

OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY
NEWSLETTER APRIL TO JUNE 2008

APRIL by Thomas Hardy

This is the weather the cuckoo likes
And so do I
When showers be tumble the chestnut spike
And nestlings fly;
And the little brown nightingale bills his best
And they sit outside at 'The Travellers Rest'
And maids come forth spring-muslin dress
And citizens dream of the south and west
And so do I

6th April	Mr. Gavin Lloyd
20 th April	Miss Janice Ashley
4 th May	NO SERVICE – May Bank Holiday
18 th	Miss Ann Hughes
1st June	Miss Alison Thursfield – President of Midland Union
15 th	Sandy Ellis

O morning that fills our eastern windows and throws fresh light on the riddles of yesterday, fill also our minds with fresh appreciation and new desire. O morning that meets and melts the clouds, lead us into the noon of our accomplishment.

Leonard Mason

Midland Union AGM – Netherend Chapel, Cradley – Saturday 5th April 10.30 a.m.
Hot 3 course lunch - £3 – please let Helen know without delay if you wish to attend.

BREATHING SPACE

Sometimes all that's needed is
A little breathing space,
Time to stop and do things at
A slight slower pace,

We tend to rush on through the day
Just trying to fit things in
Using up the energy
Of nerves and mind and limb.

Life was never meant to be
All tear and rush and race -
So why not ease the reins a bit
And make a breathing space?

Kathleen Gillum

THANKS GIVING IN SPRING, *from Women's League Book of Prayers*

O God our Father, we thank Thee for giving each a place in this wonderful world. Nature at this season reveals Thee afresh as the Creator of beauty, power and joy. We are filled anew with sense of Thy presence and would render thanks to Thee, and pray that the vision of beauty which we have seen many remain with us for ever. When we are faced with difficulties, when our work seems monotonous, when we lose heart because of our weakness and our failures, may we remember the vision of beauty and joy that is with us now. May we learn to trust Thee more, never forgetting that Thou, who has given us the vision, wilt also give the power to work for its realization. For everything that helps us on our way we Thank Thee, especially for the friendships that enrich our lives and make us see fresh possibilities of good on one another. May our power of helping one another grow more and more; and may our gathering here today be a means of drawing us closer together and nearer to Thee
Amen

'Be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them'

William Shakespeare (Twelfth Night, 1601)