

# Spotlight - April 2007



Girlguiding UK



The Methodist Church 

Dear Friends,

It's Easter! This means you can start tucking into all that Chocolate you denied yourself over lent (didn't you?!) Anyway, it is with great pleasure that I bring to you the first edition of the new bi-monthly Spotlight. I hope you enjoy reading it and that you give me any feedback and new ideas for inclusion within the pages. I would like to thank everyone who gave me items to include in this edition and hope that I get even more next time! The new Spotlight will be produced by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every other month and the deadline for items the week before. This means the deadline for items for the June edition is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

I intend to make Spotlight available on the internet for download by people outside the main congregation of Wesley, interested in our Activities and for people who need extra copies. It will be available on the 'Our Church - Wesley' section of the Boys' Brigade website, the address is [www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk](http://www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk)

I have included a Su-Doku on the back page for your entertainment, there is only one solution and it will be revealed next time!

Happy Easter!

Matthew.



## Good Start

I would like to congratulate the Redevelopment Fund Raising Committee on the excellent start they have made by having buckets available after each performance of the Pantomime, which raised over £500. A brilliant start! Watch out for further news on other fund raising events.

**Derek Percival**

## Quotes

- An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

*Friedrich Engels*

(1820-1895, German social philosopher)

- It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult.

*Seneca*

(ca. 4 BC-AD 65, Roman stoic philosopher)

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## Junior Section

In October we changed our night to Fridays so that we could have help from other B.B staff. We meet 6:45 till 8:00 using the Institute and Akiril Hall. This was a big change as Junior Section and Life Boys before that has always been on a Tuesday evening.

We have been very busy: We made cards and clay tree decorations for Christmas. On 12<sup>th</sup> January we went to the Albion ground to watch W.B.A play Luton, it was an action packed match with Albion winning in the last few minutes; 3-2. As you can imagine we spent a lot of time jumping up (well some of us). On the 24<sup>th</sup> February we sent a team of 3 to the Battalion Bible Quiz. They did very well coming third. We are entering the Battalion colouring competition. The theme this year is 'Lifeboats', so we had lots of fun finding out about lifeboats, even making our own out of bread trays and skate boards, rescuing each other from each end of the Akiril Hall. We also entered the Battalion Swimming Gala in March so as you can see we are very busy.

Our numbers have swollen with 5 lads moving up from Anchor Boys. We now have 12 on the books with 10 regular attendees. There is always room for more so if you know of a lad aged 8-11 with time on his hands on a Friday point him in our direction.

### **Thought for every day**

I was recently reading an article I wrote for Spotlight when I was coming to the end of my time as a Church Steward.



*"Life is constantly a struggle. We are always being tested in one way or another. This is how we progress and learn in the wisdom and ways of Jesus. In the new Methodist year, there will be changes in the Circuit. Sadly Lyng has had to decide to close and sell the building. This means that there are now ten churches in the circuit. That sounds negative when you think that there were 20 plus a while ago, but this is part of the changes that are constantly happening to us. We are very lucky - life would be very boring if it always stayed the same. So how do we see the future? Through the negative eyes of man or the positive driving will, which comes from taking up the challenge of the cross of Jesus? Each and every one of us has to make our own decision. We are isolated as individuals but as a group - a Church - we are stronger than any army the Romans could muster. Think about it, talk about it, for the future of Wesley and how we serve God's purpose in West Bromwich should be of concern to us all"*

It still applies today, doesn't it? The only difference is that we are now a nine church circuit.

**What is the best way we can serve God in West Bromwich?**  
**Derek Percival**

### **Thursday Brownies**

We have enjoyed a busy year in our Pack. We celebrated Thinking Day in February with other Guiding groups organised by the 1<sup>st</sup> West Bromwich Brownie Pack. We also went along to Wesley Pantomime. The girls made cards and presents for their moms on Mothers day. We then made cards for Easter and enjoyed an Easter Party with a bonnet parade. The girls also made a card and present for their dads for Fathers Day. The girls have all passed their artist interest badge this year and have started work on the road safety badge.

We spent two of our summer meetings at Dartmouth Park. We also took part in the section 'Silly Sports' on St George's playing field. We went on the Division trip to Telford Town Park and spent an enjoyable day with other members of our Division.

### **Wanted** – Pastoral Secretary & Leaders

If you feel you can fill these vacancies please see the Stewards. This is a very important job in the church, we have fell down on this side of church life for a number of years.

- Fridge

Has anyone a fridge they don't want as ours in the kitchen has broken down? See the Stewards.

