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‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose’. Rom 8 v 28

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Leaders and Friends,

The Lord continues to bless the infant Campaigners (England and Wales). Two wonderful camps in 2008, and the camps committee are trying to arrange three for 2009. Even the typical British summer weather could not dampen the enthusiasm of our campers.

The Executive Council received the Treasurer’s report on the finances at the September meeting. Laurence Witchalls can make accounts both understandable and interesting. The financial year of the Movement ends in December, so our first report to the charity commissioners will be required in 2009.

The programmes committee reported on progress with the review of the Award for CrossTrax/ Inters. The Council accepted their recommendations, and details will be available shortly. The Award will be adaptable and flexible to local Centres.

The Council also appointed sub committees to look at C Club/Eagles, Kidzzone/Junos and Delta/ Craftsmen. Help will be required for the review of the Badge Book.

The Council reviewed its own membership. The average age of present members is a major concern, and we really do need some younger people to volunteer for this task. Please remember it does not matter where you live, it is just necessary to give up three Saturdays a year to come to Slough and help build our renewed Movement.

The Trustees are planning to meet in the near future to consider the investment of the assets of the Movement. Three Investment Advisors have agreed to address the meeting. Please pray that the trustees will be led to the right decisions in these matters.

Other matters which will be discussed at the meeting are the ‘terms and conditions’ of an employment contract for a part-time paid worker, and the over all development of the Movement.

Please pray for the trustees, Council members, and the work of the committees. Please pray also for the leaders who faithfully run their groups week by week.

Yours, Unto Him, *Graham F. Payne*

George hedger memorial Fund for camp sponsorship

The Council of Campaigners England and Wales agreed at their September meeting to re-start the special fund for camp sponsorship. This is the fund which gives bursaries to needy families to enable Campaigners to attend Campaigner camps.

The first donation was from the memorial service for George Hedger, a one time General Secretary of Campaigners, and a true friend of the Movement.

The Council has decided to name the fund after him, remembering his burning passion for camps, and for leading young people to the Lord.

Donations to this fund are welcome.

A testimonial to George Hedger can be found inside this Newsletter.

George Hedger went to be with his Lord in July this year. He was 93. He was General Secretary of Campaigners from 1968 to 1975. He remained a true friend of Campaigners and continued to run camps at Keswick for many years.

Please pray for his wife Elise that she may feel supported and comforted at this time.

Among the records I found the HQ council minutes recording his appointment (3rd April 1968) –

New General Secretary

The Clans chief informed the meeting that Mr George Hedger, head of the Boys Brigade in Northern England, had been offered and had accepted the appointment of General Secretary of the Movement. He had trained as a pharmaceutical chemist, had been converted, and had gone to Swansea Bible college for two years, where he had married a fellow student. He had then been paid organizer for the Boys Brigade in Manchester., and would be starting work at Headquarters with effect from 1st June’.

George was in post for seven years and could not have served the Movement more efficiently or enthusiastically. He was always friendly and helpful. He oversaw the move from Portman Mansions to Colney Heath and did much of the work in preparing the new HQ building to be used.

He left HQ to become registrar for the Keswick convention, but he maintained his interest and support for Campaigners by becoming Development chief for the North and Scotland.

George ran an annual camp in Keswick, at Springs farm, and many Campaigners who went to it still attend the Convention year by year.

I asked a number of friends to share their memories of him, and one person said ‘Thank you George for the camp. He was a gentle giant’.

Others have said:- ‘He was a popular camp visitor’.

‘Many people can thank George for his wise counsel’.

‘George remained faithful in prayer for Campaigners’.

‘He was a man who was well liked by so many people’.

‘Many of our craftsmen have remained in contact with him’.

‘ He was a very special friend’.

He was a giant in many other ways.

A Gentle giant- in patience, - God gave him a gentle nature with infinite patience,

In wisdom – ‘Always ready to give wise council’.

In faith – he never wavered from his trust in the Lord.

In faithfulness – he was faithful in his relationships, in his commitments,

In keeping his promises.

In evangelism-he was fully committed to helping young people to come into God’s kingdom.

In hard work and giving his time- he gave his all to whatever task God had given him.

In prayer – He was a true prayer warrior, in constant contact with his Lord, ready to pray for all those that the Lord brought to him.

One other comment is ‘We will miss his prayers for us’.

We will all miss him, but we give praise that he is now with his Lord.

God has welcomed him with the words **‘Well done, my good and faithful servant’.**



Pat King-

<h1>CAMP 2008</h1> <p>Both camps held in 2008 were greatly blessed and successful. The heavy and frequent rain storms did nothing to dampen the spirits of the campers, and a good time was had by all.</p>		
 <p>CLIMBING WALL Scaling the heights</p>	 <p>HAPPY CAMPERS</p> <p>LOW ROPES Reaching up</p>	 <p>ARCHERY Taking aim</p>

NEWS FROM CANADA and DOROTHY BROWN

I became a Campaigner in 1945. I was referred to Campaigners through the Labour Exchange and hired as secretary shorthand typist by the Founder Colin Kerr.

