

# Spotlight - August 2008



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Dear Friends,

In the last edition of Spotlight, I said that I had raised around £450 for the RNLI in running the Edinburgh Marathon. This edition I would like to thank those who sponsored me and helped me raise an official amount of £653.20! This wouldn't have been possible if not for all your generosity. This money will be used to save many lives at sea.

Don't forget that Spotlight is available for download from the 'Our Church - Wesley' section of the Boys' Brigade website, the address is: [www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk](http://www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk)

The deadline for items to be included in the October 2008 edition is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008. All items, as usual will be gratefully received.



Matthew.

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## **Millie Newey**

27 December 1912 - 17 June 2008

Millie joined Wesley High Street Methodist Chapel in the mid 1920s, where she met her husband to be, Arthur Newey, who was organist from 1946-1961. They were married in 1935. She was Kindergarten Sunday School Leader for many years, followed by Junior Sunday School Leader, and then started up the Sunday afternoon Youth Group. She organised and conducted the Primary School Anniversaries in the 1950s, and founded the Youth Group Weekends, following the lines of the very successful Men and Ladies' Weekends, in the early 1960s.

In 1970, following the death of her husband, she moved to the Isle of Wight to be near her brother and sister, joining Totland Methodist Church where she was Senior Steward up until her death. Millie co-founded the IOW Tennyson Society, and was a co-founder of Churches Together, an organisation which brings together churches of all denominations on the Island for both spiritual and social events. She also helped set up the Christian Bus Project, a converted bus which visits a different venue on the Isle of Wight on each night of the week, thus giving youths an opportunity to meet in areas where there were no youth club facilities.

She continued teaching privately until two years ago, when she gave up because it was "getting in the way of other interests". She was still driving until the end of last year.

Millie died peacefully after a short illness. Her doctor says she had no specific illness, but that her heart finally wore out. As her daughter who watched with amazement the energy, determination and interest in life, which stayed with her right up until the day before her death, I would add that it was only her physical heart which wore out, the spiritual and emotional heart never gave in.



Rosemary Roberts

## Rev Tony Farrar sits down

A somewhat unusual phrase, the origin of which I do not know, but many of you may be aware that it is the phrase used when a Methodist Minister retires. Tony, who was our Minister here at Wesley and the Superintendent Minister for the West Bromwich Circuit during the late 1980's / early 1990's retired on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, after 42 years in the ministry and a party of us from Wesley travelled up to Gateshead and to the Gateshead and Jarrow Circuit over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> July to take part in the festivities.

On the Saturday evening we gathered at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Gateshead for a surprise "This is your Ministry" event that had been organised for Tony. There were surprise guests and also many messages either in the written form or by DVD, from all of Tony's past Circuits which included, Halifax, Birmingham Sparkbrook, West Bromwich, Preston and Gateshead and Jarrow. Keith and Maureen Llewellyn, Linda and Keith Adams, Liz Vaughan, Jack and Mollie Neale and Jane and I, were greeted very warmly, as all of his guests were, by a somewhat surprised Tony. He was given no choice but to join us in a rendering of Keep on Singing, the song that we always use in the finale of Wesley pantomimes, which of course Tony took part in several times during his stay at Wesley.



This event was followed by a Farewell Service, a celebration of Tony's ministry, and who couldn't fail to be moved by a Methodist congregation singing such great hymns as Born in song, Lord for the Years, To God be the Glory, and I'll go in the strength of the Lord.

Next morning on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July we were able to join Tony and Val at Bill Quay Methodist Church in Gateshead, for one of Tony's two last preaching appointments. A photograph of us with Tony and Val outside Bill Quay Methodist Church accompanies this article.

By the time you read this, Tony and Val will have moved or at least be in the process of moving to their new home in Whitley Bay. A copy of Spotlight is always sent to Tony and Val and so via this article on behalf of all their friends in West Bromwich we send them both our love and our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

**Ian P Collett**

- If you know of anybody who should receive a copy of Spotlight in the post please inform Ian Collett.
- If anybody would like a copy emailed to them please inform the editor and it can be arranged.

## **Margaret Price**

As some of you will remember Margaret Price had a Special Birthday earlier this year. Since then Margaret has had another special treat, she has had an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, this was for 28 years service in the Red Cross. Unfortunately it rained all day so all the lovely hats & Outfits were covered with macs and umbrellas. However, a good day was had by all the Red Cross friends.

Well done Margaret.



## **Samaritan's Purse (Shoe Box Appeal)**

I now have the leaflets you will need to fill your shoe box in support of a child in need. There will shortly be a poster going up in the vestibule (as soon as I can get someone to do it for me) with some leaflets for you to take if you wish. Alternatively you can accost me and I will only be too happy to supply one, also a shoe box if you haven't got one. There will be more details of when you will need to return them at a later date but it will be some time in October. Please do your best to support this project as part of Wesley's outreach.

