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Hello Everyone

The hot weather continues! I only hope that it last until after Tuesday, when it is our Afternoon Tea Party in our garden. The gazebos will be erected and this should provide good shade and we do hope that they won't be needed to protect us from rain. We all realise that rain is desperately needed but would like it to begin after the Afternoon Tea !!

The garden is ready, with the lawn a gentle shade of lemon with lots of plants loving the sun with others not so happy. However, it is not the state of the garden that is important, it is the gathering of friends to enjoy each others company...all for a very good cause AFIA (Away from it All).

We begin at 2.15 and this year are fortunate to have had lots of help from volunteers some of whom are not MU members but are good supporters or all we do.

This week on the Mothers' Union Facebook page there was a picture of our Parish Magazine front cover showing Mary Sumner (as a young woman). This has obviously caught the eye of lots people and there was a comment from a lady who says that she has happy memories of visiting Tickhill when her son-in-law was vicar here. That person is Andrew Teal who many of us remember well. It was good to think that Elaines idea of putting Mary onto the magazine front cover has created such interest.

The displays put up in church for the Take Over Day last Sunday, mostly remain in place and some of them will be coming to the Afternoon Tea Party on Tuesday, so that more of you can see details of all we do.

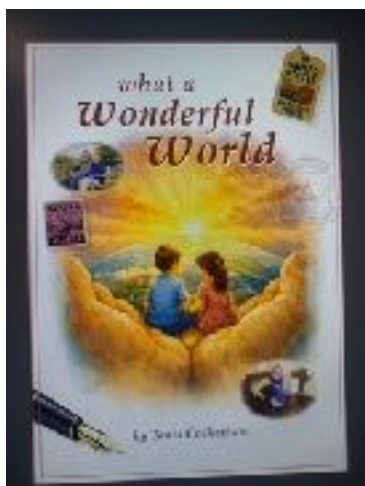
We do not have any formal branch meeting in August but there are several events which many of us will attend.

The monthly **coffee morning at Sheffield Cathedral is on Friday 7th August**

The Mary Sumner Day service is on 9th August in Sheffield Cathedral at 2pm. This we include the enrolment of new members and the presentation of long service certificates and will be followed by a picnic outside the Cathedral when the raffle will also drawn. Lifts available please contact me so that we can arrange pickups.

Thursday 20th August is the Wave of Prayer, at 1pm in St Helen's Chapel. This will be followed by lunch in a local cafe. There is a list on the MU notice board to sign if you want to come to the lunch (probably in Cafe Bar H's).

Looking further ahead, there will be a **sponsored Silence held in Doncaster Minster on Wednesday 9th September**, 10.30 -14.30pm Sponsor forms are now available. This is always a most lovely occasion and well worth doing....many thought it would be impossible for me to do this for 4 hours but it is surprisingly easy and most uplifting.



Tanis's Book "What a Wonderful World" will be available soon. This is to celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union. Tanis is aiming to sell a minimum of 150 copies. Each costs £5 and can be preordered. I have copies of the 2 previous books she has written and know that this new book will also make good and thoughtful reading. Let me know if you would like a copy and I will do the ordering.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but not bossy.

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. Help us to see where we can add the drops of water that can create an ocean of compassion. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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