begun again, now meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at 30, South Road Stourbridge, (near to Mary Stevens Park). If you would like to come with your pre-school child please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email: janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk. We are delighted to welcome parents, carers, grandparents etc and look forward to meeting you. Janet Klaar & Kate Martin

Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm in Hall – Holocaust Survivor Mrs Ruth Barnett will speak to us about her experiences. This event has been arranged in association with the Holocaust Educational Trust, following the visit which Jess and Tomo (Class 11) made to Auschwitz in March. Jess and Tomo are very keen that their visit should have an impact on the whole community, not just on the pupils so it would be good to have as much support as possible. Sarah Stuart

Dear parents – we would like to warmly invite you to our annual Eurythmy Festival which will take place on Thursday 19th May 2pm – 3.15pm in the Hall. This is our 3rd festival dedicated to Eurythmy. This year, the children from Classes 1 to 7 will show what they have been practising in their lessons. It is a great opportunity for the children to see what other classes have been working on. It also gives their parents, grandparents and friends a chance to have a glimpse into this subject, which is unique to Steiner Waldorf education, and to understand more about Eurythmy and its curriculum. Please come and join us!
Mioara Tarzioru and Tomie Ando-Boardman

The Vampire! Or the Bride of the Isles – a melodrama in Two Acts to be performed at Elmfield School on Friday 13th May at

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7.30pm in the evening. The presence of a large and select audience is requested. The Company requests beautiful attire among the audience, and invites your cries of approbation and displeasure throughout the performance. The National Anthem will be played before the overture. Refreshments at the interval. Paul Georghiades

Elmfield Bookshop – New in stock Tagua necklaces and bracelets in stunningly bold colours and designs, at a much lower price than you will find it in other shops. It's made from a nut grown in South America. Sale Books, games, glass jewellery all at greatly reduced prices Fairtrade we stock a wide range of fairly traded products very reasonably priced – from singer puppets to silk scarves and much more Cards our customers tell us we have the best choice in cards in Stourbridge, many of them made and printed in UK. The shop will open on June 26th for Summer Fayre.

Music Matters

COMMUNITY CHOIRS: Every Wednesday
Early Choir: 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm. Open to all, varied repertoire.
Late Choir: 8.00 pm – 9.15 pm. Open to more experienced singers. Call Diana Ball, 371348 or Sue Whittaker, 376804.

Community Choir – Wednesday 25th, 7.30pm Elmfield School Hall. A fundraising concert for "Melody" a local charity that enables children with special educational needs to play a musical instrument in a group. Elmfield's Community Choirs look forward to entertaining you with their powerful singing, unusual harmonies, and a great deal of cake. Please bring your friends and give generously to support this group! Sue Whittaker

Traditional Music Week: This will be during the 3rd week of June, with visiting musicians coming to give concerts and workshops both in and out of school time. Would anybody like to help me plan and organise it? Caroline Price 377833.

PTFA

Summer Fayre 2011 – this year's Summer Fayre will be on Sunday June 26th 2-5pm. The focus of the event is to have a fun afternoon together as a school community. It is also an opportunity for classes to raise some funds if you are able to help with planning and organising the event and / or you would like to have a stall, please ring Sarah Clay 07752 165342

Open House

Spoons in the Woods: A Green woodwork session making spatulas, spoons, cheese knives in the Glasshouse woods.
Saturday 14 May 9 – 4. £20 per person (14 yrs +) Bring and share lunch. Meet on Glasshouse College car park at 9 am. Call Todd White to reserve your place on 07805 304294

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Parzival: A three day study and conversation to be held at the Glasshouse College, Stourbridge, on May 28, 29, 30 from 10 – 3.30. **FINDING THE INDIVIDUAL:** The Parzival story follows the adventures of a young man who seeks to become a knight and ends up as keeper of the Grail. This famous tale written at the time of Richard the Lionheart and Francis of Assisi has timeless analogies. Its imagery can today bring much light on the mysteries of our experiences and relationships. Hartwig Schneider, who will lead this study, has worked with famous story for many years, during his work as a Waldorf teacher at

Elmfield. Please ring to ensure a place, 01384 444964 or email jane.sahin@gmail.com. Donations. Jane Sahin

Sunday afternoon community concert

On May 15 Alan Davies on recorder and Rosemary Robinson on harpsichord/piano will be performing at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, Stourbridge, at 3:00pm. The programme will include works by Handel, Hotteterre and Walter Leigh. Suggested donation of £6/£3 for children.!

Aldeburgh, Suffolk – a well equipped terrace cottage to rent, near the sea and high street with the marches behind. Two bedrooms, sleeps 5 + an extra camp bed. Sunny, south facing garden and own car parking space £375 per week or £180 for long weekend. For more details contact Michael Brownson 07776 133894

Driving Lessons – we put out an offer of lessons reduced by £4 / hour for the first 6 people to respond. So far 3 people have responded so we have space for three more at the discounted rate. Summer is around the corner so let's get started! Come to 'END UP DRIVING' and learn in a patient and structured environment. Call 07726 953033 and speak to Bridgit

Au Pair in Hamburg, Germany

We (both medical doctors) are looking for an au pair girl, 18-24 years old, who would like to live with us 12 months, starting in autumn 2011. You should love to help us with our three daughters (2, 4 and 9). We live at a lake in the center of Hamburg. Please contact: Mirjam.Wuesthof@web.de. Contact: +49 40 278 78 999

17/4/11 LonDONE! – Yes I completed the Marathon and have the medal to prove it. Thank you for all my well wishes, support, encouragement and sponsorship. It was appreciated. It was hot and hard but I did it! If you have sponsored me, I am gathering the contributions and if you'd like to give a donation to this very worthy cause (Kiberia – supporting the children who live in the slums with their schooling) please see me as soon as possible. With thanks to you all for your generosity and support. Elaine Sheppard

The Glasshouse Arts Centre @ the Glasshouse College

Presents The Gododdin by Peter Oswald A new play written for the Glasshouse Arts Centre Directed by Mike Chase, Performed by staff and students of the Glasshouse College.