Thank you  
Linda Adams



## **A WESLEY CLEAN UP**

Thank you to everybody who came and helped give Wesley a spring clean on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. The turnout was good and we got a lot of jobs done in a relatively short space of time. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time.

**Michael Osborne.**





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### Fynn's Adventures

Fynn is still available for you to take on holiday with you and take a picture of!

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.

Since he can't write very well, Ian and Jane are keeping his diary for him.

**Ian & Jane: 0121 588 6877**



### **1<sup>st</sup> West Bromwich Brownies**

Over the last few weeks we have taken part in the 'Children's Marathon Challenge' which helps raise money and awareness for children with Leukaemia.

We all set ourselves various fun challenges such as picking up 26 smarties with chopsticks, remembering the capital cities of 26 countries and fitting 26 items in a matchbox. All the girls had great fun and raised a total of £300.80. All the Brownies received a certificate for taking part and all worked really hard to raise money for a great cause.

We have also been busy working on our Healthy Heart badges and after a visit to the swimming pool we all have our swimming badges.

If anyone would like a donation box for the 'Dog for Deaf people' we are still raising money - if you would like one we have left some at the front of the church.

**Stacey Brookes**

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank all of my friends at Wesley who sent cards and best wishes over the last few weeks. It has been very comforting to know that your prayers and thoughts have been with me.

**Margaret**

### **Camp 2008**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> July the Junior Section and company Section left Wesley for a great week of weather and fun in Deiniolen, North Wales. We did some walking, fishing, swimming in the sea and a waterfall, horse riding, saw Electric Mountain, sports, quizzes and lots more! We were having a great time until the minibus broke down but you can read about that and other adventures in our camp newsletter which is available at the front of Wesley or you can download it from our website. ([www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk](http://www.5thwestbromwich.co.uk))

We would like to thank everybody who made/bought cakes for us; they were all very well received!

**5<sup>th</sup> West Bromwich Junior Section & Company Section**

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## 5<sup>th</sup> West Bromwich Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys

Our Anchor Boys at Wesley have once again been very busy.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> June, together with the other sections from our BB Company, they took part in the annual Battalion Sports at Tamworth Sports Stadium, and achieved a very creditable second place. The points they picked up means that they have once again won the overall Mid Staffs and Sandwell Battalion Anchor Boy competition for the 2007/08 session. They will be presented with the Bembridge Bell Trophy at the Battalion Parade Service at St Editha's Church in Tamworth on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July they visited the RSPB Centre at Great Barr where they went on a nature walk, used their senses of listening, touching and smelling to appreciate nature. In the herb garden they found a plant that smelt like Coca Cola! They also went pond dipping and on a bug hunt.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July they visited Birmingham Nature Centre, where they saw many animals including porcupines, otters, mere cats, tarantulas and snakes. After enjoying a picnic they then played in the playground at Canon Hill Park before returning to Wesley.

Other trips planned for the summer holidays include a visit on the 8<sup>th</sup> August to the EST Donkey Sanctuary in Sutton Park, where they will see Moses, the donkey that the Anchor Boys have adopted and then to Café Ceramica where they will each paint a pop corn bowl. They then have a trip planned to Mary Arden's Cottage in Stratford on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

They currently have 17 members, but have room to take more, and are looking forward to their weekly programme for the session starting in September which will be based on the 125 years of the Boys' Brigade.

**Ian P Collett**

### **Christmas is Coming!**

Some of you may still be on your summer holidays, or even not yet been, but the choir are already preparing for Christmas! It'll be here before you know it!

Christmas is always a busy time for the choir, but we always have a good time and use this special time of the year to continue the outreach work of Wesley in our Carol Singing sessions at the Masonic Hall.

In addition to our contributions to the Christmas services at Wesley and the Carol Singing, this year we are planning a premier performance at Wesley of Roger Jones' "Simeon". Simeon is a musical re-telling of the Christmas story from the perspective of Simeon, comprising ten songs and lasting approximately 45 minutes with narration and soloists.

Rehearsals are being planned for the following evenings, all at 7.30 until about 9pm at Wesley in the coffee lounge:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

And then a workshop day to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am til 4pm



**Anyone** is welcome to join us, although it does help if you can read and sing. We aim to make the rehearsals enjoyable and so a sense of humour is compulsory. We hope that some members of other churches in the circuit will join us as it's hoped that it will be performed at a Circuit Service at the evening service on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

It's not compulsory to attend all the rehearsals, just as many as you are able to, and enough to make sure you are familiar with the songs.

As this is a "First", we don't have any copies of the music available for people to borrow at the moment, therefore if anyone does intend coming along, I need to know. If you are willing to purchase your own copy of the music, that'd be great, I will be compiling a list and making a bulk order. A list is on the "Wesley Noticeboard", or let me know if you see me.

