



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

14th and 15th December

Evening Concert and Christmas Stalls

Decorated Trees

FREE ADMISSION
Music

Gifts

Refreshments

Decorations

Tombola

Cakes

Carols

Raffle



ONLY 10

WEEKS TO GO...

(at the date of printing)

Back by popular demand, please vote for your favourite carol

Wesley Christmas Tree Festival Top 10 Carols 2019

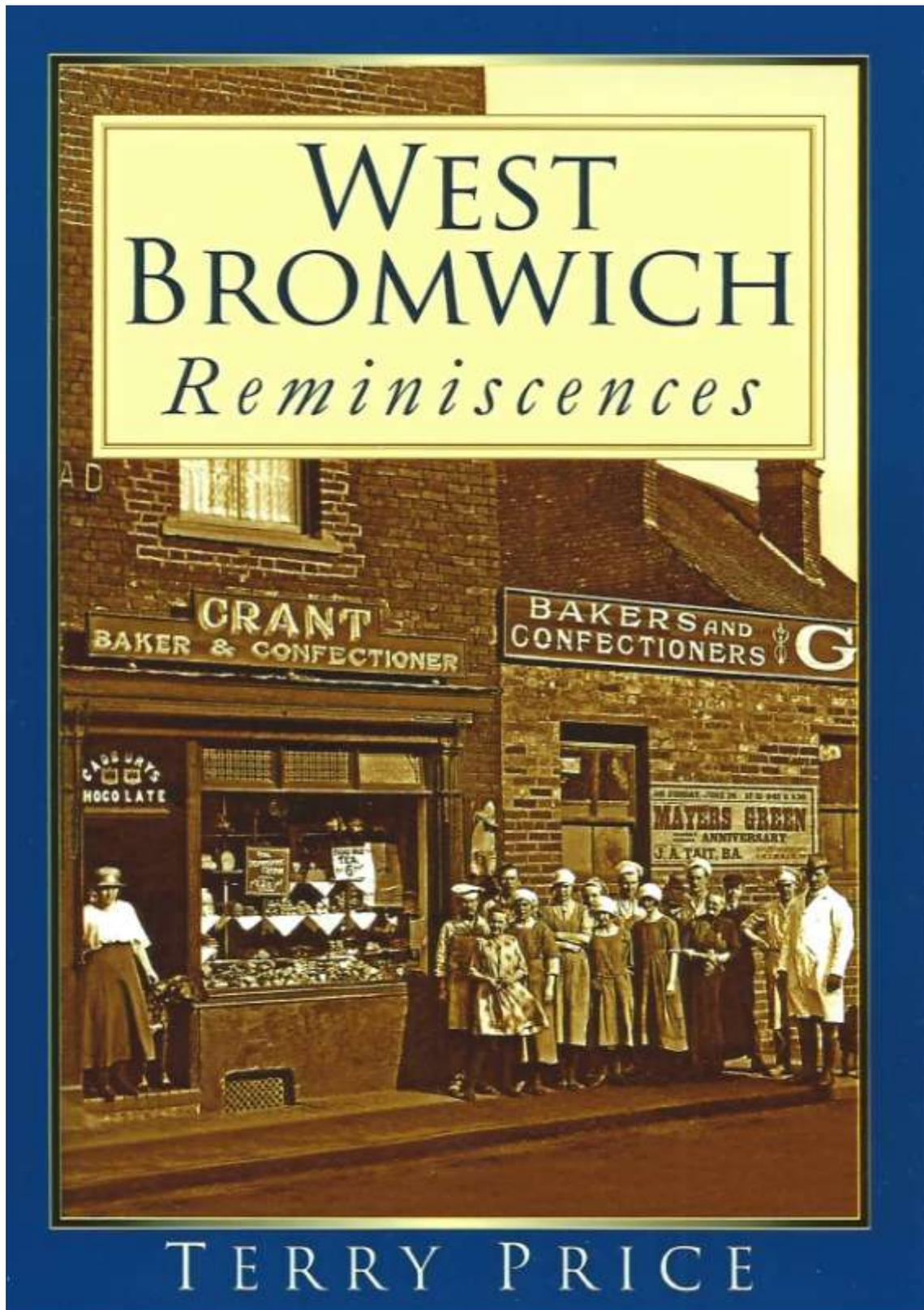
Please choose your favourite 5 carols from the list (or write the name of your carol/s if its not on the list) and return your form to your group leader, Helen Allen or via email (info@wesleywestbrom.co.uk) by 7th December 2019