Three weeks later I accompanied Colin to Camp at the Isle of Wight in order to take care of his correspondence that was very extensive. It was at Camp that I first heard of salvation through Christ's work on the cross and that it applied to me personally. What a happy day for me to be welcomed into Campaigners and into Christ. As time passed, I gave my first children's Clan C to the Junos at St. Paul's Church and told them of the wonderful salvation that Jesus gives.

I came to Canada with my family in 1952 and was invited by Maurice Wood to start a girl's Clan at Little Trinity Church in Toronto. On a visit to England in 1954, I assisted with Campaigners at St. Simon's Church, Southsea that was under the leadership of Joan Smee. My 2 eldest sons joined the Boy Junos during that time. On my return to Canada in 1956, Clans for boys and girls were opened at Evangel Baptist Church in Hamilton, and at Fruitland Chapel, an Anglican Mission at Winona. It was a joy to meet up with George and Edwina Simpson who had founded Clans at Harlow Baptist Church, England before emigrating to Canada in 1943. The Simpsons opened Clans at Temple Baptist Church in Brantford in 1958. Several Canadian Chiefs were trained. Other Campaigners from England who lived in Brantford, joined them in the work. Summer camps were held on the shores of Lake Ontario on successive years with all Clans taking part. We held Training classes at Canada's Lakehead in Thunder Bay on the shores of Lake Superior in 1958 at the invitation of Norman Day, who established Clans at Fort William Baptist Church after immigrating to Canada from Eastney Gospel Mission, Portsmouth some years earlier. During the years 1965 to 1969, Clans continued to be established in many places. In the early 1990's Campaigners linked up with the large Clans at Modesto in California, and visits to California on behalf of Campaigners continued throughout that decade. The most recent Clan to open was at the Church of the Advent in Victoria British Columbia in 2003 following the missionary visit of Hannah Pearce from St. Peter's Church in Burton on Trent.

We are much encouraged as we continue to work and to look "Unto Him". Using the promotional materials on CD provided by Campaigners, we promote the work in Canada and in the USA.

One of our objectives is to ask for your help in establishing a global network of Campaigners. If you know of Campaigners in other parts of the world, would you please click on the Guest Book on the front page of the Canadian website <http://campaignerscanada.info> and let us know their e mail or regular mailing address in those countries? We would be interested in linking up with them and hearing of their work and of their connections with Campaigners. Sincerely 'Unto Him'
Dorothy Brown Campaigner Representative in Canada



NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

Campaigners Scotland

have a new logo and uniform. Colours are blue, gold and white.

The golden eagle is on the blue 'C' of 'Campaigners Scotland'.

Younger children wear red sweatshirts, CrossTrax wear royal blue, and older members have a navy hooded top. Campaigners Scotland are looking forward to being able to appoint a part-time Administrator. Please pray that this will not be further delayed.

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NEWS from NORTHERN IRELAND



Campaigners Youth and Children's Ministry (NI)

Northern Ireland Campaigners are well established and are thriving. NI has kept the traditional Movement system of Campaigns, Eagles, Junos, Inters and Craftsmen, together with the uniform.

This will be good news for Centres on the mainland who are still running this system. Awards and badges can be obtained from the NI HQ.

Please pray that each Region will keep close links with the others.

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15 Rathlin Drive
Ballymena
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NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

ST PETERS HAROLD WOOD

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EXPEDITION 2009

Last year our Delta+ (Craftsmen) were working on their Bronze Practice walk. This year they have moved on to the qualifier. A lot of



effort had gone into the ongoing training, culminating in the expedition at the beginning of September this year. First aid, country code, suitable clothing, food, footwear were among the things worked on and the routes were planned for both days. The aim was 15 miles over two days, with one night camping out.



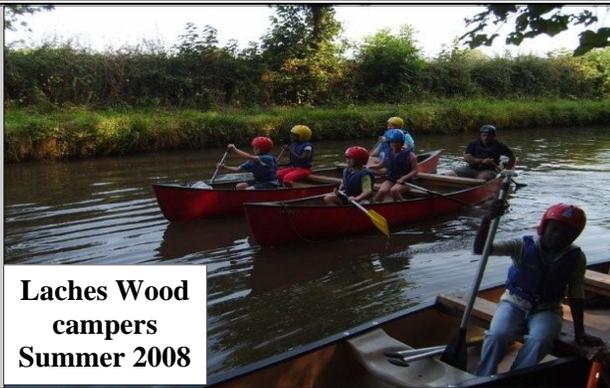
Given the Summer we had just experienced it was more than likely that rain would fall at some time. And so it did, therefore the emphasis on correct

clothing proved invaluable. It rained early in the morning on the second day but the tents kept out the water and the equipment stayed dry until the tents had to come down. By then most things were packed and waterproofs had been donned.

