

COMING SOON...

❖ Sheffield Bach Choir

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra will be performing Handel's Messiah at the Sheffield Cathedral on **Monday 7th December at 7.00pm**. Tickets are: £16, Concessions £13, Students £6 on the door only. Children under 16 and accompanied by an adult are free. The tickets are available from: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk or on the door or please see Alison MacFarlane.

❖ Celebration Weekend on 23rd/24th April 2016

We felt that it was right to hold a formal celebration of the completion of the roof project at some point in the New Year. It has also been suggested that as 2016 is the 160th anniversary of Wesley Hall (this is when the School Road building opened) this should also be marked in some way. The foundation stone for the School Road building was laid on April 23rd 1836 and April 23rd falls on a Saturday in 2016 so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend would be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 160 years with a meal in the evening and a special service on the Sunday. If you would like to be involved in planning the celebrations, please see Louise Etherington.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Avril Clark is doing MOVEember!

At the tender age of 37, Avril will get moving for "MOVEember in November" and learn to ride a bicycle for the very first time! Why? Because (a) she's mad and (b) she wants to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK for her father-in-law Jim and the 1 in 8 other men affected by prostate cancer. So please, if you're able to, sponsor her online at <http://mosista.co/avrilclark> or see her in person. Avril will share lots of photos of her progress and bike-riding finale with you in December. Thanks.

❖ Time for the shoebox!

This year we would like to participate again in the Samaritans shoebox project, everyone can make a shoebox filled with gifts for children in parts of the world where there is no money for toys and gifts. If you don't have time to make a shoebox but have some empty shoeboxes, gifts or a monetary donation for gifts we will be happy to make the shoebox with help from the children and young people at church. The shoeboxes can be dropped off at Wesley hall. Collection closes on the **6th of December**. For more information see Claire or Tim or email: families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ Family Remembrance Service at Wesley Hall – 8 November

I would like to say a special thank you to Sue Chapman and Dorothy White at Wesley Hall for arranging this informal but moving service for families of both congregations, to remember their loved ones and friends who had passed away during the last 12 months. It was the first time for me, and several others, to remember with affection our mums and dads and other people who we came in to contact during the past years. I know my sister and friends who attended the service found comfort. Thank you, Jenny Reilly

❖ JMA

Carole Gray would like to thank everyone who has collected or donated to JMA over recent years. Although we have stopped the weekly collecting, the Leadership Team have suggested that we continue to support this worthy cause in other ways. If anyone would like a collecting box to donate their loose change, please let Carole know. Also, we hope to arrange one-off fund raising events specifically for JMA with involvement from TRIBE.