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BROWNSEA ISLAND NEWS

Monday 26th October to Sunday 1st November 2009

Helen Brotherton 9th February 1914 – 6th August 2009

LEISURE

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

by William Henry Davies



By Peter Bryon

This poem was read at the memorial service on Friday 23rd October to give thanks for the life and work of Helen Brotherton. It is a timely reminder to us all that some times it is good just to stop and appreciate all that is around us; particularly here on Brownsea Island because without her energy and enthusiasm it may have been lost to the nation.

News from Emma

Half Term Activities

We are now gearing up for a busy half term full of children's activities and events. From Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October we have an Autumn Wildlife Trail and make and take activities available from the Visitor Centre 10.30am-3pm, and on Halloween Weekend we have Halloween activities and a trail for children and their families.



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We're in the top 20!

Brownsea has made the top 20 nationally for membership recruitment (by numbers recruited at the end of August). Wessex has Corfe in 4th place, Stourhead in 7th, Brownsea in 11th, Dunster in 16th and Hidcote in 17th. Wessex had more properties in the top 20 than any other region.

Winter Training Programme

We are currently working on the winter "Tuesday Club" programme, this should be available later this week, the programme will involve a series of walks, talks and behind the scenes info, which we hope will be of interest to you all!

End of season lunch and de-brief

We would like to invite all National Trust staff and volunteers to an end of season lunch and de-brief on Tuesday 10th November at 1pm – 4pm in the Villano Café, boats will run from Sandbanks from 12.25pm. I really hope you can join us to celebrate the season's successes, and begin to look forward to our plans for next year. Please put your name on the list on the notice board above Reception.

**Brownsea Island
Social Programme 2009
For staff and volunteers**

December
Thursday 3rd
Christmas - Dinner
Heathlands Hotel - 7.00pm
Booking essential
Organiser – Val

December
Saturday 19th
Candlelit Carol Service 11.00am
followed
Christmas Shared Plate Lunch
Boat times 10.25
Booking essential
Organiser - Val

This is the final Brownsea Island News for the 2009 season, it will return next season. May we take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed, and to all who have followed us and would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2010.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2010.

Brownsea Island opens to the public on Saturday 13th March.