

COSELEY OLD MEETING HOUSE

Newsletter – April to June 2013

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

Sunday 7 th April	Gavin Lloyd
Sunday 21 st April	Songs of Praise
Sunday 5 th May	Jeffrey Bowes
Sunday 19 th May	NO SERVICE
Sunday 2 nd June	Ann Harrison – Women's League
Sunday 16 th June	Philip Niblock

Birmingham District Women's League

The re-arranged BDWL AGM will be held on Saturday 27th April at Unitarian New Meeting, Ryland Street Birmingham, commencing at 12 noon. Please bring your own sandwiches – drinks will be provided.

Service at 1.45 p.m., will be conducted by Ann Harrison (District Secretary)

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

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)

*The following is taken from **50 Tales to Ponder by Derek Smith** – a book Janice Ashley often used when taking services and which she gave to me just before she died*

'How the Bamboo Became a Flute.

The Bamboo stood tall and straight....She was a good fifteen feet in height and about two inches thick..... One morning the Owner stopped in front of the Bamboo and said "Bamboo, Bamboo, the time has come for me to cut you down" At this it seemed that Bamboo trembled.....Unless you are taken to the workshop, and there fashioned and shaped, you cannot serve me" Many days later the owner visited the workshop with a young girl. They stopped by Bamboo, all shaped, hollowed out, with holes down the front of her. The owner invited the young girl to pick her up. The young girl did so, and placing one end of the hollowed Bamboo in her mouth, blew breath through her. A beautiful sound came flowing out. The Owner smiled and said to the young girl "That was exquisite. A Bamboo makes a marvellous Flute"!

PARKING PROBLEMS

I have asked Dudley Council and the Police for the Coseley area to look at the parking difficulties on Sunday mornings particularly. Dudley Council have replied that its a police matter and have not supplied with the name of organising body for the football matches, The Police Sergeant for the area emailed me for my contact details in order he could ring me, but I am still waiting!! I have also contacted the Councillor for the area, without any reply.

NB –The local Police Sergeant rang on Friday evening (5th) and on his next early Sunday shift will take a walk down!!!

The Councillor for the area has informed me that he is Mayor of Dudley and therefore not able to deal with individual constituency matters!!

