

# Spotlight - August 2010



## **helen@thepedals**

Thank-you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning in June; it was lovely again to turn around from the organ seat and see so many friendly faces from Wesley, the circuit and Warley Male Choir.

It was a special day for two members of Wesley, Kath and Eric, as they celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, that's a long time! To celebrate and to thank them both for all the encouragement and support they have given me, I played one of Eric's favourite pieces as my finale – Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor; although I have to admit to having missed out the very hardest bits!



Donations received on the morning amounted to £160 and I gave half to Wesley funds and half to Warley Male Choir's charity for 2010/11, CLIC Sargent; CLIC Sargent help as many children and young people as possible survive cancer and make the most of their lives, they help the whole family cope with the trauma of cancer, life after treatment and, in some cases, with bereavement. They make sure that young people with cancer and their families can speak out about their needs and get involved in how we meet them.

Many thanks again to everyone who came along, the next one will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 til 12noon. If anyone has any particular pieces they would like to hear, please let me know and I will consider including them (depending how difficult they are!) as I am running out of ideas!

Helen

## Chef Required!



A volunteer chef is required to cook breakfast baps etc. at the Christmas Fayre.

If you can cook sausage and bacon and have a couple of hours free to spend on the morning of the Christmas Fayre, speak to Linda Adams to apply.

**The deadline for items to be included in the October 2010 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010.**

## **SAFCO**

Lots of fun and food from SAFCO to report again!

In June we were privileged to have Langley Band to come along and perform a concert in church. A buffet was shared beforehand and shortly before 8pm everyone moved into church for what was to be a thoroughly entertaining concert with some fantastic playing from the band. The programme included something for everyone, from a moving arrangement of the hymn "The Day thou Gavest" to a medley of Abba tunes. Our own Helen Parker entertained us with "The Acrobat", an amusing solo for trombone. The finale of the concert was the Finale from Saen Saens organ symphony which was performed not only by the band but with Helen playing our organ as well. Wesley was truly filled with music. An entertaining encore of "The Muppet Show Theme" brought an excellent evening to it's close. We hope that Langley Band will be able to come back to perform for us again.

In July, microwave ovens were put to good use and SAFCO provided a filling meal of jacket potatoes with various fillings, with side salad! This was followed by a hilarious time playing Bingo and Hoy! There are a number of people there who just obviously don't know the difference between a spade, heart, diamond and club!

SAFCO take a well earned break in August but will be back in September (15<sup>th</sup>) with the Harvest Supper which this year will be Bangers and Bingo. Looking forward to October (21<sup>st</sup>) the Halesowen Circuit Ladies Choir will be entertaining us; if last year's visit is anything to go by, this promises to be an excellent evening of music, with many items you will all know.

## **Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Winchester!**

A group of us from the circuit had a lovely day out in June when we went to Winchester to support Deacon Sarah at her ordination. A coach left Wesley at 10.30am (Helen just about managed to make it on time!) for an uneventful journey down to Winchester. A stop was made en route at Newbury, where we all had Sunday lunch together at "The Queens Hotel" which was arranged by Liz.

On arrival in Winchester, we separated off into various groups, some browsing in the shops; England were playing Germany in the World Cup that afternoon and I'm not sure if anyone ventured into the "local hostelries" who were showing the match live..... a group of us found the Cathedral Coffee Shop and managed to make a pot of tea last rather a long time. If anyone heard us all laughing, you'd be wondering what on earth our topic of conversation was! Let's just say, we started talking about the Womens' Institute and the conversation just got a bit out of hand thereafter!

We took our seats in the cathedral for the service which was a true celebration of Methodism. Some great hymns and of course Sarah's ordination which she will remember for many years, although the service was a little long, and we could've used a few cushions!

Back on the coach (thank you to Beryl for organising the trip) and we arrived safely back in West Bromwich at around 11pm, a little tired but pleased that we had made the journey to Winchester to set Sarah off on her journey as a Deacon.

## **Langley ladies Race for Life**

On the Sunday after performing the concert at Wesley, 5 of us from Langley Band ran the "Race for Life" in Sutton Park. Thank-you to everyone from Wesley who sponsored me, I managed to raise a total of £135, all of which, I know will be put to good use.

There is a photo below of the 5 of us from the band with our medals after completing the race; Heather, the lady on the Helen's right, is a researcher for Cancer Research based in Edgbaston.





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**A message from Margaret**

It must be some forty years since Terry & I moved from the Midlands to the North East and now we are living in Bedford.

During that time it's been marvellous to have been able to keep in touch with so many Wesley members.

Most of you will know that I have been through a difficult time health wise but have been overwhelmed by all the help, support and encouragement received from so many.

I would like to thank you all for remembering me in your thoughts and prayers of which I have been so aware. It has given me a wonderful feeling of peace and a positive outlook on the future.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Margaret Compton.

**Theatre & Coach Outings**

Jesus Christ Superstar – Wed 27<sup>th</sup> October  
WBOS, Grand Theatre Wolverhampton

Summer Holiday – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November  
WBOS Youth Section, Lichfield Garrick Theatre

Christmas at Castle Howard, York –  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
The coach will leave Wesley at 8:30am and the price of tickets is £23. This price includes coach fare and admission to the house and gardens.

