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At Colwell bay I.O.W



**A day of celebration as our new Centre at
Colwell Bay is Commissioned.**

Sunday June 6th 2010 was a very special day for the church of Colwell Bay Baptist and Campaigners England and Wales. The plans for a commissioning day had been delayed for a few months but this only served to make the service a truly special occasion. Our chairman Graham Payne presided over the formalities which were dedicating the Eagle colours and commissioning the new centre and John and Carol Owers as leaders. The two children present paraded the colours and sang choruses in front of the congregation that filled the church. Sheila Payne spoke about the Friends of Campaigners and the importance of having a faithful supporter base, praying for, and giving time and finance to meet the needs of the organisation..... Cont on page 3

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Continue in the work until He comes

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Leaders and Friends,

The first shoots of growth in Campaigners E&W are beginning to show. After opening the new centre at Colwell Bay on the Isle of Wight earlier this year we have received two new enquiries. One in Hampshire, and one in Gloucestershire. Both are eager to begin training to start groups in 2011.

Two very successful camps took place this Summer. The work of camps which started in the 1920's continues to help young people to commit their lives to Christ, and is central to the whole ethos of Campaigners. On behalf of the Trustees, the Executive Council, and all those who pray so regularly for Camps, I would like to thank everyone who planned and ran these wonderful events.

Every adult on camp is important. The work is hard and the hours are long, but some have already volunteered to go again next year. We need more helpers, and the Camps committee and the C.O.'s would be glad to hear from you if you can help in any way.

Another item of good news is that a brand new Leaders Manual will soon be published. It will be issued free of charge to all registered Leaders. It will also be used in training for all new leaders. If you are a working leader, please make sure your details appear on your Centre's return to HQ to ensure that you receive your personal copy.

Our new Administrative Assistant, Jenny Oldfield is settling in well at HQ and is learning the new vocabulary very quickly. She is a good Proof Reader and gently corrects me when I slip back and refer to Chiefs and Clans etc. She is a good addition to the team and a good communicator. Garry Knight continues to be very busy, especially with publishing newsletters, Programme and Publicity material, Handbooks and Manuals. Please pray for HQ as we try to supply these items for the New Year.

Preparations are continuing for the Celebration at Drayton Manor next year. Theme Parks may not be everyone's cup of tea but this one does have extra attractions which might appeal. **EVERYONE** is welcome at this event.

I pray that you will know the Lord's continuing presence, and that you will be strengthened in the work He has for you.

Yours "Unto Him",

Graham Payne



***THE LORD IS MY ROCK, AND MY FORTRESS, AND MY
DELIVERER; MY GOD, MY STRENGTH, IN WHOM I
WILL TRUST; MY BUCKLER, AND THE HORN OF MY
SALVATION, AND MY HIGH TOWER.***

Psalms 18:2

NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

TEA, OR COFFEE?

Over the last few years the Crosstrax and Delta groups at **St Peter's Harold Wood** have been sponsoring a youngster in Uganda. They have been doing this through Christian Hope International (www.christianhope.org.uk/), a home grown organisation that started at our church some years ago as Containers of Hope and has developed from there.



We sponsor Gerald who attends the Kijjabwemi Project at Masaka in Uganda. He is aged 15 and recently went up to secondary school and would like to be a doctor when he is older.

Funds to support Gerald have been raised in a number of ways over the years but for 2010/11 they held a Coffee Morning and Nearly New Toy Sale in early October. The planning for this was undertaken by the Delta group as a part of their Volunteering Section of the DofE Bronze and Silver Awards that they are working towards. There was also a display of the Expedition Practice that some of the group had undertaken for their Bronze Award.

The event went well and just over half was raised towards this year's total.

