



# Local business and shopping

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## Successfully Set in Stone



**Congratulations go to the whole team of stonemasons who are employed at the Highworth Co-Operative Funeral Service, for achieving full NVQ qualifications in their trade.**

Each of the six staff has gained a Level 2 NVQ in Memorial stonemasonry, meeting exacting standards in various aspects of modern memorial masonry. As this is an outstanding group accomplishment, it demonstrates each stonemason's skill and commitment to their trade.

In addition, the group have used their NVQ's to gain a specialist licence. This proves their high level of skill and practical competence to erect memorials and complies with the high standard set by the National Association of Memorial Masons.

## Who's Groomin' You?

**Is your dog "a bit on the nose" and in desperate need of a good wash and a tidy up?**

And you haven't got the time or space to do it?

Then look no further than Moonstone Dog Groomers; your pooch's one stop shop for a serious head to tail makeover!

Opened in December 2007 by Highworth mother and daughter team, Val and Zee Turner, the grooming parlour offers a variety of services like the "full works"- including bathing, nails and ears, along with a selection of pet toys and dog chews.

With over 40 years combined experience in owning, handling, breeding and showing dogs, you can be sure that your precious pooch will be in the best of hands with Val and Zee. So come on and treat your dog to some regular and special pampering. And what's more, you don't have to be the one to clean up all that water afterwards!!



Open from Monday to Saturday, drop by to see Val and Zee at 50 High Street Highworth, or call 01793 764623 or 07920062522 and spoil your pooch today.

## Crafty idea

A reader on holiday in Scotland came across a little craft shop in Melrose. ([www.thecrafters.co.uk](http://www.thecrafters.co.uk)). This small shop is leased by a group of craft workers. A dozen or so craft people take it in turn to staff the shop. What a brilliant idea! Is anyone out there interested in doing something similar in Highworth? We have quite a few empty shop premises and it would be nice to see something new. Contact the Editor who will put you in touch.

## Ladies Who Latte

**Local business woman Jacqui Rawlings of Phoenix Trading will launch Ladies Who Latte in Highworth at Sally's in the High Street on Tuesday 26th February, 10.00am till noon.**

Ladies Who Latte is a network for all women in business. It started just over a year ago by Sharon Connolly, an image consultant based in Berkshire. Ladies Who Latte is flexible networking with a less formal approach, so whether you have fifteen minutes to pop in, or you stay for two hours, Jacqui hopes that you will find it a well earned break to share ideas and most importantly gain motivation from other entrepreneurial women. There are no speakers, you don't need to pay to attend – just buy your coffee and mingle.

In less than one year Ladies who Latte has grown to over 600, and now stretches across England from London to this newly formed group in Highworth. Should any woman interested in starting her own business or those already in employment or home working require more information, contact Jacqui on 07941 111483 or visit [www.ladieswholatte.com](http://www.ladieswholatte.com).

## Weed All About It!

**After many years caring for Highworth gardens, well known local Eric Livall has decided to hang up his trusty shears and to retire from his gardening round.**

Eric originally worked on the family farm at Pentylands in partnership with his brother. However, due to the unfortunate death of his first wife, and with two small daughters to care for, working seven days a week on the farm proved to be difficult. Taking on local gardening work fitted around bringing up the girls, and as they grew Eric was able to establish himself in the local area.

Throughout his gardening years, Eric has tidied many Highworth garden beds, pruned trees and