'Christianity, family feuds, reincarnation ...and the Jones's.'

The CEO of a large corporation lies in hospital dying of a brain tumour, surrounded by his warring family. Meanwhile, the Gododdin, an 8th Century Welsh tribe are being massacred. Is this a psychotic break down, a fantasy or dream, or a flashback to a previous life? We follow the destiny of two groups of people from one life, through death and into a following life, and encounter the forces of karma at work in their relationships. And then there's the Jones's... Peter Oswald is currently working on Schiller's unfinished play Demetrius for the National Theatre. Following the success here last year of his play The Temple, a commission by RMET, Peter has offered this new play for collaborative development and performance at The Glasshouse. 25th, 26th & 27th May 7.00pm Tickets £7/£5 The Glasshouse Arts Centre. Box office 01384 399430

Katharine and Garry and the team at WingBeat would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the community of Elmfield School and its associates for supporting our new theatre initiative in Stourbridge. The audience at "Some Kind of Love Story" at the Glasshouse Theatre on Saturday night was unexpectedly large - tickets sold out, extra seating had to be found and we ran out of programmes! Thank you also for all

your kind comments and the warmth of your support for us and also for engaging in the questions thrown up by the play. The conversation continues....." Katharine Messenger

PARZIVAL - FINDING THE INDIVIDUAL

A three day study and conversation May 28, 29, 30, 10am-3-30pm Including a break for lunch. A chance for a first hand participatory experience of a key Upper School Main Lesson theme, which stands as a right of passage, bridging between adolescence and adult life. The original story of Parzival stands as perhaps the greatest literary medieval epic of all time.

To be held at the Glasshouse College, Stourbridge.

Lead by Hartwig Schneider. Please ring Jane Sahin or email jane.sahin@gmail.com to ensure a place

Donations after expenses will go toward the new Centre for Social and Therapeutic Renewal, which intends to further the impulse of Park Atwood.

Thank you very much for supporting our food stall on Japanese Tsunami appeal last term. I donated £390 to Anthroposophical Community with bio-dynamic farm and college where they support tsunami refugees. Kumiko and Tomie

Another Sushi lunch stall on Tuesday 24th May due to popular demand. We are selling homemade fresh sushi lunch on that day. We'll be taking orders shortly as lunches are sold to only pre-booked people. If you are interested you can contact us directly. Thank you Kumiko and Tomie

Meeting on Recycling – with Tony on Friday 13th May 9-10 a.m. You're welcome to input your interest and opinions. Meeting will be at 57 Love Lane. Kumiko Tel: 370375

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge:

Free 1-2-1 Home Energy Check

Was your winter heating fuel bill a bit of a shock? We tend to feel as if we are powerless over how much we pay for our home energy. However, there are many things we can do! Stourbridge Low Carbon Community project (part of Transition Stourbridge) is run by a committed team of volunteers, fully trained by Marches Energy Agency to assist local people to reduce their household energy bills and thus their carbon footprint. We are offering free Home Energy Checks that take around an hour to complete and enable you to

- **calculate your carbon footprint and**
- **learn about effective ways of reducing energy consumption**

If you are interested in having a Home Energy Check carried out, please call project co-ordinators Margey on 01384 351414 or Tony on 01384 379668.

Make and Mend Mornings - The Cockleshell, Fridays 10am - 12 noon (in term time)

Make and Mend mornings are up and running again on Fridays at the Cockleshell, Worcester Street, Stourbridge. Bring along anything you'd like to do there - darning, sewing, cross-stitch, making greeting cards - I'll be knitting socks. The perfect opportunity to get the mending done, or alter an item of clothing that needs a change. Fixing things means a longer life for our belongings and saves money - welcome back to thrift - with Cake and Chat! The Cockleshell has a Fairtrade Cafe for us to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there! Spread the word!

Offers and Wanted

HAPPY HAULAGE; A man with a van service. Small house moves and courier services. Call Sam Bennett on 07508 585850 www.happyhaulage.co.uk

Would anyone like to have a piano on a long-term loan, for perhaps a year or two? I am moving and will not have room in my flat for it but hope to have space for it again one day. Please phone or text Maria Mountain on 079 292 56955

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Kittens – 6 Bengal / Maincoone cross kittens – 5 males, 1 female. Beautiful colours and markings. Will be looking for loving homes from June 17th onwards. Donations to Cat Charities. 4 Torti (female) kittens. 2 orange, black and white. 2 very dark with peach, honey and white streaks – all semi long haired. Will be looking for loving homes at the end of June. Contact Alison Hodge 01384 379925

For Sale

For Sale: Bunk Bed, wooden, slight repair needed, £30. 'Cello, half size, Stentor 2, £245. Cages for rodents plus accessories, various prices. Rat food - free. No longer needed... Please call Margey on 01384 351414

For sale: Accessories for tropical fish tank; suction pump, air pump, thermometer, plastic trees, PH tester, some food. £10 the lot o.n.o. Clare Dannatt 01384 824864

Estates

Last but not least:

Understanding the good is fundamental, and if we hold this firm we shall have begun.

If we enlarge it, we can become great; but if we regard it lightly, we shall shrivel.

Zhu Xi