

Spotlight - October 2010



Anchor Boys

First of all I would like to report that we raised £81.00 at our car wash in July. Thank you to all of you who helped us to raise this amount and special thanks to Sue Spencer who helped us out on the day.

The Anchor Boys have been very busy over the summer holidays. On Friday 23rd July we visited Wonderland in Telford Town Park, on Friday 30th July we visited Dartmouth Park and played Crazy Golf, on Friday 6th August we visited the Oak House where we took part in a workshop and used the new play equipment and on Friday 13th August we visited Twinlakes in Leicestershire. A great time was had by all on these trips and thanks to Rebekah Jones, Ruth Collett and Liz Vaughan who helped with them.

We started back on Friday 3rd September with our 'normal' weekly programme but unfortunately I have to report that we have lost Rebekah as a member of staff. If anyone would like to help out at Anchor Boys please contact me, it is very rewarding and great fun!

Jane Collett
Officer in Charge
5th West Bromwich Anchor Boys



Bonfire

This year, the bonfire will take place on Bonfire Night (5th November)! There will be bonfire and fireworks from 7:30pm with hot dogs and refreshments available.

Can anybody with any wood they want to get rid of, please leave it next to the tree in the churchyard closest to the fire bin.



Quotes

"A dream is just a dream. A goal is a dream with a plan and a deadline."

-- Harvey Mackay

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

"In each of us are places where we have never gone. Only by pressing the limits do you ever find them."

-- Dr. Joyce Brothers

"Man is so made that when anything fires his soul, impossibilities vanish."

-- Jean De La Fontaine

The deadline for items to be included in the December 2010 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 5th December 2010.

SAFCO

It seems that some people did the homework that was set for them following the hilarious games of "HOY" at the July SAFCO event! At the Harvest "Bangers & Bingo" social evening on 15th September, most people seemed to be able to distinguish between hearts and diamonds, although there was still some confusion between clubs and spades! The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended; thanks to SAFCO for the filling meal of Bangers & Mash, with Apple pie and cream to follow.

October brings a visit from the Ladies Choir from one of our neighbouring circuits, Halesowen. If their last visit is anything to go by, we will be assured of a lovely evening of music performed by some talented singers. SAFCO will be busy preparing a buffet supper for the evening; tickets, as always, available from Liz Vaughan for the bargain price of £3.00

Remember, remember the 5th of November! An evening for all the family, SAFCO will be in the kitchen preparing hot-dogs, soup and the like while outside some of the "younger" members and friends of the church will be supervising the bonfire with a firework display. The fun starts from 7pm and entrance (not including food) is £1 for adults and 50p for youngsters age 11 and under.

November's regular SAFCO event will be on 17th November and will have a Scottish Theme; time to put on your kilt and enjoy food and entertainment from Scotland.

Helen@thepedals – Saturday 25th September

Another enjoyable Saturday morning, relaxing with a cup of coffee listening to organ music (so I am told). Thank-you to everyone who came along to support; the original idea of the mornings was not particularly to raise money, however the generous people that attended donated a total of £155, half of which was given to Wesley and the other half to Warley Male Choir's charity for 2010/11; CLIC Sargent.

Due to the success of these coffee mornings, I have had to buy more music! I now have a book titled "100 Essential Pieces for Organists" so hopefully will be able to include some of your favourite music in the future.

Music played on Saturday 25th September included The Theme from Dvorak's "New World Symphony", an extract from Handel's "Zadok the Priest" (a favourite of one of the members of Warley Male Choir, who told me he only really likes the 22 bars introduction!), Fauré' "Pavane" using the solo stops of the organ and finishing with "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba". This piece had been requested by Ken Dunn; unfortunately Ken was not able to come to the coffee morning which was a pity after he had postponed the Men's Group visit to the National Arboretum which had been planned for the same morning.

There was also a special guest appearance from Cliff who impressed us all with his playing, without music, of the opening bars of Bach's Toccata in D minor! (the photos that are displayed in church at the coffee mornings of previous "Helen@thepedals" are all taken by Cliff)

The next "Helen@thepedals" is planned for 18th December and you won't be surprised to hear it will have a Christmas theme! This time proceeds will be towards the West Bromwich Methodist Circuit Missions collections; more details later. There will be opportunity for everyone to join in the singing of Christmas carols as well as listening to Christmas music played on the organ.