The youngsters all worked well as a team and put into practice many of the lessons learned during their practice and subsequent training. Map reading had improved and no real issues arose.

Commenting upon their expedition the Assessor mentioned their teamwork and enthusiasm.

A good outcome for all of them
and next the Silver?



Laches Wood campers Summer 2008

NOTICE BOARD

Campaigners EW Uniform

The new uniform for Campaigners England and Wales is proving popular. The 'uniform' colours of royal blue and navy are smart and attractive, and the logo stands out clearly.

Royal blue T shirts for C Club/Eagles and Kidzone/Junos

Polo shirts and navy hooded jackets for the two older sections, are available.

Also available are polo shirts with the Leader's badge.

Please send for an order form from EW Headquarters.

Thank you to Sandra Mallett who is kindly managing the uniform sales.

RESOURCES

- The following resources are available
- on request to HQ:-
- Copies of programmes, discs and hard copies, (Most of these still have the original dates on the material. EW are working on updating them)
- Copies of various Leader's manuals from Campaigner Ministries
- Young Achiever files (Junos)
- Proficiency badge stickers
- C Club Animal cloth badges (limited supplies)

TRAINING

'CAMP FOR THE FUTURE'

A training day and Conference is planned for 'Camps for the future' on Saturday 28th February at St Paul's Church Slough.

The purpose is to identify and train potential Leaders for future camps and to discuss the purpose and type of camps needed in the 21st Century.

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Letter to Lifeliners and Friends of Campaigners

Dear Lifeliners and other Friends,

I would like to share with you the importance of vision and wisdom for our Movement. I have chosen the history of King Solomon from the Old Testament to help to illustrate this.

At the beginning of his reign, Solomon had an encounter or vision with God in a dream. He humbly asked God to give him a discerning heart to govern, and to be able to distinguish right from wrong.

These were the words that King David gave to his son on his deathbed. 'Walk in His ways and keep His decrees and commands, His laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you go'.

Three 'W' words spring to mind when you look at Solomon's reign—WEALTH, WISDOM and WIVES. While Solomon did stray from the Lord many times, following the worship of many of his wives, he is remembered especially for the first two.

The story of the two women who both claimed the living baby was their own. When Solomon took his sword to cut the baby in half for them to share, it was the rightful mother who was willing to let the baby go to the other woman so that the baby would live.

This showed Solomon's great wisdom, and it was through wisdom that he accumulated wealth. He put the kingdom of Israel on the map. He was a great builder. He built the temple and the palace, using the finest materials and furnishings. He was the proud owner of many horses, chariots and ships. Many nations stood in awe of his greatness.

We want VISION for our Movement. It started through the 'Midnight Vision' to Colin Kerr, and many kept this vision through difficult times in the past. More recently, the Campaigner Movement still exists in England and Wales today because of the vision given to Pat Kingston, who was a trustee of Campaigner Ministries.

Vision needs action, and the ongoing vision with action is very much in evidence at our Executive meetings. Every council member works in his or her area of expertise, and with nearly 100% attendance at every meeting. Campaigners cannot be the same as it was 80, 20, or even 5 years ago. It changes as the whole structure of society and culture changes.

We need wisdom to face the challenges of our times, to be aware of the practical and spiritual needs of young people, but still to hold the vision we have been given.

Finally, WISDOM consists of SKILL, KNOWLEDGE, COMPETENCE and GODLINESS. This what our movement requires for the present and the future.

Yours 'Unto Him', *Sheila Payne*

PRAYER NEEDS

Our prayer needs relate to the Movement as a whole. Perhaps we could include some individual prayer needs in later editions.

Thanksgiving

- For the original vision of Campaigners and its continuing work,
- For the decisions made by the new trustees, executive Council and specialist sub committees,
- For the blessings received at the two 2008 camps,
- For financial stability due to generous giving and good budgeting,
- For the Campaigners at St Paul's, Slough, for hosting council meetings.

Needs

- For encouragement for our leaders in their weekly commitment to young people,
- For the maintenance of the data base and the website,
- For the preparations for next years camps already underway,
- For a continuing vision of fulfilling our aim of leading young people to Christ.

Forever with Him

We send our prayers, Sympathy, and love to the families and friends of the following Campaigners who have died recently :

Vera Hookway	Crowborough
George Hedger	Fleetwood
Bob Forsyth	Bournemouth
Gill Walker	Enfield

We request that we are informed of members who have died so we can record it in the Newsletter.
Many thanks, Pat Kingston