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John and Carol have a long association and many years of service as Campaigner Leaders. God gave them a fresh vision in their new home in Colwell Bay of bringing Campaigners, not only to their local church centre on the Isle of Wight (which is a first for the IOW in the history of the Movement), but many centres across the island. Their gifting with young people and a desire to provide church based activities for a rural area which has limited opportunities outside school meant that Campaigners with its updated programmes and resources provided the ideal solution. As Carol would admit breaking into new ground where Campaigners is an unknown entity is not easy but her advertising campaign within the local community received a warm welcome.



January 2010 saw the Eagles group open with just 2 children on the register. It never increased above 3 up until Summer, but since the schools have returned the Eagles numbers are growing rapidly. This hopefully means a Junos group will be viable in 2011.

Let us give God the thanks and praise for all that has been achieved so far at Colwell Bay and all that he will achieve in the years to come and please continue to pray for John and Carol as they lead the centre and also for other churches on the island to be similarly inspired and expand the vision across the island.

ST PETER'S HAROLD WOOD DUKE OF EDINBURGH



AWARD 2010

Eight of our Delta Group undertook the Bronze Expedition at the end of the Summer holidays.

For most it was their practice, although for Nathan it was his Qualifier.

As under the DofE no more than 7 can work as a team on the expedition they worked separately in two teams.



The youngsters all worked very well together on this outing, it was good to see them sharing the exercise and seeming to benefit from it.



As a group from St Peter's it was great to see the fun and fellowship they enjoyed.

Well done to Nathan, George, Fraser, Ben, Deborah, Joel, Alex, and Tim.

This is my story and how God used Campaigners in my life.

Fifty Eight years ago this August I went to my first Campaigner Camp. On the Tuesday evening the Chaplin spoke on how Nicodemus had come to Jesus by night. I thought that somehow I must have come to Jesus in this secret way, as I had no conscious memory of committing my life to Christ. That night I chose to follow Christ, and my life was changed. I spent 12 wonderful years in Campaigners from Inter to Chief.



The story I really want to tell is the story of 5 women of the previous generation, who were all Campaigners and who all played a significant role in my life. My mother – then Miss Mary Slater and her sister – Miss Nellie Slater (who was involved with Campaigners for many years as the Collection Box Secretary) in their early twenties, changed the Brownie group that they ran, at St. Johns Lewisham, into a Juno Clan. In that Clan there was a Juno called – Florrie Durry – who happened to be the CO at that first Camp that I attended. When I later went to London to work, I returned to St. Johns Lewisham and became a Juno Chief in that Clan – Miss Durry was the Area Chief at the time. These three Campaigner women all played a significant role in my life.

However this was not all - my Godmother was also a Campaigner. She gave me, at different times, three very significant books - “Daily Light” “By Searching” and my first RSV Bible which opened the Scriptures to me. These books I still have in very well used condition!! Also my first Campaigner Chief was a Miss Maida Walker, whose passion in life was Campaigners. Her legacy to Campaigners was used to purchase the previous Campaigner Headquarters.

My mothers life was greatly influenced by her time in Campaigners, she would often say to me “Humble I will seek to do, all life’s errands ‘through and through’, particularly if she thought that I had not!! Her life was one of simple faith but she and my father adopted 4 boys and together created a family who are all still close and raised us all to know and follow her Lord. She did the task in front of her. For her it was always Jerusalem first. So when a neighbour was in need she would do what had to be done until the need had passed. Even in her final days in the nursing home, the lady who shared the room with her said of her, “I love that woman – she keeps me straight in my head”. Mother continued to do the tasks that God gave her with the faithfulness learnt as a Campaigner.

She was a woman who believed in prayer and she prayed in all situations. Right to the end of her days she continued to live “Unto Him” – words that are on her grave stone.

Sylvia Sandeman

CANADIAN CAMPAIGNERS



FORT WILLIAM B.C. CAMPAIGNERS IN 1958

This archive photo of early Campaigners in Canada comes from Thelma Partridge who was a chief at Eastney Gospel Mission, Portsmouth.



