

### *Editor's Welcome*

Welcome to the second edition of 'Well Informed', The Well's newsletter. The first edition proved to be very popular and I aim to keep our valued supporters informed about how they have assisted our work, while encouraging others, who may be considering backing The Well's cause, to take the plunge and become supporters. I hope you enjoy this edition.

The Well has undergone a few changes recently. Our Service Manager, Jane Pope has moved to a new job at Thorpe Hall. I know I am not alone in thanking her for all her hard work; we wish her well in her new post. Michèle Coombe-Boxall has been appointed as Interim Service Manager until September.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter or for the next one, please contact Michèle via email:  
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Many thanks for your interest in the essential work of The Well. Please do contact us if you are running out of our 'business' cards, A5 posters and / or leaflets. We will gladly send you some more.

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or 01733 232433

### *Passion for Peterborough*

*Bishop Ian & Mrs Jo Cundy hosted a fantastic fundraising event to support The Well. Champagne and canapés were served at a Charity Musical Reception in the Great Hall, at the Bishop's Palace. The guests were also treated to a wonderful musical interlude provided by the St. Peter's Singers on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Lord Mawhinney, a member of The Well's Council of Reference, made an appeal on behalf of the charity. Michele Coombe-Boxall said: "We are deeply grateful for this wonderful and timely event. It is always a challenge to keep such a worthy cause afloat financially and this will certainly help to continue our work within Peterborough." The event raised just over £2,000 and, on the evening, the Rotary Club of Peterborough also presented The Well with a cheque for £750. Many thanks to all involved.*

### *The Well at Westgate*

The Well has operated in and around Peterborough since 1996, offering a professional, confidential counselling service to people from all walks of life. Our base at the Westgate Centre has had a huge impact on the work we are able to do. We have just celebrated a year's presence at the Westgate Centre.

The Well has become much more visible to passing members of the public, while other users of Westgate's facilities cannot fail to notice our regular presence in the building. A big thank you to all those who have made this possible and may our continuing friendship grow even stronger.

#### Other Locations

The Well's counsellors also work in different locations around the City such as: The Way-In Community House, Werrington, the Convent in Lincoln Road and Park Road Baptist Church. Again, many thanks to all who make our work possible.



Jane Pope

## Farewell to Jane Pope

Many of the counsellors, staff and trustees turned out to bid Jane a fond farewell at the end of March as she left her post as The Well's Service Manager. Jane has kept in touch and was a key member of the team of volunteers who organised *Passion for Peterborough*.

...and Welcome to  
Michele Coombe-Boxall,  
The Well's Service Manager  
until September



Michèle Coombe-Boxall

Michèle has worked in and around the local voluntary sector for the past 10 years. Her experience of working with Home Start as a volunteer, trustee and chair has given her a valuable insight into the organisational aspects of running and maintaining a voluntary agency. At present Michèle is in her final year of counselling degree.

## *Could this be you or someone you know?*

The Well, is looking for a part-time Service Manager from September 2007. For this role we need someone with commitment, drive, energy and a growing Christian faith. You will also need to be discreet, sensitive, able to use your initiative and lead a small team. For a job description and person specification – contact Wendy on 01733 232433 or [help@wellcounselling.org.uk](mailto:help@wellcounselling.org.uk)

The Well's Annual General Meeting  
St Mary's Church, New Road, Peterborough  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 (7.30 pm)

Harmesh Lakhanpaul, the retiring Director of the local Racial Equality Council, will speak about 'Welcoming the Stranger'. A warm invitation is extended to everyone! Also at the AGM, the recent appointments of Neil MacCallum and Smon Nurser as Trustees will be ratified.

## Meet the Team

The Well now has ten Counsellors, two men and eight women. They all offer their time freely to The Well, as does the Interim Service Manager. We have two Supervisors, a Training Co-ordinator, an Administrator and a Treasurer. Welcome to Heather (a Supervisor) and Joan (a Counsellor) who have recently joined the team. We are currently recruiting volunteer receptionists. If you are interested, please email Michèle.

## Training at The Well

In addition to the counselling provided by The Well, training events are offered to anyone linked to the counselling scene in Peterborough.

Lynne Booker, The Well's Training Co-ordinator, has a wealth of experience and has organised a series of courses over recent months, including:

- ◆ Using Creative Arts
- ◆ Fathers and Fathering
- ◆ Transference and Counter-transference

**The next Well training event will be on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> October. Mimi Kilgour will be leading a workshop entitled Multi Cultural Matters.**

In addition to keeping The Well's counsellors fresh and fulfilled in their roles, the training courses represent an extremely valuable source of income for the charity.

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