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UPHAM: Villagers are being invited to a family barn dance organised by the Friends of Upham C of E Primary School.

It happens from 6pm on June 9 at the village hall, and includes a barbecue meal, a bouncy castle and a surf simulator. Tickets can be bought from Debbie Prince on 01489-861239, priced at £8 (adults) and £6 (children).

The school has also said goodbye to the rector of Bishop's Waltham and Upham, the Rev Andy Davis, at a special assembly.

The children thanked him for the positive impression he'd made at the school during weekly assemblies there. They sang special songs to him at his last assembly to wish him well.

Andy is moving on to become vicar of Christ Church and Holy Trinity, Gosport.

TITCHFIELD: The headteacher of St John's C of E Primary School, Titchfield Common, visited a primary school in China during the Easter holidays.

April Owen-Jones was the first westerner to visit the Sanshengxiang Primary School, an 800-pupil school in Chengdu



April Owen-Jones meets children from Sanshengxiang Primary School

the school report

– a city of 11 million people in the Sichuan province in south-west China. She was invited by the Sichuan Yihua international cultural exchange.

Mrs Owen Jones spent 90 minutes touring the campus before conferring with school leaders. She was invited to teach singing to the Chinese children, joined in with their PE and learned about similarities in personal, social and health education.

The schools hope

children of the same age will be able to e-mail each other to foster further links.

WARSASH: Children from Hook-with-Warsash C of E Primary recreated the Easter story inside St Mary's Church.

The pupils portrayed the events of Holy Week by acting out scenes and singing songs written especially for the school by teacher and musician Mark Baxter.

The songs took the children through a jour-

ney, starting with waving of palm leaves as Jesus entered the church, to the crucifixion, with a mournful solo by Mary, and ending with Jesus' resurrection, to more joyful singing.

The production, entitled *Rabboni*, involved Year 6 pupil Tom Marrington carrying a wooden cross through the aisles as Jesus. All the pupils were involved in the singing and wore traditional headdresses to add to the drama.

Headteacher Christopher Hines said: "The children created a moving performance, and the range of songs created a wonderful atmosphere in the church."

WATERLOOVILLE: Worshippers from five parishes in the Waterlooville area joined forces for a Lent course entitled 'Encountering God'.

Churchgoers from parishes in Denmead, Portsdown, Purbrook, Crookhorn and Waterlooville came together as the local Kairos partnership. The five sessions were written by the clergy, and 33 groups of people met each week as well as worshipping together on Sunday evenings.

On Easter afternoon, there was a celebration in Denmead with the Archdeacon of Portsdown, the Ven Trevor Reader.

To mark the end of the course, prayers were written on a prayer wall, hymns were sung, balloons were released and



The Kairos cake was shared by parishes in the Waterlooville area

news from the pews

a massive cake was cut. The cake, made by Eve Inwood from St George's Church, was decorated with the Kairos logo.

COWPLAIN: More than 200 people came to a wedding show organ-

ised by the Mothers' Union at St Wilfrid's, Cowplain.

Wedding dresses loaned by MU members and friends of the church were modelled by a group of teenage girls – as well as some of the members who had

retained their figures.

There were also a multi-media presentation of wedding photographs dating from 1907 accompanied by organ music. And to conclude the show there was a short service of thanksgiving for marriage and a reception.

Recently retired branch leader Sue Smith said: "Many attending had not visited the church before, but said how much they enjoyed it."