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Yesterday, today forever, Jesus is the same

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Unknown Future

Meeting so many friends made the Thanksgiving Day very special for me. It had been hard work for those who spent days, weeks and even months preparing for this great occasion. The Lord has blessed us and the time was right to give Him thanks and praise.

The day marked a turning point in the life of our Movement. We have completed much of the groundwork required to build The Campaigners (England and Wales) into a dynamic Evangelical Youth Movement again. We have in place new uniforms, new structure of Area leaders, and new programmes.

We now need to move forward in developing new Centres and increasing the numbers in existing groups. It is time to grasp the opportunities of the 21st century. To rekindle the enthusiasm of previous generations as we plan a 'Young People's Event' in 2011, and celebrate our 90th birthday in 2012/2013.

May I close with the keynote to the Thanksgiving day?

'The Lord who has guided us through the difficulties of the past few years will surely be with us if we stay true to our motto and do everything 'Unto Him'. The Campaigners have continued to lead young people to a 'saving knowledge of Jesus Christ' for nearly 90 years, by their regular midweek work and their Camps. We must continue the work in this materially rich but spiritually needy generation.

Yours 'Unto Him',

Graham Payne

Welcome

to our first new CEW Centre at Colwell Bay Baptist Church IOW.

**Carol & John Owers are the Leaders of the new Eagle group
They plan eventually to expand the Centre to include all age groups.**

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING 2010

After the Winter weather that hit the country just before Christmas and then stayed with us for six weeks, it was great to be able to go ahead with this event. Most of those who planned to join us for the day were able to make the sometimes lengthy journey to Coventry.



The Movement's three Colours were presented at the start of the service.

The Rev Frank Seldon welcomed everyone to Christ Church for the service which was hosted by the Friends at Coventry.

The readings: John 3 vv14 to 18, Isaiah 40 vv30, 31 and Hebrews 12vv 1, 2. These Campaigner Scriptures were read by members of the Executive Committee.

We were pleased to be able to welcome the Rev. Brian Boyd, the Chairman of Campaigners Northern Ireland. Sadly, the Rev Vince Jennings, Chairman of Campaigners Scotland was prevented from joining us.

John Bartholomew read Vince's message to us. It was thrilling to hear how God is blessing each of the three new Regions.

Graham Payne shared news of how God has blessed the work in England & Wales. God has led us all to a new vision, with the Movement returning to first principles.

This was followed by two awards, the Conspicuous Courage medal was presented to Pat Kingston for her role in the formation of CEW, and a Duke of Edinburgh's Award gold pin was presented to Yvonne Downs recognising the many years she managed the D. of E. Award for Campaigners.

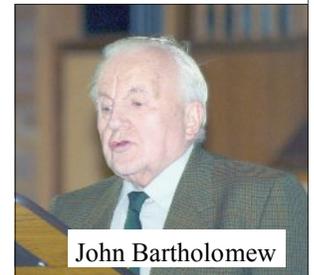
As this was the first meeting of Campaigners since reorganisation, the opportunity was taken to re-dedicate the leadership. All Leaders and Supporters joined in to pledge support for the work of CEW by prayer, whether the work was local or at camp nationally.

Edwin Sowerbutts led a time of Prayer.

The talk was by Capt. Graham Bibby (Church Army) from All Saints Crowborough. He recalled the roots of Campaigners and then spoke on Hebrews 12, looking back at his own time in Campaigners, and then looking at our journey through life. He compared it to a marathon rather than a sprint, and then the importance of being where God wants us to be. He also looked at Hebrews 11 and Faith, how it has been moulded by the teaching we have received, but our perfect example is the Lord Jesus.



Frank Seldon



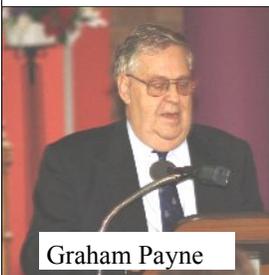
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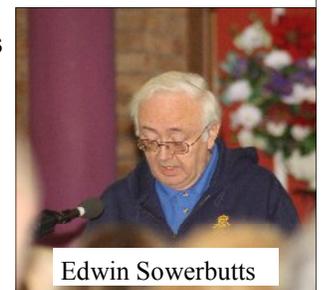
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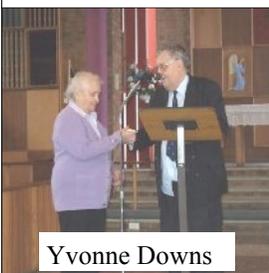
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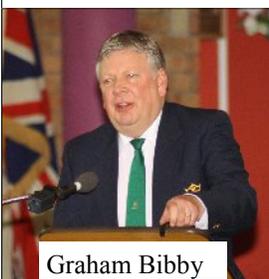
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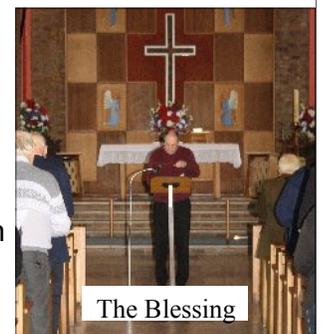
Edwin Sowerbutts



