

Spotlight - February 2010



Mother Goose 2010

Dependent on how quickly you get and read your copy of Spotlight, this year's pantomime may have come and gone, in which case if it has I'm sure there will be a report in the next edition of Spotlight, and you will be sad that you missed it!

If you get and read this before the end of the production then let me urge you to come along and see it, not only because the young people (and older people) deserve your support after all the hard work they have put into it, but also because it will be a good evening's entertainment at a very reasonable cost. Believe me, it will much better than flicking through the many television channels trying to find something that may be worth your attention.

The dates are Monday 15th to Saturday 20th February, tickets are available from Liz Vaughan (0121 553 3727), adults £4 and children (under 12) £3. As far as I am aware, we haven't sold out for any night at the moment, so if you don't want to book in advance you may well be able to pay on the door on the night, but it might be worth a phone call to Liz first to make sure.

So the cast and chorus are rehearsed and ready, the scenery has been made and painted, the costumes have been designed and sewed, the music and sound effects have been recorded and are ready to go, the golden eggs are ready to be laid and Linda, Jane and me (the production team) are wondering why we put ourselves through it again! But it will be good so please come along and see our 63rd production - Mother Goose 2010.

Ian P Collett
Co-Producer



The deadline for items to be included in the April 2010 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 4th April 2010.

Guides

I reported in the last edition of Spotlight that we had lost Angela Hall as the Guider in Charge of our Guide unit at Wesley. I am pleased to report that in the short term Maureen Llewellyn and Linda Adams have stepped into the breach and taken over the running of the unit temporarily so that it has not had to close, and a very good job they have been doing and I thank them very much for this. That's the good news! The bad news is that although I have approached several people to consider taking over on a permanent basis no one has accepted the role as yet. So I would once again put out a plea for someone to come forward to take on this very rewarding role, so that we don't have to close the unit. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, or just want some more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jane Collett
Girlguiding UK
West Bromwich Division Commissioner
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Family News

Eric Stott

Many people from Wesley will know Eric Stott who was a very involved member of Wesley for many years including a stint as Church Treasurer. We have learnt that Eric has been awarded the MBE and we congratulate him on the prestigious award. Sorry, no more details are on hand as we write this report.

Julie Imm

We are saddened to announce the death of Julie Imm (her maiden name). Julie and her older sister Elizabeth were both members of guiding at Wesley for many years and took part in the pantomime, and their brother John was a member of our Boys' Brigade Company. Julie has lived on one of the Channel Islands for some years with her family and it is with much sadness that we report and record her death in this edition of Spotlight. Sorry, again no more details available at this time.

Photo Corner

Members of the Sunday School with all the presents that were sent to needy children at Christmas through the shoe box appeal, organised by Linda Adams.





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Christmas Fayre update

In the December Spotlight we reported that a total of £1,050 had been raised at the Christmas Fayre on 28th November.

We can report that additional monies have come in since then and the total has now risen to £1,143, which is just £2 more than the 2008 Fayre.

Message from Pat and Eddie our friends from the RNLI

Thanks for inviting us once again to your Christmas fair we sold approximately £60.00 of souvenirs all proceeds to the Lifeboats.

To all our friends at Wesley a Happy New Year from West Bromwich branch of the RNLI!

- 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.

Mens Weekend 2010

Mens Weekend will take place on the 17th and 18th April 2010. Tickets will be available soon but if you would like to take part in the weekend then see Ken Dunn for details.

Christmas Offertories 2009

As usual, the offertories taken at the services over the Christmas period have been sent to charities as follows:-

The Christingle service offertory from Christmas Eve was combined with the offertory from the Girlguiding West Bromwich Division Christingle Service also held at Wesley on Sunday 13th December, and a total of £241.25 was sent to the charity "Action for Children".

The offertory from the Christmas Eve Midnight Communion of £30 was sent to "Shelter".

The Christmas Day service offertory was combined with other monetary donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards and a total of £162.94 was sent to "Help the Heroes".

A total therefore of £434.19 raised and sent to good causes.

I P Collett
Church Treasurer

3 Peaks Challenge

Matthew Clive and Jake Henson of the 5th West Bromwich Boys' Brigade along with two other friends will be attempting to climb the 3 highest mountains in the UK (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon) in 24hrs, including the driving in between! We are doing this feat during the first week of June for a Christian orphanage in Uganda which primarily looks after orphans with AIDS. You can read about their work at: www.christianchildrenscentre.org

If you would like to sponsor us, there is a sponsorship sheet and information about the orphanage on the notice board at the front of church.

Great signs

Sign On a church door:
THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN. ENTER YE ALL BY THIS DOOR.
(THIS DOOR IS KEPT LOCKED BECAUSE OF THE DRAFT.
PLEASE USE SIDE DOOR.)

Sign outside a new town hall:
THE TOWN HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL OPENING. IT WILL REMAIN CLOSED AFTER BEING OPENED. OPEN TOMORROW.

An Obituary printed in the London Times -

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers:

I Know My Rights

I Want It Now

Someone Else Is To Blame

I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

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