It comes with greetings to all Canadian Campaigners, especially Dorothy Brown as she celebrates another birthday in the ninth decade!

Jean Hawker

Jean Hawker was a girl Juno’s Chief at St Johns Church in Weymouth from the 1950’s to the 1990’s, and was District Chief for Dorset.

Jean died suddenly in July this year after suffering a heart attack.

She was a valued and active member of St John’s fellowship until her death, and was always a keen supporter of Campaigners.



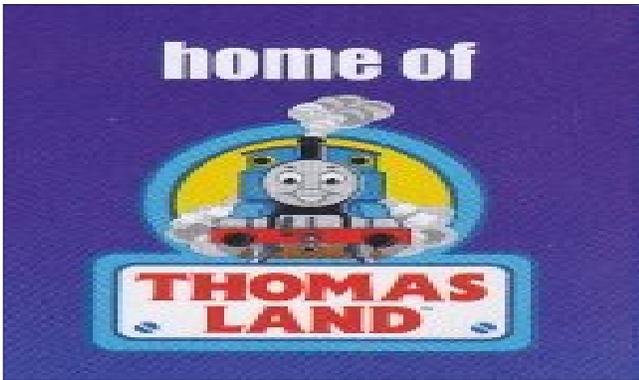
With the Lord

We send our prayers, sympathy, and love to the families and friends of **Jean Hawker** St Johns Church Weymouth **Frank Chester** Christchurch Coventry. (Obituary to follow) who died recently.

We request that we are informed of members who have died so we can record it in the Newsletter.

NOTICE BOARD

A NATIONAL DAY EVENT AT DRAYTON MANOR 2011



Over 100 rides & attractions for all the family including:

STORMFORCE 10
"the best water ride in the country!"

WILD WEST SHOOT-OUT,
BUFFALO COASTER,
SOMBRERO, EXCALIBUR,
& THE HAUNTING

Climb aboard and take yourself on an enchanted journey of swashbucklin' rootin' tootin' high octane family fun guaranteed to satisfy your sense of adventure!

A day event has now been booked for Saturday 4 June 2011. You should find a leaflet in with this Autumn Newsletter advertising Drayton Manor. It is appropriate for all age groups including Thomas Land for the younger children and white knuckle rides for the more adventurous. For details please see your centre correspondent or contact Grace.

Tel: 07786322715 email: gigalton2003@yahoo.co.uk



Camps 2011

Two camps are planned for 2011

Dartmoor with CO's Steve and Kathy Davies

A superbly equipped canvas camp right in the heart of Dartmoor National Park.

Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August

Viney Hill with CO's Tracy Guy and Karen Maynard

A Christian activity centre in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire

Monday 25th July to Saturday 30th July



Brochures with full details will be sent to all registered Centres by the end of November. Others who are interested in attending camp should contact the Camp Administrator either by email (preferred) at maureencottrell@btinternet.com or by phone 01753 670506

NOTICE BOARD

Look out for our adverts in the Christian Press—example below



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Training and programme resources for leaders included in modest subscriptions.

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CAMPAIGNER LEADERS MANUAL

A printed copy of the new revised Leaders Manual will be posted to all HQ registered leaders early in 2011.

Contact headquarters for details

Congratulations and thanks go to Laurence Witchalls for completing this mammoth task.

The Badge Book is also due to be revised soon but Centres are encouraged to use the current version until it is available.

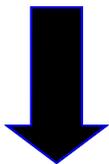
SPECIAL REQUEST

Postal costs for uniform orders

Sandra Mallet provides a great service to Campaigners by managing the supply of uniform to our Centres. The official blue T shirts, polo shirts and hoodies are supplied by Sandra at cost through a uniform manufacturer. This means we get the very best value because there are no administration charges. Sandra would be very grateful if Leaders who order uniforms would always send the postage back to her by return so that she does not have to wait to be re-imbursed. Many thanks.
Phone her on 07710 501106

See Libby's letter on page 8

Thank you to all who have contributed to camp sponsorship.



