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The Not So Nippies

Revd Gillian Gordon reports:

Sunday 23rd February was the day 3 ladies from the Bournemouth congregation donned vintage waitress outfits such as those worn by the so called Nippies from the Lyons Corner Houses of yesteryear. Being of a certain age, they announced they were the



“not so Nippies”. The church hall was decorated from top to bottom with vintage style bunting and decorations, 7 tables each seating 6 were set with embroidered tablecloths laid with floral bone china crockery which was to become full to overflowing with a wide variety of home made cakes, scones and quiches with sandwiches.

One Nippy trundled a trolley around the tables filling and refilling tea cups. Another Nippy refilled plates with cakes and the third with sandwiches. Two Nippies were such excellent bakers compliments were flying. The

other Nippy ran a quiz based on questions about tea and a good time was had by all.

Over 40 happy people attended the vintage tea; old New Church friends and new alongside the usual congregation, most having attended Rev. Clifford Curry's service first. It was wonderful to see so many people intermingling and enjoying the teatime fare.

Donations for the vintage tea were so generous they totalled £285 which was presented to the Dorset Children's Foundation, a local charity which helps disadvantaged children. Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*



The origin of the term Nippies

In 1926 there was a staff competition to choose a nickname for the Lyons teashops' waitresses - the former name of 'Gladys' was now seen as old fashioned. The name 'Nippy' was eventually chosen, presumably because the waitresses nipped speedily around - often trying to avoid the advances of middle-aged men? It was reported by Picture Post that 800-900 Nippies got married to customers 'met on duty' every year and they wrote that 'being a Nippy is good training for a housewife'. If 'Nippy' sounds a trifle strange as a name for a waitress, it's worth noting that other rejected suggestions included 'Sybil-at-your-service', 'Miss Nimble', 'Miss Natty', 'Busy Betty' and even 'Dextrous Doris'.





Keighley New Church Work Party

Members and friends met on the first Saturday in February, to start tidying and re arranging the Hall.

There is now a dedicated area for discussion groups etc (see photos), a History display area (work in progress, we have lots of material to work from) and an area for Crafters to enjoy their get together.



Change of Address

In September last year, Kathie and Phillip Brooks moved from their very happy 50 year residence in Yorkshire to start a new life in East Sussex. As they will be closer to both sons and grandchildren, they will enjoy much more frequent family get-togethers, as well as reducing car emissions by much shorter journeys! n.b. moving south has not brought clearer or warmer skies!



Phillip has changed his email address to pnbrooksy@gmail.com so please email him if you need the new address or phone number.

Spare Ink

Jan Millar has a large number of Canon 550 and 551 ink cartridges going spare if anyone has a compatible printer. Please contact either Jan directly or Gemma if they are of any use to you.