Book with Beryl Price for all these events,  
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**Terry Price to launch new book at Wesley**

'West Bromwich Yesterdays' is a special limited edition hardback book by Terry Price that is being launched at Wesley on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

The book has 6 chapters, covering virtually all areas of West Bromwich, has 192 pages and contains over 400 photographs (twice the usual number) which represents outstanding value for money. The cover price of the book is £15.99 but people who attend the launch will be able to get a signed copy for only £9.99.

There is no limit to how many can be bought at the lower price and copies can be pre-ordered with Terry and would make an ideal Christmas present.

The book will only be available in hardback version and you won't be able to get it in shops. Once all copies of the hardback have gone, no more will be printed so act fast to make sure you get a copy!

The book will be on sale between 10:15 and 4pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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- If anybody would like a copy emailed to them please inform the editor.

# 5th West Bromwich Camp Newsletter 2010 - Gunnislake



## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

We all set off from Wesley in high spirits but unsure of what the journey would hold, especially with it being the first Saturday of the school holidays. We arrived at the centre at 1:30. After a really good journey, we unloaded and settled in. The junior section played various games outside and company section played cards indoors, while we all waited for the Tesco's delivery with all our food. That arrived at 4:10, so we then had tea. Pizza, chips, salad and ice cream which went down well with us all hungry by then. Junior section had a beetle competition after tea with company section going for a walk into Gunnislake village.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

We woke to a lovely sunny day, so after breakfast and prayers, we packed our lunch and set off for the beach. We went to Seaton Sands in Cornwall. The weather was so good we spent the whole day there, playing in the sea filled pool, rock pooling, digging in the sand and many more things. After tea, back at the centre the junior section played football, while the company section played table tennis.



## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

We split into two groups today with company section going to Plymouth on the train, spent a few hours exploring the city and then caught a boat to go deep sea fishing. They didn't all manage to catch something but everyone had fun and those who did catch, brought them back to camp for tea.



The junior section meanwhile, went to Becky Falls, a nature park. We went to several live shows; 'Cute and Fluffy' was where we were able to hold a rabbit, a rat, a hamster and a guinea pig, 'Ugly Bugs' was where we held stick insects and leaf bugs, plus we saw many more insects then finally 'Strange and 'Wonderful' was where we saw and touch but not hold snakes, lizards and spiders. We also went on a nature walk where we had to have our cards stamped to say we had passed certain points on the walk and then a boulder scramble down the water fall which we all managed with great agility! At the end of the day we were able to feed the animals before returning back to the centre for our tea. After tea, the juniors played rounder's while the company played volleyball

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

We all went to the Royal Navy's HMS Devonport dock yard, where we were lucky enough to go on HMS Courageous, a submarine! We had a tour with two submariners who explained all about life onboard a sub. We then had a tour of a Maritime museum followed by a tour of the roperyard and the haunted hang-mans gallows. We returned to the centre for tea after which the junior section went to Looe where they crabbed from the quay side, they caught too many crabs to keep count but they did return them all to the sea! Then they went around to the beach and rolled up their trousers for a little paddle. The company section stayed at the centre and had a volleyball tournament which Matthews Team won by a mile!



### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

The company section had quite an early start today, leaving the centre at 9:15 to go canoeing down the Tamar River. At lunchtime they stopped at a riverside 'beach' where they cooked their dinner on an open fire and built a shelter. The day was hard work and in some places there was very little water because the tide was going out, but there was plenty of mud to play in!



The junior section stayed at the centre and had a scavenger hunt, and then a 'graffiti art competition'. After lunch they went to Whitsands Beach where the lads had loads of fun digging large holes. Then they realised the tide was coming in and so decided to build a barricade to stop the sea from reaching them. Great fun was had by all but unfortunately the sea won and they had to retreat up the beach! After tea, company section watched a film while junior section played BINGO!



### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July



Junior section went to Woodlands Adventure Park today, with lots of them facing their fears and going on big rides and fast water slides, this also included Julie and Andrew, very often getting extremely wet! They didn't manage to do the entire park as they unfortunately ran out of time, but they all agreed it had been fantastic day out.

Company section spent the day at black pool beach (not the one with the tower!) they went in the sea and played games on the beach. After tea, company played rounder's while junior had a film night.

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

The weather was not so good today. We set off to go to the beach but we had to change our plans as it started to rain, so we all went to Plymouth and went swimming instead. After several hours, the rain had stopped so we were able to have lunch in the park next to the leisure centre. After which, the juniors played on the soft play adventure park whilst the company had a game of pitch' n 'put. Later on, after we had all finished tea, the company section had a Quiz and the juniors did some observation sheets with partners and were timed to see who was the quickest. We all had an early night tonight as it was our last night in camp and we had an early start in the morning.

### Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you to Mr. Woodall who through his company managed to get a grant to pay for one of the minibuses.

We would also like to thank Pat who once again gave up two Saturdays to drive the van down to camp and back again! Camp would have been impossible without all the kit!

We would like to thank Warburton's who donated some bread and rolls for camp. Also to all the ladies who donated cakes etc they were lovely.

### Camp Photograph 2010



**A SENIOR MOMENT** - An elderly lady actually wrote this letter to her bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in The Times.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three 'nanoseconds' must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my Pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only thirty eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, re-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Solicitor, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

- 1-- To make an appointment to see me.
- 2-- To query a missing payment.
- 3-- To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4-- To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5-- To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6-- To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7-- To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorised Contact.)
- 8-- To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 8
- 9-- To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.



Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client

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