Leaders, do you have any families who need help to pay for their children to go to camp?

The George Hedger Camp Bursary Fund

exists to give grants to those in need.

Please apply to Headquarters for information

CAMPAIGNERS

HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

With our evangelical and Biblical roots the Trustees recently agreed that we should renew our membership of the EA from 2010. It is an excellent organisation and will provide support and representation for Campaigners England & Wales. Their aims and objectives are very much in line with ours.

To quote one small section of their website:- "The Alliance speaks on behalf of its members and represents evangelical concerns to Government, the National Assemblies, the media and key decision makers. In resourcing its members and encouraging Christians to fully engage in their communities as responsible citizens, the Alliance strives to make evangelical truths publicly accessible."

Full details on our Campaigner EW website, address on front page

FRIENDS LETTER

Christ is the Centre

My devotional inspiration comes from the Book of Joshua. The story of both Joshua and Israel as they, with God's help, conquered the promised land of Canaan.

Recently we have tried to update some of the terms we use in Campaigners and words like 'chiefs' and 'clans' come to mind. But as I read through this book these two words are used frequently to represent leaders and family groupings, so these words did not originate from our Scottish heritage but from the Bible! I must admit 'Clan C' and 'clansmen' are difficult to replace.

Returning to the theme of Jesus being central in our lives and in the decisions we make, every page of this book shows how God's people listened to Yahweh and obeyed His word.

The most well known story without a doubt is the falling of the walls of Jericho. Joshua was given detailed instructions before and after the event, and we read in Joshua 6:27 "And the Lord was with Joshua". After following the Ark of the Lord around this fortified city on the specified number of days, and after the trumpet blowing and then a final shout, Jericho was won. Its inhabitants and building were completely destroyed save Rahab and her family. Israel was to take all the silver and gold and store it in the treasury, but were told to keep away from the devoted things such as false idols, or they would bring troubles.

Just as we are to keep away from certain evil things in our world so that we are not influenced.

This was only one of the battles won with God's help and there was to be much destruction before the Promised Land had been distributed between the various tribes. God even gave instructions as to the divisions and boundaries.

However there were times when God's people did not fully obey Him. They integrated with their captives and were influenced by the culture and pagan religions which interfered with their worship of Yahweh. Yes, this brought troubles.

Probably the most well known verses in Joshua are found in 22:15. "—Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve—But for me and my household, we will serve the Lord".

MEDITATION "Lord God, thank you for your Holy Spirit who makes your presence real to me today. Empower me to keep in step with the Spirit as he leads me to accomplish your will for my life."

Do you remember the C.S.S.M. chorus books 1,2, & 3? Perhaps you are too young! So many of these choruses were like pure scripture to me. However, last Sunday we sang from Mission Praise and the words of No 1076 really expressed what I have tried to say in this letter.

**Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light,
Jesus
Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my sun, Jesus
Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in my sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus be my vision
Be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.**

FRIENDS PRAYER DIARY

The last prayer diary is still dated to be used until the end of the year when we are praying for a different Centre every week.

I believe that when we pray we don't just sit back and let God do the work. Like Joshua and Israel did in gaining the Promised Land, as Pat Kingston did in forming Campaigners EW. So I thought I would telephone the target centre each week to encourage them and assess their needs. However, I was quite ill with bronchitis from July to September and was not able to contact as many centres as I had hoped. It was a joy to speak to some leaders and to hear their concerns, and this has prompted me to provide an extra prayer diary for this quarter.

Space has prevented me from including topical needs and thanks, but our Area Leaders have the great responsibility of an important link with their allocated Centres and so I have included a prayer for them. There is a section for our active Leaders, and a section for Friends to whom we owe so much.

Sheila Payne

Friends Co-ordinator

WHAT IS A CAMPAIGNER FRIEND?

