

Mayor's Ball

The Highworth Mayor's Banquet & Ball will be on **Friday 28th March** at Wragg Barn. Reception 7.30 for 8.00 pm. For details and tickets phone the Town Council, Tel. (01793) 762377.

New office hours for Link

The office is manned generally **12noon to 2pm**, Monday to Friday. Please leave your name and number if you phone and get no answer. Tony Brewster will get back to you. Tel: (01793) 861690

E-mail: editor@highworthlink.co.uk or advertising@highworthlink.co.uk.

Free Photocopier

The United Reformed Church has a Canon 860 A4 size photocopier to give away to a deserving cause. It is in good working order but is nearing the end of its useful life. Please apply to Bryan, Tel: (01793) 765079 by 29th February.

Twinning Association dates

Annual General Meeting: Friday, **28 March** at 7.30pm in The Council Community Room.

Safari Lunch: **Sunday, 27 April**

Possible visit to Pontorson; **23 to 26 May**
Boules match May/June

Pontorsonnais visit for Highworth Festival Weekend: **19 to 22 Sept.**

2008 is the 40th anniversary of the Pontorson/Wassenberg Twinning. We have been invited to join in, in Wassenberg, on the weekend **2 to 5 May**. This will coincide with the annual celebration of Europe Day. Anyone interested in going please contact Derrick Gustafson, Tel: (01793) 861593.

Home guard

The next meeting of the Highworth and District Neighbourhood Watch will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday March 4th**, in St. Michael's Church Room. At the December meeting PCSO Maxine Bromley gave a most informative talk, answering questions and updating those present with the latest news of local incidents. All interested people are more than welcome. If you wish to form your own group and need more information please attend or for further details contact Pat Willis, Co-ordinator, Tel: (01793) 763967. *Mair Huband*



The children at the Vorda Pre-school celebrated Christmas with a concert, singing their "Favourite Christmas Songs" and joining in the Nativity. The Pre-school staff donated a hamper, with the proceeds going towards toys for the children. The children delighted all present with their portrayal of the Nativity and their rendition of the songs, ending with "We wish you a Merry Christmas".

Vorda Pre-school is now registered as a Full Day Care setting offering sessions from 9.15am through to 3.15pm within term times. A Mother and Toddler Group meet on Thursday afternoons between 1.15pm and 2.45pm and sessions for 2 year olds are available every morning. For more information please contact Linda Cowley (Manager) on (01793) 763668.

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Too late to skate?

A meeting took place in December, with members of the community, Highworth Community Partnership Group (HCPG), Swindon Borough Council and Highworth Town Council to consider the issue of locating a skate park in Highworth in 2008.

A consultation of young people will take place under the guidance of the Youth Service and the HCPG towards the end of February to check among other things that a skate park is still something young people want. Interested adults and young people will be invited to form a group to take the process forward. There is some initial funding available as **Sk8ers** did considerable work on this a few years ago, and any new discussion will build on their research and expertise.

If you have an opinion on this issue express it via The Link magazine or directly to Keith Smith (chair of HCPG, contact@highworthpartnership.org.uk) or Caroline at the Youth service on (01793) 465452 to ensure your views are included in the consultation.

If you are the parent of a young person who is interested in skating or a skater yourself, your views will be really important. Also, if you are a young person with ideas for different activities in Highworth make sure you get involved in the consultation.

Look out for the details of the consultation event locally, in the library and through the Friday Swindon Advertiser Neighbourhood News page in February 2008.

Clare Smith, HCPG