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Christmas is coming! The Church is glad to sing	166	O come, all ye faithful	212
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Come, thou long-expected Jesus	169	Of the Father's love begotten	181
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God is born among us: earth receives the Christ child	200	Sing we the King who is coming to reign	185
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Good King Wenceslas	-	The First Noel	-
Good news, good news to you we bring	201	The Holly and the Ivy	-
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Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes	171	There's a light upon the mountains	188
Hark! The herald-angels sing	202	Through long years of watchful waiting	232
Hills of the north, rejoice	172	Unto us a boy is born!	218
I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside	203	We see the eyes of Mary shine	219
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In the bleak midwinter	204	When a young unmarried couple	220
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It was on a starry night	206	Who would think that what was needed	222
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BOOK LAUNCH

Saturday October 5th 2019

9.30am - 4.00pm



Five of the chapters within the book contain photographs covering almost every area in West Bromwich, plus an enlarged special section on schooldays with most of the pupils named. All photographs are different from those in previous books.

Chapter One

The Town Centre
Lyng
Spon Lane

Chapter Two

Great Bridge
Greets Green
Swan Village

Chapter Three

Black Lake
Hall End
Harvills Hawthorn
Hill Top

Chapter Four

Charlemont
Church Vale
Lyndon
Tantany

Chapter Five

Great Barr
Hamstead
Friar Park
Yew Tree

Chapter Six

Schooldays

Although the districts of Great Barr, Great Bridge, Friar Park and Yew Tree each have an adjacent town as their postal address, they are all in fact situated within the borders of West Bromwich.

Schools represented in Chapter Six include,

All Saints
Beeches Road
Black Lake
Bratt Street
Charlemont
Christchurch

Cronehills
Fisher Street
George Salter
Grammar/WB Municipal
Grove Vale
Guns Village

Hall Green
Hamstead
Harvills Hawthorn
Hateley Heath
Hill Top
Holy Trinity

Joseph E Cox
Lyng
Spon Lane

WEST BROMWICH REMEMBERED – THE IDEAL BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS GIFT

If you or your friends cannot visit the event on the day there are two other options.

1. Collect copies from my home address, also at the discount price of £9.99, From Sunday 6th October by telephoning me beforehand on 01922 635891
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Call Paul for a quote on 0121 601 0792 (mobile 07864 381396) or by emailing paulswift@blueyonder.co.uk



I don't want to alarm you in my first article in Spotlight as a Circuit Steward, however a recent President of the Methodist Church in her inaugural speech stated the "each Church should plan to grow" and then said "if they don't want to grow then they should plan to CLOSE"

On Saturday 26th September at New Road Methodist Church; 11am to 3pm our circuit is holding an event where we will be focusing on the Past, Present and (most importantly) Future.

The event is being led by Jon Pedley from the Methodist district of which we are part.

You will all be aware that The Black Country Circuit was formed a few years ago when West Bromwich circuit joined with Tipton circuit, with Wednesbury joining soon after. Since time has passed it is important that time is spent celebrating the Past and the work of those no longer with us and what was achieved by them, as well as celebrating the present and the coming together to form the Black Country Circuit and then most importantly looking to the Future of the circuit.

There will be opportunity for those attending to share and discuss ideas of what members of the various churches in the circuit, think they would want or like to see happen within the Circuit over the next 5 years.

We are all asked to continue to think and pray for the future of the circuit and Wesley; if there is something that you feel Wesley could be doing there are post-it notes which can be added to the poster in the concourse, these will be taken to be discussed on 26th September.

It is really important for people to attend the day and "have their say" about the future of our circuit. If you are able to attend, then please sign-up on the list in the concourse; if you are not able to attend but have something you would like to contribute to the discussion, then please do speak to Derek or myself and we will be happy to pass on your thoughts.

The intention is that we will hold an event at Wesley to discuss our own Vision and plan towards the future, similar to that which was held in 2007 (was it really that long ago?!); many of the ideas put forward then have been acted upon and many are still appropriate and continue to be integrated into life at Wesley.

As our church logo says "Together in Faith; Forward in Mission"

Blessings,
Helen Allen

After sending Deacon Sara an edition of Spotlight she sent me this email, so I thought I would share it with you all.

Thanks and Best Wishes Sara



Many thanks again Pat. Really appreciate hearing all the news and so encouraged to read about ALL that's going on. Exciting times!!

My circumstances are changing....After working for 5 years as a chaplain for MHA in a 90 bedded dementia care home , I am returning to circuit ministry.

As from September 1st, I shall be Minister part time of 3 Methodist churches in the Shropshire and Marches circuit...Builth Wells, Knighton and Llanbister. I shall be living in the Knighton Manse for half the week and then back to Aberystwyth for the rest of the week. Although I really enjoyed my chaplaincy work for MHA and was privileged to be alongside some wonderful people, who happen to live with dementia, and their families at difficult times including end of life care, I am now excited to be returning to circuit ministry. I often think back to my probationary appointment in West Brom with you all, and others that have gone to glory with love and grateful thanks for nurturing this rookie, praying for her, and all you taught me. I continue to remember you in my prayers.

