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FAREHAM: Almost 40 churchgoers in Fareham pulled on their walking boots to raise money for Sport Relief.

Twelve adults and 25 young people from churches across the town came together for the 5km walk on a Sunday afternoon.

They started at St Columba Church and visited Hill Park Baptist, Our Saviour Lutheran, St Peter and St Paul, Sacred Heart, the Methodist Church, Holy Trinity, and Fareham Community Church before ending up at Fareham URC, where there were games and food.

The Rev Garry Roberts, curate at Holy Trinity with St Columba, organised the event with Ian Corless, an elder at Fareham URC, and Paul Bedford, the URC minister.

"The idea came from the young people themselves," said Garry. "They wanted to raise money for those who are not as fortunate as themselves."

"Not only was it a great opportunity to raise money for Sport Relief but it was great to see the generations coming together, walking side by side and chatting."

"For me it was a great symbol of multi-generational, ecumenical discipleship as well as great fun and supporting a good cause. The money is still coming in but we're hoping to have raised about £700."

SHEDFIELD:

Delighted worshippers at St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, have been given an important environmental award.

The parish has received official notification that it has won an 'Eco-congregation award' from the Christian charity A Rocha, which is working towards the conservation of the natural world.

It's believed to be the first church in the diocese to be the recipient of this award. Credit should go to Robin Boston and his



Churchgoers reach St Peter and St Paul Church, Fareham, in their sponsored 5km walk to raise money for Sport Relief



Mary Close (left) holds the skittles trophy with Havant sub-warden of Readers, Sandra Haggan

St James that I did not formerly know," he said. "What has struck me most is the measure of dedication and generosity that congregations of 10 decades have within them. Their love and devotion of the church they attend seems to be ever present and boundless."

Copies of the book, priced at £12 each, are available from the church, or from the present vicar, the Rev Paul Armstead.

HAVANT/FAREHAM:

Readers from Havant and Fareham deaneries enjoyed a competitive rivalry at their joint skittles evening.

The event, held at St John's Church, Fareham, was a rematch between the two teams of Readers

The first match in the series, in 2014, was won by Fareham. This year, however, the magnificent trophy was won by the Havant team.

The overall winner was Mary Close, from St John's Church in Rowlands Castle.

BEMBRIDGE:

Worshippers at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday this month.

They'll gather at 4pm on April 21 in the Cloisters for afternoon tea. You're invited to come along, dressed in red, white and blue, to mark the occasion.

A celebration party will also happen inayne Hall on June 12.

news from the pews

small team of Joss Helsen, Ros Vogado and Mary Wake for their tenacity and enthusiasm in keeping the parish up-to-date with environmental concerns.

The church has also been involved with Fairtrade, and its Family Time service in Fairtrade Fortnight involved children from the school council.

The act of worship was devised by Marcus Collie and was led by him and the children. It was an appropriate service in which to announce that the award, had been won. A plaque will arrive at a later date.

MILTON: A book detailing 100 years of St James Church in Milton

has been published.

Entitled *The Bernard R Wilson Memorial Church of St James Milton: The First Hundred Years 1913-2013*, it has been written by congregation member Peter Hart.

It records the history of the current building, which replaced a smaller Victorian church on the same site. It also takes the reader through a history of the church's services and activities.

It was the former incumbent, the Rev Oriel Alby, who encouraged Peter to research and write up the church's history. His introduction to the church came as a wolf cub in 1943.

"I have learnt a great deal about the Church of