Yvonne Downs



Graham Bibby



The Blessing

The Rev. Frank Seldon closed the service with a blessing and a quotation from Jeremiah 29 v 11 - **'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future'.**

Thanksgiving Collage with a poem from Frank Greenhalgh

Think of a time when you came into Campaigners
As an Eagle or Juno—or maybe a Chief.
Think of a time as a Craftsman or Inter,
Of fun and of laughter, of friendships, of camp.
Think of a Chaplain, a Teacher a Friend,
Those who were special in our formative years.
Think of their prayers, their heartache and tears,
Of their wisdom, and vision, offering their shoulders and ears.
Think of a time, maybe many years ago—**and give thanks.**



Think of a time when you learned something new about life.
Think of understanding something which has been a mystery,
of seeing someone else in a different light.
Think of discovering a talent which you never knew you had,
Or of listening to a good idea.
Think of knowing what is important to you,
Or of believing that some things matter more than others.
Think of a time in church, at camp, or a Clan C—**and give thanks**



Think of a time when your spirit was refreshed.
Think of a song that moved you to tears,
Or of a prayer that inspired you to act.
Think of times shared in Campaigners, Sunday School, alone.
Think of laughter, of good memories, things learned—and
unlearned.
Think of care in the family, in college and school.
Think of times of refreshment, of decisions, of support
—**and give thanks**



Think of a time when you were not quite so happy.
Think of a time feeling alone in a room full of people
Of feeling unwanted, ashamed or misjudged.
Think of a time when forgiveness and sorry wouldn't come to your
lips.
Think of recalling how Jesus—suffering, scorned and alone,
Changed your feelings, direction, gave new purpose, fresh hope.
Think of a time when you didn't change, give up or opt out
— **and give thanks.**

Think of a time in the future—for Campaigners, for you...
Changed name, fresh direction, wide horizons, clear view.
Think of it now—In England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.
With new voluntary direction, mission strategy—less staff.
Think of a time of development, fresh vision, shared purpose, more prayer -
When Campaigners is, probably once again at the cutting edge of evangelism.
Think of a time when there's a Friends' prayer group in every centre.
Think of a time when your talents, your prayers and your gifts
will be answered, rewarded, blessed and fulfilled—**and give thanks.**



Think of a time when **you** came into Campaigners...
Think of a time when the **next generation** come into
Campaigners—**and give thanks.**



**Thank you to Frank Greenhalgh and to all who worked
to make The Thanksgiving such a happy day.**

Book now for Camp!

FELLOWSHIP **FRIENDS** **LIFE CHANGING**
ACTIVITIES **FOOD** **FUN** **CHALLENGES**

Camps 2010

Dartmoor with C.O.s Steve and Kathy Davies
 A superbly equipped canvas camp right in the heart of Dartmoor National park.



Viney Hill with C.O.s Colin and Tracy Guy
 A Christian activity centre in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire



Both camps will run from July 31st to August 7th

Brochures with full details will be sent on request
 If you are interested in attending camp please contact the Camp Administrator either by email (preferred) at maureencottrell@btinternet.com or by phone 01753 670506

COOKS NEEDED!

We urgently need COOKS for Camp.
Can you spare a week to help make our camps a success?
Experience is useful but not essential.
Please contact Maureen Cottrell details above.

Leaders, do you or any families need help with camp fees to be able to go to camp?

The George Hedger Camp Sponsorship Fund
 exists to give grants to those in need.

Please apply to Headquarters for information

DEVELOPMENT ADVERTISING 2010

Campaigner Headquarters plans to embark on an Advertising campaign this year. As well as using the internet sites such as Facebook and our own website, you should see adverts in some of the Christian Press. If you would like to see an advert promoting Campaigners in your favourite church paper, then please inform HQ of its title, and the contact details for advertising. A group of adverts will be inserted each month in different papers during 2010.

SPREAD THE WORD! CAMPAIGNERS CAN HELP CHURCHES TO ATTRACT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND HELP THEM GROW IN FAITH.

CRB checks

The trustees of Campaigners E & W have appointed Mrs Susan Knight as our lead CRB Recruiter.

Her role will be to interface with Campaigner leaders and the CCPAS Disclosure Unit to process CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) and ISA (Independent safeguard Authority) applications on behalf of Campaigners E & W. More details of our internal procedure and Code of Practice will be communicated to Centres and Camp Leaders shortly.

Sue can be contacted through HQ.

