



5th West Bromwich Boys' Brigade

Since the February Spotlight the 5th has seen a number of successes.

In March the Company Section entered the Battalion Drill Competition and came joint second, only a few points behind the winning team. On the same night, Jake Henson entered the solo brass contest and came runner up. Well done Jake.

Also in March, the Battalion held the picture competition for Anchor Boys and Junior Section. We are very pleased to say that it was a clean sweep for the 5th. Harry Matthews and Andrew Machin both came first in groups A and B of the Anchor Boys section and Logan Martin and Joshua Simpson both came first in groups A and B of the Junior Section. Congratulations to them all.

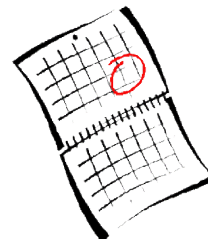
On Sunday 11th April we were extremely proud to have been able to award four Presidents badges, the second highest award in Boys' Brigade to Robert Charlton, Adam Davey, Jake Henson and Alex Powell during the family service. The awards were presented by Steve Dickinson, Brigade Secretary who joined us for a celebratory lunch after the service. The four young men have worked hard to achieve their Presidents badges and two, Jake and Alex are now working towards the highest award, the Queen's Badge. We wish them both the best of luck.



One last thing, Matthew Clive and Jake Henson are both attempting the Three peaks Challenge in June of this year. For those who don't know what the Three Peaks Challenge is, Matthew and Jake will try and climb the three highest peaks on the UK mainland namely Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon all within a 24 hours. A sponsor form is at the front of the church and all money raised goes towards a project in Uganda. We wish them both the best of luck for this adventure.

And finally, Spotlight's intrepid Editor, Matthew Clive has been chosen to be one of two people to represent Boys' Brigade at an international camp in Ghana in August this year. We hope to hear more of this trip in future Spotlights.

A date for your diary... we will be holding our Annual Awards night on Friday 21st May at 7.45pm, everyone is welcome to attend.



The deadline for items to be included in the June 2010 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 6th June 2010.

Humour!

Now that I'm 'older' (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
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5. All reports are in; life actually is unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
16. It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

WANTED

CHEF!! (Or as near as possible) Short term contract, approx 4 hours per annum, Wages - Nil but apron and chef's hat provided if required, no upper age limit, to be in charge of refreshments at the Christmas Fayre (i.e. bacon/sausage/egg baps etc.) Please send you C.V. to Linda Adams or apply in person (come on everybody we are DESPERATE)

The long suffering SAFCO committee.

Quotes

"Nothing happens unless first a dream."
-- Carl Sandburg

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."
-- T. S. Eliot

"Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow!" -- Norman Vincent Peale

Su-Doku

Get the numbers 1-9 in each column, row and 3x3 box without duplication! The solution will be published in the June edition of Spotlight.

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Family News

As a church we give thanks for the life of Adam Graham may he rest in peace. He was the much loved son of Shirley and David and their respective partners Pat and Shiela, and a wonderful brother to John, Andrew, Siobhan, and Charlotte. Our thoughts and prayers rest with all the family including his grandfather, nieces and nephews and extended family.

Riddle

Name a bible verse which Wesley's car park could be described of during a busy day.

For answer, ask Bob Spencer.

FOR ALL YOU LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS):

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
6. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
7. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
8. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
9. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
10. A calendar's days are numbered.
11. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
12. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
13. The short fortune teller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
14. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
15. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.
16. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
17. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
18. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
19. Acupuncture: a jab well done.
20. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
21. The roundest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
22. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
23. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
24. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
25. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
26. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
27. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
28. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
29. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
30. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
31. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
32. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said 'No change yet.'
33. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
34. Don't join dangerous cults: practice safe sects.



Women's Network – Birmingham District Project

Baby Pack Project

The project was started in 2005 when Gill Richardson saw mothers leaving the Ntabeni Clinic in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa, with their newborn babies wrapped in newspaper because they had nothing else to wrap them in.

What your church can do:

Fill a box (which will be provided*) with items such as:

- Cloth (terry) nappies
- Safety pins
- Plastic pants
- Jumpers/sweaters/cardigans
- Babygros
- Bibs
- Vests
- Booties
- Socks
- Blankets
- Baby soap
- Small knitted toys
- etc

Choose 'newborn' sizes. Second hand clothes in good condition are also acceptable.

Avoid white for clothing and blankets where possible, as it is sometimes associated with mourning.

*Boxes will be supplied, starting with one per church. When there is a full box, please contact Linda Adams (0121 601 0992) who will arrange collection and provide further boxes if required.

It will cost approximately £20 to post the box to South Africa and so we would ask that a donation of £20 be supplied with each box to cover postage.

Thank you

Wesley Pantomime - Mother Goose

Another year, another pantomime! A big thank you must go to everyone who was part of the pantomime in any way, from those who directed and produced to those in the cast of Mother Goose. The people behind the scenes who executed the costumes, the scenery, refreshments in fact everyone who contributed their time to give our young people (and older!) an opportunity to show the audience their talent and enthusiasm in the Church pantomime should be thanked too. This is the largest fund raising event of the year and we need to give our thanks and appreciation to all those involved for their commitment.

Carol Osborne



Girlguiding

West Bromwich

100
girls in the lead

On February 12th, all the girls from Guides and Rangers worked together to raise funds for Feed the Children (UK). This year, their theme was "Breakfast 2 Live". This campaign aims to raise funds and awareness for children in deprived areas of the UK and extreme poverty around the world. So we decided to cook breakfasts for our invited guests. We didn't think anyone would mind eating a fry-up at 8 o'clock at night – and we were right! There was plenty to choose from: bacon, sausage, pancakes (which went down rather well with syrup!), toast, muffins, tea, coffee, juice – we were spoilt for choice!

I'd like to say a big thank you firstly to the girls for working so hard as waitresses, cooks, washer-uppers and dryers, to mom (Linda) and Maureen for the shopping and kitchen coordination, and to all friends, family and members of the church/organisations who donated their time, money, and/or food items towards the event – thank you for your generosity. It was a huge success, and to date we have raised a total of £201.

Jen



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