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FAREHAM: The group promoting Fairtrade in Fareham staffed a stall in its shopping centre during Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Fareham Borough Fairtrade group set up a tea set surrounded by delicious Fairtrade goodies to illustrate the theme of this year's Fortnight, 'Put Fairtrade in your break'.

Group members gave out Fairtrade bananas, chocolate and other treats and told shoppers how choosing Fairtrade products helps to break the cycle of poverty for rural communities in the developing world.

Fareham's Mayor Cllr Connie Hockley and executive council leader Sean Woodward were among those showing their support.

Chair of the borough Fairtrade group Rachel Hicks said: "It's been great to chat with people today, and send them away with a new understanding of the benefits of Fairtrade.

"By choosing products that bear the Fairtrade mark, you can be sure that your purchase will give those who produced it a fair price and a better life."

HAYLING ISLAND: Members of the 2nd Hayling Island Girls' Brigade held a jumble and cake sale in aid of their church, St Andrew's.

It was well attended,



L to r: Fareham Fairtrade Borough chair Rachel Hicks, Cllr Louise Clubley, Mayor Cllr Connie Hockley, Cllr Seán Woodward, Cllr Pam Bryant and Cllr Geoff Hockley at the Fairtrade stall in the shopping centre



The Girls' Brigade cake and jumble sale

news from the pews

even though it was the first of its kind for the Girls' Brigade on Hayling. They hope to repeat it soon.

The group meets on

a Thursday evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm at St Andrew's Church hall, for girls aged 10-14. Details from Vicky Evans on 07988-663259.

HAVANT: St Faith's Havant is one of the churches which at present is being documented by the Church Recorders of Portsdown Decorative and Fine Arts Society (PDFAS).

The volunteer group is listing and annotating everything in the church. No item is omitted. This could take up to five years to complete.

The members listing all the paperwork have noted the difficulties in the safekeeping of all the documents.

Portsdown DFAS have therefore generously donated an archive chest to the church to house all these documents.

The rector, Canon Tom Kennar, was over the moon with the generous gift.

WICKHAM: Ofsted inspectors have described Wickham Church of England Primary School as a 'good' school after a one-day inspection.

The lead inspector spent time observing teaching in several classrooms and met with leaders, staff and governors, as well as speaking to children.

Headteacher Helen Castle has been in post for almost two years. The inspector said her calm and purposeful leadership had created a school with a real community feel.

The report said that she has an ambitious

the school report

vision for the school and a strong capacity to drive further improvement.

Ofsted recognised that, despite numerous changes to the school since the last inspection, the school had remained good.

The inspector believed that areas for improvement in the school's previous inspection in December 2012 had been acted on effectively.

The teaching of

writing has improved through the good teaching of phonics in Key Stage 1 and improving spelling skills. The quality of teaching has also improved.

The report said that youngsters get off to a good start in Reception and continue to make good progress throughout the school.

School leaders make detailed checks on the quality of teaching and on the progress

pupils are making; the staff know the children well and build strong relationships across the school.

Training on safeguarding is frequent and relevant, and pupils also take responsibility to share important messages about keeping themselves safe through leading worship.

Mrs Castle said: "We are very proud that we have maintained our 'good' status despite 50 per cent of the teachers being new to the school in September.

"We are pleased with the recognition that Ofsted have given us in this report."