LEGACIES

We are deeply grateful to those Friends who have remembered Campaigners in their Will. Their gifts have come as God's seal upon His love and care for His Movement.

There was a legal problem with a recent legacy because the gift was willed to THE CAMPAIGNERS. Because of the changes, the Campaigner Ministries charitable company is now listed as closed, and the legacy was nearly lost to the Movement.

If you have included, (or intend to include), the Movement in your will, please could you use the name

'The Campaigners England and Wales'.
Thank you

Stop press!

SUBS 2010

Annual subscriptions will be unchanged for 2010 and remain at £50 per group

GEORGE HEDGER FUND FOR CAMP SPONSORSHIP

Please help the children of needy families to go to camp

Visit the website or contact HQ to make a donation.

You may help to change their lives for ever!

TRAINING

Campaigners England and Wales is pleased to offer free training to everyone involved in working with Campaigner groups. It is essential that new Leaders receive basic training before they commence working with children and young people. However, this is just the beginning of the ongoing process of Leaders becoming qualified in different aspects of the work.

Please consider the needs of those working in your Centre, and contact HQ for information.

Area Leaders or the Training team will come to your venue.

Courses available:

Training the Trainers
Spiritual Leadership
Vision and Values
Child Protection
Health and Safety
Emergency Aid (non Certificate)
Food Hygiene and Safety (Levels 1, 2, and 3)

Risk Assessment
Teaching the Bible to Children
Understanding Young People and Positive Discipline
Planning and Running the weekly programme
Training for Age groups and programmes
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Having Fun!

A CD RECORDING of the Thanksgiving Service is available for HQ.
Please contact the office if you would like a copy.
A donation of £1.50 would be appreciated to cover costs.

Notes from the office

Last year I was thrilled to be able to write a short column which told the events of my early years and how as a Juno of 10 yrs I gave my life to our Saviour Jesus Christ. I intended at the next opportunity to pick up the story but as I started to pen the words I felt God telling me to use more recent experiences. This is also in the spirit of our Chairman's words in the Thanksgiving service of the truth that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13v8). I have recalled the past and I hope to write of the future in a later newsletter. Our personal story of God's grace and love in our lives should be dynamic and added to daily and one that we should be ready to share (1 Peter 3 v15).



I have learnt in the 2 1/2 yrs since being made redundant after 36 years in full time employment that we need at times of major life changes to 'wait on the Lord' (Isaiah 40 v31). God had a plan for me to serve in a new sphere of that I was certain but I had no idea that this was to be in Campaigners. God also gave me a time of 'training' as I served as churchwarden in my home church. He also revealed gifts and a restored self confidence. I learned also that his timing is perfect and to trust, listen to his voice and obey. Walking with his guidance to the place he wanted me to serve him (Isaiah 30 v21).

Can I encourage you as I have been encouraged over these last challenging but exciting 9 months in how God has blessed me in three ways;

- i) a great improvement in my health and restored energy to fulfil all the demands that are placed on me (and also those that I place on myself!).
- ii) new friendships with people within Campaigners from whom I have learnt and owe so much.
- iii) the sustaining power of prayer from Campaigner friends without which little that I have done would have achieved His purposes.

Thank you to all who have 'adopted' me into the Campaigner family and made me welcome. Through this partnership with you, we can give God the praise for all that has been achieved since the office move.

In closing I share with you the words of Peter which I have on my heart as I serve Campaigners "If anyone serves he should do it in the strength God provides so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4 v11b).

Yours "Unto Him" Garry (Administrator)

Would you like to receive this Newsletter in colour?

The Newsletter is always produced in colour but the prohibitive price of colour photocopying means that copies must be in black and white.

If you have an email address and would be happy to receive this Newsletter or all communication from HQ in electronic form please could you email the office and state either

Option 1: All email communication (Attachments in .doc and .pdf form)

Option 2: Newsletter and prayer Diary only (pdf).

Email will help to reduce our office costs (if every data base name receives 3 Newsletters and Prayer diaries a year by post it will cost us £1000) . You will receive information more quickly and in colour. You can of course change your preference at any time.

In my younger days I remember St. John's Gospel being distributed in a booklet form. I wondered why there were so many difficult passages and very little narrative. It was also given to those who were enquiring about the Christian faith.

I like this phrase to describe it. 'A book in which a child can paddle but an elephant can swim deep. An illustration of anyone who wants to splash lightly in John can enjoy it. Yet also it is a book where the theologians and scholars have been drowning for centuries.

I may be a bit biased, but I am proud that our Founder C.C.K. chose that key verse John 3:16 pointing the one way to salvation, which is so central to our work with Campaigners.

Children and theologians alike may be reading John at their level, but as for me, I am once again enjoying myself immersing in John's living waters and feeling refreshed after my studies of Leviticus and Numbers!