Campaigners EW has a data base containing the names of all Leaders and Supporters of the Movement. The original 'Lifeliners' who paid an annual subscription were integrated with all our supporters and became 'Friends'. Many are ex leaders from churches where there are no longer any Campaigners, and several of these help to staff our camps. While there is no regular subscription required, we are deeply grateful to Friends who support the Movement financially, and for your love and prayers. We rejoice that the Movement has so many friends and supporters. Thank you. Editor



CAMP 2010



I am writing to say thank you for your help with my camp fees.
 I had an awesome time at camp I met lots of new people and made some very good friends.
 We played lots of games, did some team building games, learned archery and I scored a bullseye.
 Every morning we had a quiet time where we remembered the bible story we had listened to the night before. In the evening Helen told us bible stories using Dr Who.
 At camp I learned more about Jesus and how much he loves me. Thank you again
 Libby Price aged 9

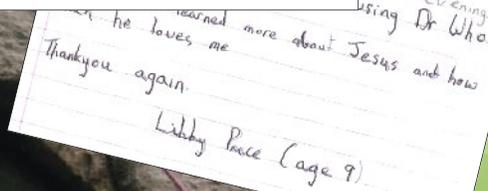
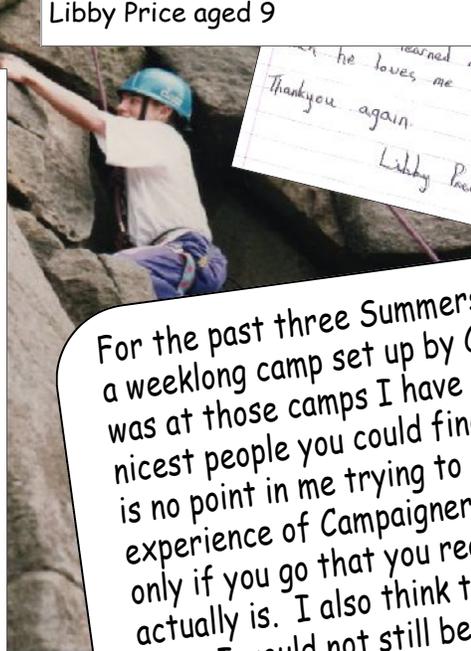


Dartmoor camp had a great team of leaders and thanks go to them for all the hard work that makes camp enjoyable for all.

The most exciting part of this years camp was the Chaplain. We had not one, but four Chaplains, all of them under the age of 20. We asked our church Youth Fellowship if they would take on the challenge. Phil Childs was their mentor during camp. They used puppets, interviews, memory verses activities, and a closing talk, and linked 3G's to the talk the night before. The material was good and the delivery first class and challenging to old and young alike.

All in all we had a good time, the weather was good to us most of the time and we were left in no doubt that Jesus showed compassion, humility, and sacrificed His life for me and you. And still the words used on the first night of camp ring in my ear **"Are you ready to be challenged?"**.

From C.O.'s report



For the past three Summers I have enjoyed a weeklong camp set up by Campaigners. It was at those camps I have met some of the nicest people you could find anywhere. There is no point in me trying to describe the experience of Campaigner camp because it is only if you go that you realise how good it actually is. I also think that if it wasn't for camp I would not still be a Christian.
 Juliet (age 13)



At Viney Hill camp we had an excellent group of Leaders, many who had camped previously but were taking on different roles which they fulfilled admirably. Our Chaplains were Tim West for Delta, and Helen Webster for Crosstrax and Junos. Tim focused on the theme 'what God is to us, and what we are going to do about it'. He gave powerful messages which were thought provoking and challenging, as well as sharing informal discussion times with the group. Helen who was taking a Chaplain's role for the first time, chose a Dr Who theme, linking clips from the series to her Bible messages. Messages were thought provoking, and she introduced a variety of different and creative methods for the youngsters to participate in prayer. Morale on the camp was good and the relaxed atmosphere made it enjoyable and successful.

From C.O.'s report