### **Family News**

**Birthdays:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> March Hayley celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup>; Derek was 65 on March 13<sup>th</sup>; Alan was 50 on the 16<sup>th</sup> March; Ken was 75 on the 27<sup>th</sup> March; Mollie was 80 on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Ann will be 65 on April 13<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday to you all!

### **Ruby Wedding Anniversary and New Grand Daughter**

Ann and I are very grateful for the kind thoughts and good wishes everyone gave us on our recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary. We had a lovely day with our family and received the best possible present we could have been given, a lovely grand daughter Bethany Grace. Both mother and baby are doing well. We realise how lucky we really are and thank God for our good fortune. Thank you all for your love.  
Derek Percival



### **New Baby**

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts on the birth of our second daughter Bethany Grace. Bethany was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9.38pm after a very short time at the hospital (1 hour 8 minutes – we left it a bit late to get there!!) Her weight was 7lb 4oz. Jessica is very happy to have a baby sister and it was a very special Wedding Anniversary present for Mum and Dad. Bethany is doing really well and now weighs over 8lbs. We are very lucky to have two very special daughters.  
Rebecca and Christopher Lilly.

**Retired** – On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January the Guides and Guiders held a surprise retirement party for Janet Linney who had retired from 1<sup>st</sup> West Bromwich Guide Company after more than 40 yrs as a guider. Janet was pleasantly surprised to see a good number of guiding friends from the past there as well. To commemorate her time as a Guider she was presented (after a slight blip, ask Janet or Carol about this) with a vase and book tokens which she asked me to thank everyone who contributed to these gifts. That night we also said thank you to Carol Powney who had worked alongside Janet as assistant Guider for the last ten years and who retired at the same time.

Thank you for all you've both done for guiding here at Wesley. Maureen Llewellyn.

**Denise Newall** – Everyone was extremely sad to hear of the death of Denise Newall on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. In memory of Denise a donation of £561 was given to the Alzheimer's Association which Denise supported. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### **Anchor Boys**

Since Christmas the Anchor Boys have been very busy working on a piece of artwork for the Battalion Picture Competition. This year the topic was 'lifeboat Action', which means the boys have also learnt about the work of the RNLI. All the pictures were of a very high standard, well done boys!

For Mother's Day the boys made flowers for their mom's using coloured foam and pipe cleaners, these were then arranged in a vase. This activity involved lots of cutting skills and concentration.

We now have 20 regular members, which includes 4 new boys who have joined us from a recruitment drive we did at some local schools. Matthew Vaughan has also joined us to work with us as a helper. We are always looking for new members, therefore if you know of any boys between the ages of 5 and 7 then please point them in our direction.

During the Easter holidays we will be travelling back in time as we are going to visit The Black Country Museum.

### **Useful Website List**

- [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk) – The Methodist Church of Great Britain
- [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) – The Guide Association
- [www.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk) – The Boys' Brigade
- [www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk](http://www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk) – 5<sup>th</sup> West Bromwich Boys' Brigade
- [www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk) – Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

### **Company Section**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January we went with Junior Section to watch the Albion beat Luton 3-2! We have entered a few battalion competitions including Table Tennis, Drill, Swimming Gala and Bible Quiz. We were also heavily involved with the Pantomime in more ways than one with some of us having star roles in the cast, whilst others helped with making the scenery and with changing the scenery during the week of the Pantomime itself.

Our main camp this year has been booked for some time now and we will be returning to Llanllyfni in North Wales in July. We are also planning a weekend camp to Dyffryn in April.

Any cakes will be welcomed with open arms and mouths!

Visit the Company website at:  
[www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk](http://www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk)



### **Ladies Group**

Ladies Circle meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in every month in the Coffee Lounge at 7.45pm.

We now have around 34 members and enjoy many happy evenings together with a wonderful fellowship. The evening always begins with a reading and a prayer led by Doris and ends with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Iris arranges all the speakers for the evenings and these have included talks from Linda Turton, who spoke to us about her Mayoral year; a visit from a gentleman from the Donkey Sanctuary and slides from the Holy Land.

Activities planned for the future include talks on the RSPB – Action for Birds, Young Carers, Museums in Sandwell, the RNLI and an outing to Bath in June.