When I read John 1:14—17 I kept going over it again and again where it reveals that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Also John 20:31 'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'

The three major faiths in this world, Christianity, Judaism and Islam fulfil the commandment of worshipping only one God, but Christianity is the only one that believes Jesus is Divine and is God's Son. Jesus died on the cross for our salvation and unlike other faiths we do not have to follow specific laws and regulations to gain it.

So I thoroughly recommend the study of John's Gospel with a good commentary to either 'splash' or 'wallow'.

Through the 'I AM' passages and the reports of the 'signs' (miracles) you will discover the divinity of Christ, but also you will see the humanity in that Jesus was often hungry, tired or sad, but most all—loving.

God bless all our Friends of Campaigners,

Sheila Payne *Friends Secretary*

Editorial

I have placed this column to follow Sheila Payne's letter because the Word of God has played such a huge part in the past life and the renewal of the Campaigner Movement.

How often those passages learned by heart come back to encourage and empower us—

'...that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have eternal life..'

'...They that wait upon the Lord will ...run and not be weary, will walk and not faint',

'And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus..'

Many other words of blessing and encouragement were given to me through my Bible readings, or from praying friends, throughout the time of my involvement when God was bringing Campaigners back to first principles. Before one very crucial meeting I read 2 Chronicles Ch 20 'Do not be afraid or discouraged...for the battle is not yours, but God's' (v.15). 'Prayer does change things' and God honoured the faith of those who prayed for our Movement at that time.

God gave me a vision of the hundreds of children and young people who will learn, through Campaigners, about His love for them, and how His Son died to save them. My dearest wish now is that more new Centres will open and more young people will learn about Him.

I am honoured and deeply touched to receive the Conspicuous Courage medal but have to say -

'To God be the Glory, Great things he has done!'

With sincere thanks, Pat Kingston

Cliff Barber was a Campaigner Chief at Halton Pentecostal Church, in Widnes on the Wirral, for many years, and was one of those very special people; one who loved the Lord dearly in actions, words and deeds. He was one of the most effective youth workers I have ever met and served with. Cliff was one of my personal Christian mentors, a man who commanded respect; a man to be listened to, and a person I shall deeply miss. Cliff was a generous man to the church and in particular to young people in Halton where he faithfully served.

Cliff was one of my senior Summer camp staff at Harlech, North Wales, who helped me establish a ground breaking new style, high energy teenage Christian Camp. He not only brought large numbers of young people from Widnes, but his power boat which he freely let us use at sea, under his watchful eye, of course. He had a full Masters Certificate in seamanship!

When we set up another ground breaking style camp at Cliff College, in Derbyshire. Cliff Barber who was also a fully qualified chef, helped me to set up 3 very different menus to choose from, together with Anne Porch's expertise. Many youngsters commenced their spiritual journey with the Lord at Peak Week, and over its 10 years it touched the lives of some 2,500 teenagers and leaders.

How do you sum up the life of such a man - Business man; chef; hotelier; master mariner; fisherman; videographer; expedition leader; first aider; football coach; youth worker; Bible teacher, friend, husband and father. Yet Cliff was a humble man, one who now has been called home to be in the presence of His Lord whom he served so faithfully for many years.

For his loved ones there is a very big void left, but an assurance of knowing Cliff is in the presence of His Lord; and for those of us who were privileged to know and serve with Cliff we will have many happy and lifelong memories. For Cliff he will hear the Lord say: ***"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"***

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

Anne Porch

Again, these are extracts from a tribute written by John Radcliffe.

Anne Porch who went to be with the Lord on 25th January 2010. Anne was in Yeovil Hospice, where she passed away peacefully. Her daughter Alison and her family were with her.

Anne was a Campaigner from childhood, and became a Chief at St Simons Southsea, and later at Cosham Baptist, Portsmouth. She attracted large numbers of children into Campaigners and many came to know the Lord. Anne became a District chief, was on the Camps committee, wrote the Camp Cookery book, and was a trainer and examiner for Food Hygiene courses.

Anne loved camps and often cooked wonderful meals alongside Chris Barber. Anne was a great support as a senior Chief at Harlech Craftsmen Camp, and at Peak Week. She had the knack of recruiting good calibre chiefs including Alan Davies who later became a Trustee.

Away from Campaigners Anne was an active choir member, and loved music. She owned a dog, was a great cook, an examiner for County Shows, and enjoyed painting and craft work.

For Anne she now enjoys the company of her Lord. A Thanksgiving service took place on February 20th at Cosham Baptist Church.

With the Lord

We send our prayers, sympathy, and love to the families and friends of

Cliff Barber

Halton Pentecostal Church Wirral

Anne Porch

Southsea and Somerton, Somerset

Brian Ratcliffe

Newton Heath, Manchester

who died recently.

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