Happy Christmas!

**Helen**

## The Boys' Brigade – 125 years old in 2008



You may already be aware that the Boys' Brigade as the oldest uniformed voluntary youth organisation is 125 years old this year having been started at North Woodside Mission in Glasgow on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1883 by William Alexander Smith.

We have decided that the 5<sup>th</sup> is going to celebrate this anniversary over the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October we are going to take all the sections and therefore hopefully all the boys and staff to the Old Vicarage Adventure Centre at Stottesden for a day of... well... adventure. It will be a full and fun day with the activities already planned and booked and will include such things as orienteering and gladiator jousting. It should prove to be a very good day.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the Company will be leading the morning service at Wesley which will be a service of thanksgiving and celebration for the 125 years of work by the Boys' Brigade with boys and young men. We would like to invite everyone along to Wesley on this morning to share with us in worship and fellowship. We very much hope that boys parents, Wesley members and old boys / previous company members will come along to this special service which should be just a little bit different from a "normal" service. Cakes, balloons and Dr Who all feature in our service, but we are not telling you any more than that, you will have to come along and see how they fit into the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations. If you see or know any old members we would be grateful if you would pass the invite on and encourage them to come along and join with us.

After a light lunch at Wesley, all the boys and staff are then going to take part in a sponsored walk on Sandwell Valley where we are planning to walk between us a total of 125 miles. The money raised will be sent to a charity that has been adopted by the Boys' Brigade nationally for this 125<sup>th</sup> session, the Association of Children's Hospices. You may be aware that children's hospices care for children who are terminally ill and who will never reach adulthood. I am sure that you will agree that this is a very worthwhile charity and we hope that you will sponsor one or more of the boys when the sponsor forms are available in September.

The weekend should be a great celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I would emphasize again that we would really like to share with as many people as possible at the service on the Sunday morning, so please put the date in your diary and broadcast it to as many as you can.

**Ian Collett**

### The Trouble with English

English (like most languages) is complex and easily mangled. Examples:

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

"Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

Car rental brochure, Tokyo:

"When passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigour."

In a Nairobi restaurant:

"Customers who find our waitresses rude ought to see the manager."

On the grounds of a private school:

"No trespassing without permission."

On an Athi River highway:

"Take notice: When this sign is under water, this road is impassable."

In a New York City restaurant:

"Open Seven Days a Week, and Weekends Too."

### Quote of the Month

**"The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams."**

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

**"We don't know who we are until we see what we can do."**

-- Martha Grimes

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

-- Anne Frank

**"We are what we imagine. Our very existence consists in our imagination of ourselves. The greatest tragedy that can befall us is to go unimagined."**

-- N. Scott Momaday

**"Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?"**

-- Ben Franklin

## Fun and Games

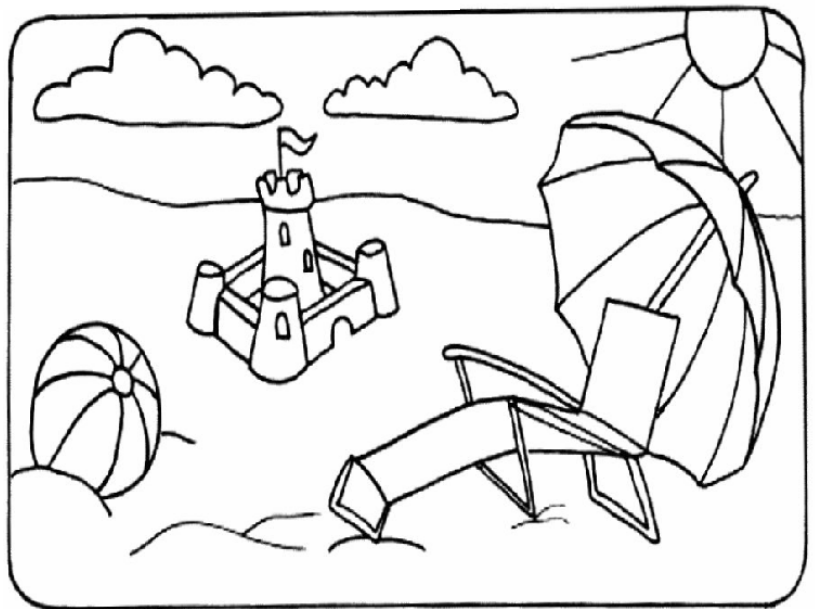
Solution to the last editions Su-Doku:

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6	5	1	4	3	7	9	8	2
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3	4	5	6	9	8	7	2	1
2	1	9	7	4	3	8	6	5

Spot the difference! There are 24 to find!



Summer Themed Colouring in!



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