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The Community of the Resurrection

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Ice Cream and Wellies introduce 700 to Mirfield's monastery

The Sunday 25 July Fun and Fundraising Day at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, hit a high point with a 27 metre (89 feet) throw of a wellington boot at the end of a fiercely competitive Welly Wanging contest.

The impressive winning throw, by Stuart Mallow, crowned an afternoon in which over seven hundred visitors took up the invitation to visit the Community of the Resurrection, the monastic order of 21 brothers who live, work and worship together on the site they share with the College of the Resurrection on Mirfield's Stocksbank Road. Mr Mallow won a bottle of wine for his effort.

The day served the dual purpose of raising two thousand pounds towards the renovation of the Community's church to make it more suitable for the needs of visitors and pilgrims, and of showing and sharing the Community's beautiful grounds with the public.

In addition to the Welly Wanging, other competitions and refreshments, tours of the site proved very popular. "I took one family round who had lived in Mirfield 41 years, and have always wanted to visit," said Father George Guiver, Superior of the Community. "It has been a super way of opening up our doors to the folk of Mirfield."

Following the success of the Fun and Fundraising Day, the next one has already been booked for Sunday 10 July 2011. Watch this space!

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Notes:

- The Community of the Resurrection is an Anglican monastic order founded in the late 19th century, and based in the West Riding of Yorkshire since 1898 when its members chose to base themselves in what was then the heartland of British industry.
- The Community founded the College of the Resurrection, on the same site, which trains candidates for priesthood in the Church of England and other Anglican churches worldwide.

- Community members and former students have been and remain involved in parts of the world known for the struggle for social justice; most notably in South Africa, where Archbishop Desmond Tutu's early inspiration to be ordained and to fight apartheid was community member Father Trevor Huddleston.
- Archbishop Tutu is a patron of the community's Centenary Church Appeal, with Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.
- The community church building was begun in 1911 and completed in 1938 by architect Sir Walter Tapper and his son Michael Tapper. In recent years it has suffered from the failure of its heating and electrical systems, resulting in further problems arising from cold and damp, and its internal floor layout has proved unsuitable for the changing needs of the community and the many visiting groups and individuals. The Centenary Church Appeal exists to bring the renovated and renewed church back into use for the benefit of all.