



Campaigners with Waitrose manager Adam Cooksley (top right) in Gosport

## Town wants place on Fairtrade map

FAIRTRADE campaigners are aiming to give Gosport a reputation as a place that gives a fair deal to developing countries.

Churchgoers were among those launching a campaign for the town to be given Fairtrade status. That means that enough supermarkets, cafes, restaurants and workplaces offer Fairtrade products and the local council backs the concept.

The newly-formed Gosport Fairtrade Action started their campaign by surveying which shops sell

products branded with the Fairtrade Mark. It indicates that suppliers in poorer countries are being paid a fair price for their goods, rather than being exploited.

Gosport aims to join the city of Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, the University of Portsmouth, the RC Diocese of Portsmouth and our Anglican diocese, all of which already have Fairtrade status. Campaigners in Havant and Fareham are also working towards that status.

Campaigner Tessa Bloodworth, from St Mary's

Church, Alverstoke, said: "The campaign aims to show that Gosport does care about the developing world."

Adam Cooksley, manager of Waitrose in Stoke Road, said: "Fairtrade lines are very popular – Fairtrade bananas from the Dominican Republic have seen a 44 per cent growth in unit sales over the past six months."

A resolution asking Gosport Borough Council to support Fairtrade by using such products in its meetings and catering outlets, and by

promoting their use throughout the borough, will be debated next month.

Campaigner Michael Heaps wants Gosport businesses that stock at least two Fairtrade items to contact him on 023-9258 4137 or mjheaps8@hotmail.com so they can be included in a forthcoming Gosport Fairtrade Directory

For more information on Gosport's campaign, contact Sarah Hirom on gfa@surefish.co.uk or 023-9258 2140. For details about Fairtrade, see [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

## RC service switched to Anglican church

A ROMAN Catholic confirmation service has been switched to a larger Anglican church - because of the numbers involved.

Thirty young people will now be confirmed in the 700-capacity St Thomas's Church in Newport, rather than at St Mary's RC Church in Ryde, which only holds 270 people.

The RC Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Crispian Hollis said: "We must remember that 30 young people are confirming their faith in God.

"We have therefore accepted the generous offer from the Anglicans to use their church. This means that we will not have to restrict the numbers of family and friends wishing to attend this celebration."

The confirmation service is due to happen on November 28.

# Priest joins party for golden couple

**MANY couples mark their 50th wedding anniversary - but few will have celebrated it with the vicar who married them!**

The Ven Tony Turner, a former Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, and his wife Margaret brought together more than 100 friends and family for a special service to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

And not only were all three bridesmaids at the service, but the celebrant was the Rev Don Churchman, the vicar who had married them 50 years ago.

Worshippers at the service, on July 15 in St Peter's, Hayling

Island, heard the Turners' granddaughter, Laura Creed, reading a poem she had written to mark the occasion, and their son Michael and his wife Polly performing a song.

The Rev Albert Braithwaite, who worked alongside Tony at St Jude's, Southsea, preached, and the couple cut a celebratory cake,

The Turners had asked for guests to make donations to the proposed new Anglican diocese of Kiteto in north-east Tanzania, rather than give them presents. So the event raised £1,000 for the diocese, whose bishop is John Hayden, a former curate of Tony's when he worked in Macclesfield.

"The occasion was a real celebration," said Tony. "Some of our friends who were there were guests at our wedding, but there were also friends from St Jude's, Southsea, and St Peter's, Hayling. I think the secret of our happy marriage is friendship - we were friends for seven and a half years before we were married."

Tony first met Margaret Phillips at the youth group of their London church in 1949. He did national service and went to theological college while she was trained as a nurse before their wedding day in 1956. That September, Tony was ordained and given his first curacy in Nottingham. Their three children were born within six years.

Tony's first incumbency was in Macclesfield, and then he worked as home secretary to an overseas



(Top): Tony and Margaret Turner with bridesmaids (l to r) Valerie Harper, Margaret Sayer and Jo Firmin, and the Rev Don Churchman in 2006; (above): the couple and their bridesmaids Valerie, Jo and Margaret in 1956

missionary society from 1968-74. He returned to parish ministry when he became vicar of St Jude's, Southsea, in 1974 - oddly enough, following Don Churchman who was vicar there from 1961-74. Margaret became a children's ward sister at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in 1980.

Tony became Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight in 1986, and Margaret became sister in charge at Frank James Hospital in Cowes. She retired in 1992 and he did so in 1996. They now live in Hayling Island, close to their daughter Ruth - and not far from Don Churchman.

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