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NEWPORT: A school has bid farewell to two women who have been a part of its community for a combined total of 75 years.

June Cox began teaching at Newport C of E Primary School in 1961 and has also been a governor and led the school choir. Under her leadership, it won a cup in a festival and were broadcast singing carols on BBC Radio Solent.

She has fond memories of the school and it will always hold a special place in her heart.

"When you step in the door there is an atmosphere where everyone is friendly and wanting to do their very best for all the children," she said.

Also retiring was Sue Cox who has taught at the school since 1996. She has been instrumental in leading the



June Cox teaching pupils from Newport Primary School to sing

the school report

development of RE and collective worship at the school and as part of her work the school's Christian values of love, hope and trust were introduced.

Those values were

blessed by Bishop Christopher when he visited the school earlier this year to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Sue has also led the development of maths, worked with the diocese

to develop the RE curriculum and has trained as a philosophy for children leader.

Sue said: "The best part of my role was being paid to do the thing I am most passionate about, which is to educate and inspire children to develop an understanding of religious ideas and concepts which will impact their lives."

GOSPORT: Knitted blankets, hats, cardigans, mittens and socks are on their way from Gosport to help families in need in Syria and Iraq.

Worshippers in Bridgemary and Elson were so moved by the plight of displaced people in the Middle East that they knew they needed to do something to help.

They decided to donate via the charity Samara's Aid, which sends clothes, toiletries and other essentials to displaced people in Syria and Iraq.

The Knit 'n' Knatter group at Bridgemary and CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) group at Elson got knitting, and both groups donated essential items or money. Find out more about the charity at www.samarasaidappeal.org

DIOCESE: Four diocesan staff helped to raise more than £1,110 for Cancer Research UK by running 10 kilometres each.

Clare Jones, Rachel Houlberg and Valerie Agnew, who support our senior staff in administration, and diocesan spirituality adviser the Rev Ruth Tuschling



Kay's Pavement Pounders (1 to r): Valerie Agnew, Clare Jones, Rachel Houlberg and the Rev Ruth Tuschling ahead of their 10 kilometre race

news from the pews

were sponsored to run in Southsea's Race for Life.

They did so in honour of former colleague Kay Lancaster, who is recovering from cancer, calling themselves 'Kay's Pavement Pounders'.

There's still time to add to the total at www.justgiving.com/teams/Kayspavementpounders.

GURNARD: It's a group for men that is called 'Blokes' Beer and Banter'. The monthly group gives men a chance to meet and chat in the newly-refurbished Portland Pub opposite

All Saints Church. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm, and held their inaugural get-together over the summer.

It's the latest addition to All Saints' repertoire of community-based get-togethers. It will complement the Prayer and Pint evenings already held at The Woodvale by the beach, which meets from 8pm on the first Sunday of the month.

The vicar, the Rev Amanda Collinson, said: "We're delighted that the first meeting of BBB went really well. It helps both men and women to

have support from those in similar situations to them."

COWES: Worshippers marked the 200th anniversary of their historic tower over the summer.

St Mary the Virgin Church held a celebration event in July to mark the milestone for their John Nash tower. The special service was led by the vicar, the Rev Andrew Poppe, and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, the Ven Peter Sutton, preached.

The tower is unusual in that it was built in a Greek revivalist style.

John Nash had been personal architect for the Prince of Wales, and designed Buckingham Palace and other landmarks.