### **Pantomime is a great success**

The recent "Aladdin" pantomime was a great success. One of the best. Congratulations and many thanks to all those people involved in the production, seen and unseen. It will be impossible to name them all, but it would be remiss not to personally thank the producers Linda Adams and Ian & Jane Collett together with that band of stalwart workers who give their time and energy to ensure the show goes on. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful production - a good opportunity for fellowship and a financial success, I am informed, unofficially, that it raised approximately £3,400.00. Well done everybody!

**Derek Percival**

### **Redevelopment News**

The Redevelopment Committee met on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and Graham Woodall, our surveyor, was present. He had been in discussion with the Sandwell Planner responsible for the Town Centre and is now fully aware of their requirements. In line with their requirements and the brief that he had been supplied with from the Committee, he had produced a concept to be considered and used as a basis for working with and developing into a plan which can then be further changed and when acceptable to the church and the Church Council can then be put forward to Circuit, District and Manchester. This is the procedure we have to follow in addition to obtaining Planning Approval. We have made a positive start on a long road and when you consider we have been treading water for the last five years we are beginning to make headway. Please pray for Wesley and its redevelopment that the church we decide on will be inspired by God's Spirit and that the building produced at the end of this process will be used for his glory and benefit of those he sends to us. If you have any ideas of anything you would like to see in the new church then please share it with any member of the Redevelopment Committee or the Stewards. A list of the members of the Committee is on the notice board in the Concourse.

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 14<sup>th</sup> April – Table Top Sale
- 15<sup>th</sup> April – Wesley lunch followed by 'The BIG Sing'
- 16<sup>th</sup> April – Next Redevelopment Committee Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April – BB Weekend Camp to Dyffryn
- 28<sup>th</sup>&29<sup>th</sup> April – Men's Weekend

### May

- TBC – Table Top Sale

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Deadline for Spotlight Items
- TBC – Table Top Sale
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June – Flower Festival (We are also hoping to hold a craft fair and refreshments will be available on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June – See plea for help)
- TBC - Duck Race



### July

- 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - BB Camp to Llanllyfni

### August

- TBC – Summer BBQ and Games
- 18-25<sup>th</sup> August - Sponsored Walk on the Isle of Wight (Thanks to Carl for the organisation)

### October

- TBC – Karaoke & Curry Night

### Ongoing Fundraisers

- The Bear Travels
- Copper Collection in Pringles Containers

## Choir

The choir are a happy crowd who enjoy each others company and the privilege on special occasions to musical items at service. Unfortunately it is not possible to do so at all services, as we no longer have the specialist services of an organist/choir mistress or choir master.

We as a choir have also had the honour of leading worship in church on a number of occasions and will hopefully be doing so again on Sunday evening March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Over many years at Christmas time the choir have been invited to sing at three Masonic Lodge Christmas dinners, the occasions we as a choir really do look forward to and enjoy. Our efforts are always appreciated and amply rewarded by their show of appreciation.

The choir look forward to the future and any opportunity to express our commitment to our faith in song.

## Rainbows

We have recently celebrated the Chinese New Year, made Valentines cards and went to watch Wesley pantomime. We joined other Guiders at Wesley to celebrate Thinking Day. For Mothers' and Fathers' day we made presents and cards and also had a party to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday. The girls also completed their second Roundabout badge. This included four sections: look, learn, laugh and love. We've also had two trips - one to the cinema to watch Ice Age 2 and one to Hoo Farm!

## Plea for Help!

If anyone doesn't already have a role at the flower festival and is bit 'crafty' then your help and expertise is needed!

As an add-on to the flower festival, refreshments (bacon sarnies etc.) will be served and a few stalls including home-made cakes (Please donate) and crafts will be on the car-park (Weather Permitting) to try and draw people into the flower festival on the Saturday. If you would like your own stall to sell your hand crafted birthday cards, wood craft and other craft items please let Helen Parker know. Each stall is free to all Members of Wesley and your expenses should be deducted from your table's profits. Proceeds will go to the redevelopment fund.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group meet every second Wednesday of the month. Their membership has reduced in recent years but a good fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend.

The Men's Weekend is the main fund raising event of the year when all the men provide a cooked meal and entertainment to normally in the region of 100 people. Whilst it is good to raise funds for the church the main purpose is for the men to work together in fellowship to give pleasure to those who come. The weekend chosen this year is 28 & 29 April. The Saturday entertainment is led by Michael Barrett with the piano being played by his wife Jenny. The Sunday services are led by a visiting speaker with a choir of men conducted by Ken Dunn who chooses the anthems for them to sing.

Ken also finds a suitable carol for the men's choir to sing at the carol service in December.

