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The Methodist Church 

## Men's Weekend

Good meal, good concert and good Sunday Services, enjoyed by all.

Mick



## SAFCO

SAFCO have been busy again since the last edition of Spotlight; in April we had a pre-Royal Wedding celebration and were entertained superbly by Yvonne who sang for us. In May we were filled up with Fish & Chips, excellent as always, with games of Bingo and Hoy. Always highly amusing and good entertainment with our resident callers, Ann and Linda.

For our June social evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to being musically entertained by the youngsters from Ferndale Primary School; it is always a pleasure to welcome these young people to Wesley to entertain us. Tickets as always are available from Liz Vaughan on 0121 553 3727 still at the pre-credit crunch price of £3.00; please note that this social evening will start at the earlier time of 7pm.

The last SAFCO social event of the Methodist year will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm and will be a Summer Celebration!



**The deadline for items to be included in the August 2011 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

### **Family News**

Our thoughts and prayers go to – Jack & Mollie, Phyllis Ault, Jack Staphill, Ann Taylor and Julia Wilkins on the death of Fred.

Birthday Wishes to – Ruth Collett & Simon Davey

Special Birthday Wishes to – Karen Wedgbury on her 50<sup>th</sup>, Julia Wilkins on her 80<sup>th</sup> and Kathleen Fieldhouse on her 90<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to – Jean & Bob Spencer and Keith & Maureen Llewellyn on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

### **Day Trip**

There is a day trip to Windsor on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The coach will leave Wesley at 9am and return for 7pm.

Tickets cost £15 and are available from Beryl Price on 01922 635 891.

### **New Editor Found!**

This is unfortunately the last edition of Spotlight that will be produced with me as editor. But don't worry as there is a brand new editor waiting to take over from the August edition in Pat Thompson.

I'd like to thank everybody for supporting me while I've been producing Spotlight by sending me your articles and reading it!

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### **Thank you**

Evelyn and Ray Gough would like to thank all our friends at Wesley for the cards and best wishes for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Also Evelyn would like to thank everyone for all the cards she received for her 70th Birthday.

Thank you again.  
Evelyn and Ray

### **Thank you friends**

This article is written primarily to thank the many friends who sent cards, letters and messages upon the death of my beloved sister, Dorothy. I have a little concern, however, about the emphasis placed upon her production of the annual pantomime which she took over from me in 1969. This was the least of her achievements!

Dots spirituality, understanding and compassion; the confidences she listened to (and never betrayed); advice sought and given; her warmth, honesty, and good company; have been deluged in favour of eulogising her production of the pantomime.

In addition, Dot guided and helped many young (and not so young) people, through her many activities, not only in Sunday School and piano teaching, but also in her musicality. Her training and conducting of choirs and individuals for performance, writing and directing playlets for children, and sketches for adults for men and women at Wesley, in the workplace, and beyond. Her piano-accompanying and involvement with a male voice choir (conducted by our dear Cecil Hancox) used her talents to give pleasure and fulfilment to so many.

I hesitated to write these comments, but have been encouraged to do so by the expression of similar feelings by several other people. By this means I hope to put into perspective Dot's life and her contribution to the life of Wesley and the world.

Murielle (Elle) Knight aka 'Midge'



We are proud to have had strong links with Wesley Methodist Church for many years

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### **helen@thepedals**

By popular demand, Helen will be holding a coffee morning in church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 10.30am until noon. Donations this time will again be towards Warley Male Choir's charity which for 2011/12 is Birmingham Children's hospital "Children's Heart Appeal" and Wesley. There will be a variety of music, hopefully something for everyone.

### **An 'old boy' returns**

It was good to see Steve Vincent presenting the BB Awards recently and giving encouragement to each lad remembering his good times in the 5th and at Wesley. Steve is now a Fire Officer Commander concerned with the community.

Staff and Parents enjoyed a good evening.

Thanks to everybody.

Mick O.



### **Company Section - 5<sup>th</sup> West Bromwich Boys' Brigade**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May the Company held its Annual Awards night and for the first time in many years was held in the church. Our Guest of Honour was Steve Vincent, a former member of the Company who is now an officer in the West Midlands Fire Service. Many badges were presented to boys of all three sections who have all worked hard for the last twelve months. As well as the awards, each section performed an item which included a drill item from Anchor Boys, a representation of the field gun tournament from the Junior Section and a "politically correct" panto from Company Section. The evening concluded as usual with the traditional Drill Down competition. An enjoyable evening was had by all present and it was good to have the support of "Wesley folk". A big thank you must go to all the staff and helpers of the 5<sup>th</sup> for not only the hard work leading up to the awards night but also throughout the year.