Thanks again to everyone who came on 25th September, and to all those that helped to wash up and re-arrange the church ready for Sunday worship.

Helen





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Family News

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jack Mason. Phyllis Ault (his sister) and Richard Ault (his nephew) would like their thanks to go to the people who attended the funeral.

The photograph below was taken at the wedding of Jack and Doris.



Family News

Congratulations to Stacy Brookes and Justin Hampson who got married on Sunday 3rd October at Grafton Manor, Bromsgrove. Stacy has for many years been the Guider in Charge of the 1st West Bromwich Brownies who meet at Wesley on a Tuesday evening. We wish them both much happiness for the future.

The Boys' Brigade - 5th West Bromwich Company

A History

You may remember reading in previous editions of Spotlight from a couple of years ago that I have been trying to compile a sort of history of our BB company here at Wesley by using old (and current) photographs.

Because the exercise is going to take a long time to complete, if indeed it ever could be called complete, I have now decided to in effect issue a first version.

I have about 145 A4 pages, 135 of which contain photographs, a total of about 335, which date from as early as 1931/32, (the company was formed in 1924) and go up to the present day. These are contained in plastic sleeves in an A4 four ring binder.

The exercise is very much ongoing and I still have photographs and other material to go through and I shall continue to add to it and hopefully fill some of the gaps.

If anyone is interested in looking at this 'history' I can make a copy available to borrow.

In the meantime I would still welcome additional photographs and material, there must be photographs out there recording events and activities that I haven't got, and I would love to hear from you and to borrow these photographs to scan if you have any.

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No Wonder He Wags His Tail

When God made the earth and sky,
The flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals
And all the birds and bees.

And when the work was finished
Not one was quite the same
He said, Ill walk this earth of mine
And give each one a name

And so He travelled land and sea
And everywhere he went
A little creature followed him
Until its strength was spent

When all were named upon the earth
And in the sky and sea
The little creature said 'Dear Lord
Theres not one left for me'

The Father smiled and softly said,
'I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
And called you dog, my friend'

Author Unknown

(Thanks to Joyce Pitt)

When I say that 'I am a Christian'

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.

I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

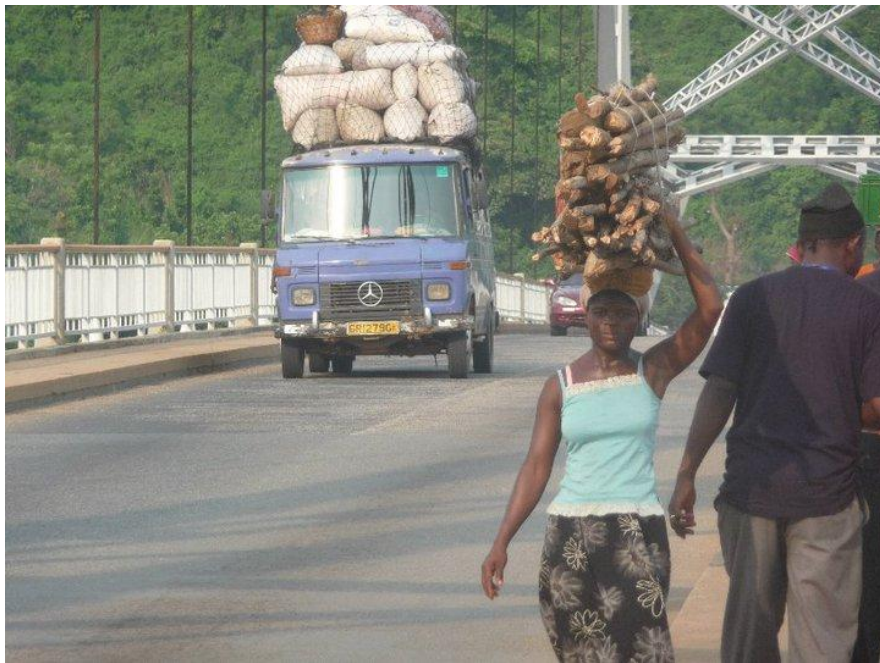
When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace,
somehow!

by Carol Wimmer

Where was this picture taken?

Answer, next time...



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