

175 and Still Going Strong

Wychwood Baptist Church in Milton is 175 years old! To celebrate God's faithfulness, celebrations were held throughout the weekend of 13th to 14th October. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with those who have both current and past associations with the church.



house, interviews with church members were shown on the big screen and musical entertainment was provided by Lizzie Harewood, Jill Collins and Richard Sandate.

The Next 175!

This combination of activities in the hall and the church

Pilgrim's Progress

In the hall and church there was an impressive collection of displays taking us from past to present. These included a focus on general Baptist history; the history of our own church; special features on past figures we identify with, such as William Carey (founder of the Baptist Missionary Society) and John Bunyan (independent minister and author of Pilgrim's Progress).

There was an opportunity to learn about our relationship with other churches and missionary activities in India, Romania and Indonesia, as well as finding out about our core beliefs. There was a baptism to watch (video, not live unfortunately!); photos galore; and a scrapbook of more recent activities.

This included our monthly BIG Picture - with fun activities for the whole family; and weekly café - a great place to catch up with friends, and popular amongst the 50 or more who meet each week. Meanwhile, in church on the Saturday afternoon, cream teas were served to a full

left nobody in any doubt that at 175, Wychwood Baptist Church is still going strong - for which we give thanks to God! Sunday was just as good. An all-age service was led by myself as Pastor and addressed by Mark Harewood, our former trainee minister who is now employed by a church in Doncaster.

He challenged us with the importance of building with Christ as our foundation which inspired us all. The morning concluded with coffee and the obligation to finish off the cakes remaining from the day before.

Thanks to all who came and contributed to the weekend, especially the Wychwood Local History Society who provided a wealth of information.

If you missed out why not pop in to see us, maybe at our café for a catch up - **Fridays 9.30 to noon**, or any **Sunday 10.30am**. You would be very welcome! We thank God for his faithfulness over the last 175 years. Here's to the next 175!

John Witt