

F.I.T (Fellowship Improvement Team) Report 2008

Last year our church celebrated 750 years and, to mark the occasion, we had a church Fayre on 9th June 2007. Invites were delivered to all the homes in Aldridge, a brass band invited, various stalls set up from home-made cakes, jewellery, splat- the- rat to a rather excellent 'sponge-the-leadership team' game made by Dave Appleby. God blessed us with one of the only sunny Saturdays we had last summer and a steady flow of people just kept coming all day.

So many of our church family were involved in making the day a success; nearly everyone signed-up to help in some way.

As well as celebrating our own freedom to worship for 750 years, we also remembered the persecuted church and a group from Y.F agreed to be locked into a metal container overnight in support of their Christian brothers and sisters in Eritrea. An Open Doors tea party also ran alongside the Fayre keeping the kitchen busy all day as well as a barbeque catering for literally hundreds of people who came from our community to share the celebrations.

On behalf of the F.I.T team, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who got involved with the Fayre last year. It really wouldn't have been the success it was without you all doing your bit.

The day was simply our gift to the community, however, although it was never the intention, some profit was made and so it seemed only right that this money was given in support of persecuted Christians who could only dream of celebrating their faith in the way we were able to do on 9th June.

As the day was such a success, the leadership team have decided that we should repeat the event biannually.... so get ready for next year everyone!!! At the end of each year when there is no Fayre, we will have a big Christmas party.

Another major event in F.I.T's agenda last year has been the arrival of our new curate, Gavin and a lunch to celebrate both his ordination and Harvest. Most of our church family attended along with Gavin's guests and everyone seemed to enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Rachel Vause and Ruth Bryant have also completed a Food Hygiene course (which means we now have a certificate to say we can do all the things we were already doing before!)

Irene Standerwick is taking a break from the team for the time being- rumour has it that the 300 baked potatoes she cooked at the Fayre finished her off!! Seriously though, thanks Irene- you're a star and we'll miss you.

Ruth Bryant