

26 November is the proposed date for this years Christmas Fayre the usual stalls will be made available.

Gift Day service will be held on December 4th 6.00p.m. with Jill Guest presiding and Two Gates Ladies providing music and words.

Dec 6th(Tues)Ukelele Band will entertain us. tickets £4, 7.00p.m. for 7.30.

The children of the Sunday school (Run Ragged) will provide the scenes of the Nativity on Sunday 11th December.

18th December will be every ones favourite, the Carol service, with Halesowen Brass Band the leading themusic for the carols.

All are welcome to start Christmas Day off in the right spirit our short service from 9.00a.m.-9.30a.m.

A final few words to remind everyone that 2017 is our BIG celebration, 150 years, if you have memories of events or characters from the past who remind you of Two Gates School please let us

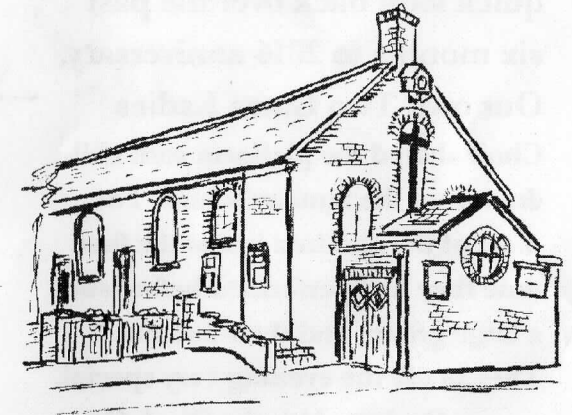
Because of the date of the Christmas fayre the November coffee morning has been moved forward one week to 18th November



Steve Bloomer Derby County. F. C
Leading goal scorer (14 years)
(17) league Hat tricks)

Avery merry Christmas and a
warm welcome to you all

Two Gates Ragged School



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Welcome

We begin this newsletter as the penultimate communication before we enter into the celebrations for our 150 years (Sesquicentenary) anniversary. First let us take a quick look back over the past six months to 2016 anniversary. Our own Two Gates Ladies Choir shared the platform with children from the Sunday school. For most of the children it was the first time they had performed before such a large group, and their parents. They made the evening very special.

On June 14th the Black Country Ukulele Band was welcomed to entertain a large, enthusiastic crowd, to a programme of lively music.

Saturday July 16 a strawberry tea was held, and our ladies excelled themselves once again with the delicious spread they provided.

September 4th a harvest festival took place hundreds of gifts were supplied by members and local residents, and a we send a special

thank you to Sainsbury's for a harvest loaf complete with two field mice and also thank you to Mr. Tony Billingham for a magnificent basket of fruit.

Monday September 5th, one of the highlights of the year took place, our special 'Harvest Supper' over 80 members and friends sat down to a hearty meal of fish and chips with cheesecake. Followed by the sale of goods. The service raised over £600.00. Thanks once again to our ladies in the kitchen.

On Wednesday September 21st we received a visit from 90 children from Colley Lane School, (3 groups of 30) they were welcomed by the traditional ringing of the bell, given a brief talk on our history and a demonstration of conditions 150 years ago. They seemed particularly to enjoy the lemonade and chocolate biscuits to end their visit.

For 1st October Two Gates Ragged school was elected by the Then and Now Group to host Cradley Day, which is held every two years this was No 10 so it is now 20 years old, a special celebration. We saw a continuous stream of visitors despite the atro-

rious weather outside. There were variety of displays depicting life in Cradley both past and present chain, film show in the vestry lots of food and drinks and a constant hum of conversation. One group had travelled from Derby County F.C. to make a display about Steve Bloomer. Who was born in Cradley and a renowned player for Derby.

A trip has been arranged for a dozen or so Deacons and members to make a trip to the Ragged School Museum in London. It will be interesting to observe what association there is between the museum and the two remaining named Ragged school we have in Cradley.

We will be holding our annual All Saints service on October 30th when we remember family and friends who have gone to their rest before us. There will be an opportunity to place a candle and/or prayer card in their memory.

The 15foot Christmas has been ordered for delivery on 21st November.