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> July the Company and Junior Sections will be going to our annual camp, which this year see's us return to the Old School Lodge in Deiniolen just outside of Llanberis in North Wales. Planning has been in progress for quite a while and we are sure all the boys attending will have a fun filled week. The weather has been booked, so a week of hot glorious sun is expected (we can only wish). As always, any donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

The Company Section has now started its summer session and hopefully, weather depending, will be spending most Friday evenings up Dartmouth Park until the nights draw in.



## Olivet to Calvary



As was reported in the last edition of Spotlight, an augmented choir from Wesley joined with the augmented Tipton and Dudley choirs to perform Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" on two evenings as an act of worship as part of our devotional preparations for Holy Week. Those from Wesley choir enjoyed the opportunity to join with other singers to be part of a large choir.

It was a pity more people weren't able to come along to the short service which included "Olivet to Calvary" at Wesley, however, all is not lost! The performance at Wesley with Helen at the organ was kindly recorded for posterity by Cliff and if anyone would like their own copy, in exchange for a small donation, CD's can be made available. There is a list in the concourse if anyone is interested; copies should be available for those that request them at the "helen@thepedals" coffee morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## Race for Life

Since turning 40, I seem to have become rather addicted to running! For the third year running I will be taking part in Cancer Research "Race for Life" with some of my friends from Langley Band; this year we will be running at Himley on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

One 5km run isn't enough for me, and on the following Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, I will be taking part in another 5km race, this time The Birmingham Insurance Institute Fun Run in Sutton Park, sponsorship for this event is to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

You are all, I am sure, constantly asked to make donations to many worthwhile causes, however should any of you wish to sponsor me for either of these events, I will put sponsor forms on the notice board in the concourse.

Thanks  
Helen

## Quotes

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."--  
Mother Teresa

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world." -- Anne Frank

"How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something, but (instead) someone." -- Coco Chanel

"Freedom is actually a bigger game than power. Power is about what you can control. Freedom is about what you can unleash." -- Harriet Rubin

## Wisdom from the Seat of a Tractor.....

"Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong."

"Keep skunks and bankers at a distance."

"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

"A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor."

"Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled."

"Meanness don't just happen overnight."

"Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads."

"Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you."

"Every path has a few puddles."

"When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty."

"Don't judge folks by their relatives."

"Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."

"Live a good and honourable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time."

"Don't interfere with something' that ain't bothering you none."

"If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging'."

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God."

"Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just shoot you."

## **Circuit Sponsored Walk - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Arrangements have now been made and Sponsor Forms are available at all the churches for our Circuit Walk around the Churches of the Circuit.

All the Churches will be open between the hours of 10am and 4pm and someone will be there to sign the form to acknowledge your attendance.

Light lunches will be on sale at Hallam Street and drinks will be available at all churches. There is a wedding at Moorlands at 2.30pm so please use the back door and the Hall during the afternoon.

The money raised is part of the Circuit support towards the upgrading and improvement of the community used areas at the rear of Wesley.

Some years ago we did something similar around Sandwell Valley ending in a service in the park. It was a very good social event. Let's see if we can make this circuit event as successful and as enjoyable.

God Bless

Derek



## **News on Wesley**

In February an information letter was produced to bring people up to date with the progress that was made during the last **three years**. Now in May it is hoped to bring you up to date with the last **three months**.

A lot is happening and it is all good for the future of Wesley.

The Men's Toilet and the installation of the Disabled Toilet are virtually finished.

We have a new letting with Greenspring Training renting the Office, Side Chapel, Fellowship Room and Asbury Room with occasional use of other rooms when available.

The Planning Application for the work to the Premises at the rear of the Church is now with the Local Authority awaiting approval.

291 Community Association Ltd have been invited to apply for a grant from BIFFAWARDS which, if approved, will be a big help towards the cost of the work. Please pray for 291 and the work that they are trying to do on behalf of Wesley.

BUT as always there is always a but; we do need your help in fund raising and the Circuit Sponsored Walk is a way in which you can help, be it serving drinks, signing people's forms on the day, sponsoring walkers or getting sponsors and doing the walk yourself. Whatever you do enjoy.

God Bless

Derek

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## Humour from the Dogs

If a dog were the teacher you would learn stuff like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Let the experience of fresh air and wind in your face be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps.
- Stretch upon rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing or pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the joy of a good walk.
- Eat with gusto. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be quiet, sit close and nuzzle them gently.



Poem for those suffering with grief

### The Legacy

When I die, give what is left of me to children.  
If you need to cry, cry for your brothers walking beside you.  
Put your arms around anyone and give them what you need to give to me.  
I want to leave you with something, something better than words or sounds.  
Look for me in the people I have known and loved.  
And if you cannot live without me, then let me live on in your eyes,  
Your mind and your acts of kindness.  
You can love me most by letting hands touch hands.  
Love does not die, people do.  
So when all that is left of me is love. . .  
Give me away. . .

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