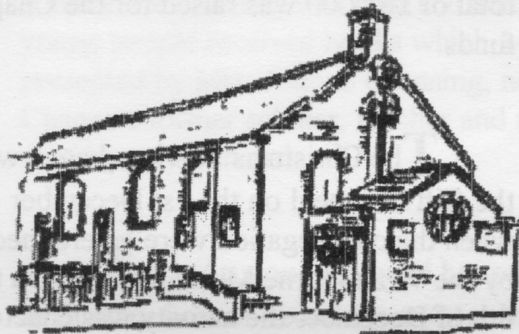


Two Gates Ragged School

(Cradley)



NEWSLETTER

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On the 7th May 'Cradley a History', written by the late Superintendent Clifford Willetts O.B.E., was launched by his son and daughter Barry Willetts and Hazel Clifton. This was a huge success with some 400 people attending. Book sales exceeded £1000.00. A most memorable evening.

On the 11th May the Children's Annual Prize Giving was held and some 30 young people received books which were presented by Mrs. Joanne Greening, nee Chance a former scholar, teacher and regular worshipper at chapel.

Tracy Attwood resigned her position as Sunday School Secretary on 21st May.

On the 8th June Joanne Greening was appointed Sunday School Secretary.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

5th July Annual Outing to Drayton Manor Park.

12th October Harvest Festival. 6.00p.m.

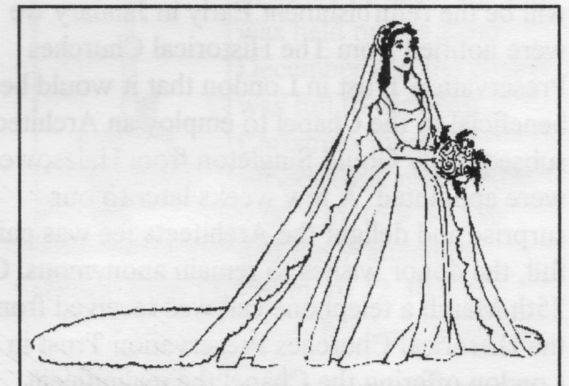
Musical Entertainment by

**'PEDMORE and WYCHBURY
W.I. CHOIR'**

13th October Harvest Sale. 7.00p.m.

Facts and Figures to 1st June

- 9 Baptisms
- 5 Weddings
- 4 Funerals

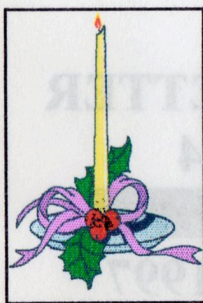


WELCOME

Our 4th Newsletter opens with a warm invitation to attend our Anniversary Services.

Since the previous newsletter the Christmas Fayre was held on 30th November, this was well attended and a total of £617.00 was raised for the Chapel funds.

The Christmas Services began with the Gift Day held on the 1st December when the congregation were entertained by the Wombourne Music Makers. On the 8th of December the nativity was enacted by the Sunday School Scholars, presided over by Linda Worton.



The Candlelight Service was held on the 22nd December and the chapel was full to capacity. Christmas morning service took place from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and the Watchnight service from 11.45p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

Total collections for the Christmas worship was £775.00.



On 18th January the annual children's party was held at the Caslon Schools, when various games were played. Joanne Greening and Linda Worton were responsible for the catering.

Practice sessions for the Scripture Examination began on 10th February, the theme was, '*The Upside-down World*'.

9th March was Mothers day and a service of celebration was held, presided over by Linda Worton, ably assisted by Tracy Pennells, Michelle Worton and Emma Heathcock. Spring flowers were presented to all the ladies in the congregation, light refreshments followed.

The main event in the Chapel this year will be the refurbishment. Early in January we were notified from The Historical Churches Preservation Trust in London that it would be beneficial to the Chapel to employ an Architect, subsequently Gould Singleton from Halesowen were appointed. A few weeks later to our surprise and delight the Architects fee was paid in full, the donor wishes to remain anonymous. On 25th March a telephone call was received from the Historical Churches Preservation Trust in London offering the Chapel the magnificent

donation of £3000.00 on completion of the alterations. This was followed by the Manifold Trust offering £600.00 again on completion. This was confirmed by letter a few days later.

The Good Friday Service was held on the 28th March when Tracy enriched the evening with two topical poems to suit the occasion. Palm crosses were handed out to the congregation.

The Scripture Examination took place at Cole Street Methodist Church at Netherton on Friday 4th April, eight of our children sat the exam.

On the 30th April Anniversary practice commenced.

A cheque was received on 5th May from the Rhododendron Trust for £1,000.00, again the gesture was much appreciated and will enable us to commence work on the renovations to the fabric of the Chapel.