## Guides

Over the last 12 months we were involved with Thinking Day Celebrations organised by the 1st Brownies, a Division Weekend Camp at Woodlands, where amongst other things we did canoeing, archery and abseiling. The 'Big Gig' at Wembley Arena (Pop Concert) where we shouted and screamed along with thousands of other guides. We also raised money for 'Children in Need' (over £50). During the year we also cooked, kept fit, did crafts, played games, worked at various badges but above all had fun!

After Janet's retirement Nicki White and Lisa Swift took over Guides as a temporary measure until new guiders could be found and now Laura Gorman, Jenny Adams-Barrett and Angela Hall are taking over after Easter as Guiders and Lisa is staying on as unit helper. Thank you Nicki for your help and all the best for the future to our new guiders.

### **Copper Collection**

Pringles Containers for filling with coppers are available in the concourse.



Please feel free to take one and start filling!

If you have any spare Pringles containers at home please bring them in and put them on the table for others to start filling.

When your container is full please hand it in to one of the Stewards who will pass it to Ian for adding to the redevelopment fund.

### **Alan's Sabbatical Plans**

As you know Alan is now on his Sabbatical and I understand that he wants to spend part of the time writing, part of the time in Wales at the house he has there and then in May he is intending to go on a pilgrimage in Spain. This pilgrimage is called Camino de Santiago. There are various routes and lengths depending on where you start. It is alleged to be the preaching area of the Apostle James and finally ends up at his tomb in the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela.

A couple of years ago I read Shirley MacLaine's book of her pilgrimage of a 500 mile journey starting in France and going over the Pyrenees into Spain and on across to Santiago. It took her a month at the age of sixty.

I am not sure where Alan is starting from but I remember he said he would be walking some 300 miles in two weeks so he has quite a task ahead of him. We wish him every success.

**Derek Percival**

### **Any Other Fundraising Ideas?**

If you have any ideas for future fundraising events please don't hesitate to let either a member of SAFCO or the fundraising committee know. Any new ideas that will bring new people into the church are fantastic and are needed to keep Wesley alive for future generations!

### **Humour – Courtesy of Iris (You might have known!)**



Pay special attention to the wording and spelling.

If you know the bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious!

It comes from a Catholic Primary School test. Kids were asked questions about the new and old Testaments. The following statements were written by school children and haven't been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an Apple Tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and Ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Sampson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, ones of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached Holy Acrimony which is another name for marriage.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

**Thanks Iris!**

### Fynn's Adventures

Fynn has his case packed and would like to come on holiday with you!  
 It will cost you £5 to take Fynn on holiday (all money raised goes to Wesley Church), and while you are away, you must take a photograph of him, with you on the photo as well, and also include on the photo something like a name place sign or a well know place of interest, (eg., the Eiffel Tower), to prove he has been there.  
 At the end of 2007 the photographs will be judged and the holiday makers of the winning photograph will have the bear to keep.  
 So far he has been to Lapland, Cornwall, Wales, Italy and Thailand!

Since he can't write very well, Ian and Jane are keeping his diary for him.  
**Ian & Jane: 0121 588 6877**



### Tuesday Brownies

We have had quite a busy start to the New Year. Some of our Brownies were in the chorus of Aladdin, well done girls. Some took part in the Thinking Day on Air which meant they gained their communications badge; others enjoyed an afternoon of activities from various countries to celebrate Thinking Day with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from West Bromwich. Thinking Day is when we remember our fellow members of the Guide Association from all around the world; the official date is the 22<sup>nd</sup> February which was the Birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the Guide and Scout Movement.

**Maureen Llewellyn**

### Fun and Games (Solutions Next Time)

#### Su-Doku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.  
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

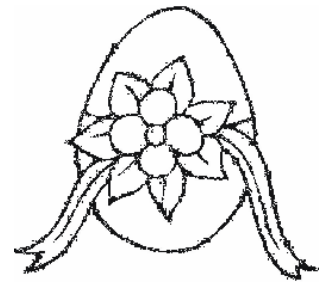
#### Easter Wordsearch

Find all the words hidden in the puzzle.

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	5	8				4		
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			7		5			
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		1				6	7	
3			5					
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#### Word List

basket	Easter
bunny	egg
candy	fun
chocolate	hunt
color	roll
dye	



**B R Z E A S T E R F B D  
 A I U N B C A V O D S Y  
 S G Y C H O C O L A T E  
 K E R A N L A G L S R B  
 E G G M X O N F B K O U  
 T H U N T R D I Y D B E  
 O L B U N N Y T F U N A**

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