

Spotlite - February 2014



This year Wesley is proud to present :

Dick Whittington



Our Pantomime runs from Monday 17th February until Saturday 22nd February. The tickets are available from Liz Vaughan, 0121 553 3727 priced £4.00 for Adults, £3.00 for Children under 12. We would love to see you there at 7.30 p.m.

Do come and see the show, have fun and laughter.

Lent Communion



Services followed by
soup, bread and cheese lunch.

12.30 pm

from March 12th

Led by Rev. Carole Holden

5th West Bromwich Company Section.

We currently have 13 boys in the company section.

Since the start of the session we have taken part in the Battalion cross country and the Masterteam competition which we won, so well done to Stuart, Caleb and Joshua. We have a number of competitions over the next few months to take part in including Drill, Bible Quiz, Colour Party and 5 a side football.

We have had a successful run in the Boys' Brigade National competitions this year. We were knocked out at the first round of the table tennis but got through to the second round in the badminton. We also got through to the second round in the Masterteam but unfortunately had to withdraw as we **couldn't raise a team.**

We recently hosted the first round of the National 5 a side football competition at Aldersley Village in Wolverhampton on 11 January 2014.

The boys' have been practicing for this on a Monday evening for the several weeks and the practice paid off as they won every game and are now through to the second round. If we get through the next round of the football we will be in the finals which are to be held this year in Northern Ireland over the Mayday bank holiday weekend.

The boys' continue every Friday with their badge work which this session will include topics of digital photography, Fairtrade and money, debt & credit. The badge work will culminate in our Annual Awards Night, the date yet to be confirmed.

2014 is an important year for the 5th as it is our 90th anniversary. We hope to commemorate this milestone in some way and a planning meeting is to be held shortly.

If you want to keep up to date with the 5th please visit our website at <http://5thwestbromwich.co.uk>



Another good evening arranged by SAFCO we enjoyed the food and also listening to Helen and the choir who sang their Christmas programme for us. Enjoyed by all, thank you.



It was a very pleasant surprise to open the door to a group of lads, together with Jane and Alex who sang several carols Thank you lads and soloists for singing the Christmas carols. You did very well, thanks to everyone it was good to see and hear you.



The day was organised by Jane and members of the 5th Staff, a very enjoyable day with a visit from Father Christmas, active games in the Akryll, a quiet storytime and a craft time, at the end of the fun day dinner was served (very nice).

Thanks to all concerned in making this a good day.



SAFCO

Our Christmas festivities went well with our own church choir, dressed in their posh choir robes, providing a short programme of Christmas pieces and carols. We were then thankful to Iris Reynolds for playing the piano so that we could all join in with singing some of our favourite Christmas Carols. We then started 2014 with a Fish & Chip supper followed with hilarious games of Bingo and Hoy!

We will take a break in February while our church pantomime, this year, **Dick Whittington**, takes over not only the church premises but almost everyone's time too. In March we will be welcoming a **female** singing duo new to us named **"Ttarmigan"** with a supper beforehand.

Reserve your places, as always, with Liz Vaughan on 0121 553 3727

helen@thepedals

Many thanks to everyone who came along to "helen@thechristmaspedals" coffee morning and organ recital. It was fantastic to see so many there and I hope I played some of your favourite Christmas music and carols. Thank-you for allowing my indulgence in playing all six verses of my favourite carol, **O Come All Ye Faithful** (that was just in case I didn't get the opportunity at any of our Christmas services). I have now received a total of £180 in donations, **which has been split between Warley Male Choir's 2013/14 charity, Burnaid,** and our own Redevelopment Funds. Many thanks to everyone; hopefully there will be another helen@thepedals when the weather gets a little bit warmer.



Helen

Christmas with Wesley Choir

Our own church choir, one of the very few “robed” choirs in the area, were privileged once again to be asked to sing Christmas Carols at the Masonic Hall in Lodge Road . This is a long standing tradition of the choir (no-one knows for how long, but I personally have been involved for 30 years (I know, I don’t look old enough!)). Whilst it involves some late nights for us all (it’s quite strange to be leaving the house at 9pm to perform a mini choir concert!) the evenings are very special to us.

This year we sang a lively piece “Sing we now of Christmas” which is set to a well known tune, Noel Nouvlet, “Christmas Lullaby” by the choir’s favourite modern composer, John Rutter and a new carol from Singing the Faith “Jesus is the heart of Christmas”; it is an important part of our outreach work to be able to spread the message to those that may otherwise not remember that “Jesus is the heart of Christmas”.