It's been a while, but I hope it all comes flooding back to me as I travel on with God at the helm.

Blessings and peace, love Sara (Windsor-Hides)



Hip Hip Hooray

Best Wishes Ian

Following my hip replacement operation on the 22 July, I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, phoned to see how I was and / or came to visit me at home during my recovery and recuperation. Your care and interest in my health was and is much appreciated. I seem to be making good progress and it is great to be “pain free” at long last.

Ian P Collett

I'm doing fine . . .

Perhaps people may find the following of interest:

I had an operation for a hernia two weeks ago, and am now feeling better.

I have now had six operations in total! I wonder if anyone at Wesley has had more.

Best wishes

Michael (Sorrill)

Congratulations to Mandy Warner

Congratulations Mandy on being awarded the Community Champion Trophy which she will hold for a year. She also has a trophy to keep. In addition Mandy is the Captain of the Girls athletics team and is helping them during their sessions.

Well Done Mandy on this very special achievement.

291 Creative Hub

The Mission of this Church is the Community work which is carried out on its premises. That is the various sections of Boys Brigade and Girl Guides and the 291 Creative Hub. It is this community work that has enabled 291 Community Association to obtain charity status. David Russell, our fund raiser, is applying to the big Lottery for a 3 year Grant which will enable the Hub to pay an increased rent. However, until that grant is approved the Hub is reliant on the support of the Church.

In the application there is rental for Wesley for 3 years. This will be a good income for the church.

This is the first year of the 291 Creative Hub and we started the year with nothing. AgeUK Sandwell passed over £750 which was left from the Big Lottery Fund grant to pay for a coordinator to supervise September 2018. David Russell obtained from the lottery Awards for All Fund a grant which funded Dawn as the Manager and tutors for the exercise and craft groups. This grant originally included for room hire but the lottery did not approve it. Although this grant was for a year it only covered the costs for six months and so early on, it was decided that the people attending should pay a subscription to help towards the cost of running the HUB. (Age UK did not charge subscriptions).

David did manage to get another 3 small grants from Baron Davenports, from West Bromwich Building Society and from Heart of England. The later one is restricted as this is specifically for the provision of tutors to the craft group.

During this first year to the 31st August the HUB, through its subscriptions, has accumulated funds which has enable it to make a contribution to Wesley.

This has enabled a payment to Wesley towards the heating and lighting, which is more than the amount that the Awards for All refused to include.

I consider that the HUB is an important part of the Mission work of the Church and is very important for 2 reasons. A) For us to get grants for the Church we have to prove that we are providing facilities for the public at large. B) More important - The People who come to the HUB are in need of the friendly company and life changing experience that they are at present enjoying.



291 Creative Hub have had a successful summer. The Craft Fair on 3rd August attracted a number of stallholders and customers. We have been asked to hold another one, the date of which will be announced shortly. A big thank you goes to Hub members for all their hard work in producing sale items in the weeks leading up to the fair and for setting up and manning our stall and tombola stall on the day, also thanks to Wesley members who came along and helped on the day. A special thank you goes to Alex our art class tutor who brought his guitar along and played and sang in the concourse. Funds raised will go towards materials for craft groups and art class.

During August we partnered with HeadStart, as a result 4 young people volunteered at the Hub doing 16 hours of work over a 3 week period. They served refreshments, gave out leaflets and started an Instagram account for us, but more importantly they joined in Hub activities and chatted to attendees. They each received a certificate at the end of the project.

On 31st October between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm we will be holding a Pumpkin Party. The charge will be £2.00 per child accompanied by an adult. There will be lots of fun crafts on offer as well as a pumpkin hunt, fancy dress is optional. Please let Dawn know if you would like to attend.



Halloween Sudoku

Fill in the grids so that each column, row, and box contains one and an only one of the letters from the given word.

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SPOOKY HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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- bats
- candy
- ghost
- magic
- spooky

- costume
- goblins
- haunted
- October
- pumpkin

- witches
- vampires
- halloween
- jackolantern
- trickortreat



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.



Family News



Our Thoughts and Prayers for:

Frank and Olive Brookes, Anita Warner, Wyn Thomas, Jean Brown and family on the death of Terry.

Birthday Wishes to:

Linda and Keith Adams, Margaret Harrison, Terry and Beryl Price, Carol Osborne

Next Edition December



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Thank You

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MONDAY 9th December PLEASE**

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