

The Green Team

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Green Team's News Letter.

Remember those acorns we planted at last year's Harvest Festival. How many have survived I wonder. We have about 10 saplings available which we were arranging to plant out during half term in Apley woods. However, after Wendy's in depth chat with Sean of Apley Woods it has been revealed that as the ground is so dry through lack of rain this summer, it would be better to wait a while. So watch this space and we may be part of something BIG!! In the meantime Sean has

offered to look after the saplings until the time is right.



Special Report from Craft and Chat

The craft and chat group took recycling to a new level here and back in time by using large buttons coming from coats or clothing or more often from mum's or grandma's button tins. Everyone's got one. An old sweetie, tea or biscuit tin wherein cherished and rescued buttons are kept. Large, tiny, shaped like flowers, toggles from old duffle coats, you name it we found 'em.

Barbara brought in a lovely old tin from her late mother's cupboard – its contents? hundreds of tiny seed beads collected and

kept. Our recycled buttons and seed beads were transformed into beautiful and varied broaches. The new broaches were as 'bling' as any you'd find in the 'funky accessories' dept of today.

In a throw away world how wonderful that buttons from the past, become broaches today to be worn and to end up in jewellery boxes – and in time.....those boxes (everyone's got one!) will herald little gems of their own.

Shirley West

Living with a hoarder

Nothing gets thrown away. The garage is full. The loft is full. Even behind his studio is a wood store. Yes it's Chris I am talking about. Oh and we don't need a reference library. We have one! Joking aside the Green Team have asked me to highlight the fact that the new bible stand is made out of recycled wood as are the

little wooden crosses that Carol gives out to those she visits and the cross we decorate at Easter.



Spring Bulbs

The Green Team's next project is to invite members to bring in spring bulbs for planting, either to be planted around the church or to pot up to take to people at Christmas time etc.

It might be small bulbs such as crocuses, daffodils or hyacinths.



Any member of the team will be very pleased to accept any bulbs you can

offer in the next couple of weeks. We can begin to plant/pot up during half term. Many thanks. TGT

News from Wellington LA21

LA21 Group has now launched its new cycling booklet entitled **The Five Towns Trail**. It takes its route through the five towns of Oakengates, Madeley, Ironbridge, Dawley and Wellington. To quote "Lying between Oakengates, Dawley and Madeley are some of the most treasured tracts of Green Network" and "The Wrekin is one of the Midlands most iconic natural landmarks and a popular destination for thousands of visitors every year".

There are a few booklets available on the Green Team notice board.



Bright Ideas

The Green Team urgently need your help.

We need members and ideas to carry our church forward to qualify as an eco-congregation. We are almost there but need to update the paper work and we need ideas as well.

Please give us your thoughts and ideas.



Did you know

One recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60 watt light bulb for 3 hours.

Up to 60% of rubbish that ends up in a dust bin could be recycled.

TGT