Three out of the four evenings all went to plan, however on one evening, whilst the keyboard was plugged in, and all leads connected, there was no sound whatsoever to be heard. Credit must go to the choir for singing their items and leading the singing of carols on that evening entirely unaccompanied; thanks also to Deacon Sue for her help in pitching the first notes, some pieces may have been a little lower than usual, which greatly helped the sopranos with their top notes, but there were some grumblings from the basses at how low they had to sing!

Thanks to our regular choir for their continued support and enthusiasm for singing and to our helpers; this year, Michael Barrett, Jane Collett, Ken Dunn, Deacon Sue Hibbard, Brian Powney and Matt Vaughan.



London **Marathon**

Most of you will have probably heard by now that I am taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday 13th April, which is also Palm Sunday this year. I would say that this is a lifetime ambition, however as I only started running 5 years ago, perhaps not (although they do say that Life begins at 40!). Steve Allen , who is the Musical Director of Warley Male Choir, is running the marathon with me, or rather probably dragging me around the 26.2miles. He is running to raise funds for “Children with Cancer” and to help with fundraising, I am having a “Coffee and Cakes for Children with Cancer” at my house on Saturday 15th March. It would be lovely to see friends from Wesley , please come for coffee (or tea), cake and a chat anytime between 11am and 4pm (if you don't know where I live, just ask!), there may even be some live musical entertainment!

Helen



Family News

Our thoughts and Prayers for

Mary Aldritt, Ann Taylor, Herbert Gibbons

Birthday Wishes to

Liz Vaughan, Hayley Machin, Keith Llewellyn, Derek Percival, Pat Thompson

Special Birthday Wishes and Congratulations to

Anita Warner and Margaret Chambers who celebrate their 80th Birthday.

Alan Thompson who officially becomes an OAP

Special Welcome

We welcome Phil's mom Wyn, who has come to live in West Bromwich

Update from 291 Community Association Ltd

We are pleased to report that hats, scarves and gloves are no longer compulsory uniform for anyone attending activities taking place in the community areas at the rear of the building; the new boiler and heating has been installed. There is still some work to do including the filling in of the basement boiler room. Thank-you to everyone who has been so understanding through the disruption; additional work which was required included:

- **Opening up Asbury Room floor to locate existing pipe-work**
- **Internal boiler room built**
- **New gas meter installed, old one removed**

In carrying out work for the heating project, the following has been identified for attention:

- **Door widening and installation of a ramp to improve disabled fire exit access**
- **Damp proofing in Asbury Room**
- **Filling holes left when old gas fires were removed**
- **Fitting a fan in the toilet adjacent to the “tunnel”**

Next projects on the radar are:



Roofs; Asbury Room, Ladies Toilets and BB Staff Room. Part of the cost of this will be funded out of a grant obtained from Methodist District, negotiations are underway for the balance to be funded from the lottery via Age UK and U3A



Double glazing for Asbury and Guild Rooms and a new back door. Grant applications are being considered; work will not start until funding is in place

Age UK are now using our premises following the closure of The Public and we are negotiating with U3A. The blood transfusion service is also using our premises again.

A number of grants have been applied for, of varying success; ideas and contributions towards fundraising are always welcome.

It is good to see the building starting to be used more often; this will inevitably mean we all have to think about how and when we use the building, and of course, ensuring we tidy and clean up after ourselves, making sure our equipment and belongings are stored correctly.

We ask for your continued prayers and support as we move forward with our projects

Wesley goes surfing

Wesley has finally made it onto the world-wide web!
The following two websites are now live and will include information about Wesley and all that happens here

www.wesleywestbrom.co.uk
www.291communityassociation.co.uk

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE

10.00am - 12 noon

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with friends on Thursday mornings at Wesley.
Coffee/Tea and biscuits 25p.



February Puzzler

Bible Characters



ANDREW

BALAK

DARIUS

ELIJAH

GIDEON

ISAAC

ISRAEL

JAMES

JESUS

JOANNA

JONAH

JOSHUA

LABAN

MARY

NABOTH

NOAH

RACHEL

SALOME

SAMUEL

SAUL

URIAH

February Puzzler

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February Puzzler Solutions



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CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Christingle Service - Donated to Action for Children

Christmas Eve Communion - £40.00 Donated to Soldiers of the Streets

Christmas Day and Christmas Card Post - £125.00 Donated to F.A.B. (Family Activity Breaks) for injured and killed soldiers families

Food Bank, Christmas Pudding, Cakes, Sweets, Hats, Gloves and Scarves - Centre Point Homeless

Thanks to all who donated



Next Edition

April



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