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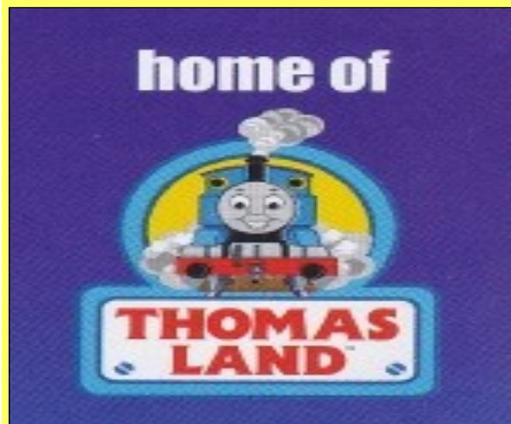
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## ARE YOU COMING ? YOUTH EVENT AT DRAYTON MANOR— 4TH JUNE 2011



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### Exciting celebratory day event on 4th June 2011

- Campaigners countrywide uniting for fun and fellowship
- Meeting late afternoon for a meal in the Tower Suite
- Praise party service in the evening, led by 'Double Impact' worship group.

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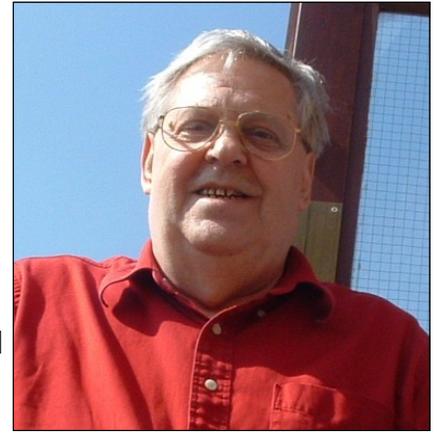
# Continue in the work until He comes

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### **A NEW YEAR**

Dear Leaders and Friends,

We begin 2011 with renewed energy to continue the work that started nearly ninety years ago. Yes, the Movement was brought into being during 1922, and as we look back to see the tremendous work done by our predecessors, we need to be conscious of the amount still to be done in our generation. We need to see again the Vision of Colin Kerr for a movement bringing a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to young people.



The "Grand Day Out" to Drayton Manor has been planned to be a day to remember. The young people will enjoy the many attractions of the park before being fed physically and spiritually in the suite of rooms specially reserved for them. Please pray for good weather and safety, as well as God's blessing on the message.

The New Year sees the publication of the Leaders' Manual. It has been distributed to all registered leaders. If you believe you should have received one and have not, please inform H.Q. New leaders will be issued with their manuals during training. Registration of a leader can only be actioned by H.Q. on receipt of a completed form.

The latest notice to greet me as I walk into H.Q. -

#### **Campaigners E.W. office**

We pray for **discernment** and **energy**.

There is always far more that we could do  
so we need to know what should be done, and what we need not do.

**Then** we need the energy and resources to do the things we really should do.

We really do need to pray for our H.Q. staff as they seek to service the Movement.

Yours, "Unto Him"

*Graham Payne*



If you are able to, please join H.Q. in prayer between 12.00pm and 12.15pm  
We would welcome your support in this way.



**Pat Lawrie** has been to Israel with other members of her church.  
She writes -

*'We got back late on Wednesday after 10 wonderful days. We went to find Christ Church garden on Sunday afternoon, Steven Skinner, our Leader said a prayer to thank God for all that George Hedger had done. It was so good to be able to sit and see where George found so much happiness in his life'.*

Pat is pictured sitting on George's memorial seat..



**Leaders**, do you have any Leaders or families who need help to pay to go to camp?

### **The George Hedger Camp Bursary Fund**

exists to give grants to those in need.

Please apply to Headquarters for  
information

# Christ Church Summerfield Crosstrax



Christ Church Summerfield Crosstrax members made Christmas decorations for a recent Campaigner project. Clive, Marcelo and Harry ran a stall at the Church Fair. They were very persuasive salesmen and the decorations went down a storm!

The photo shows them selling the last few items. They were able to contribute about £40 to the fund for a new church roof!

## Campaigner Youth Event at Drayton Manor Theme Park Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The final arrangements have now been made for this exciting celebration of Campaigners England and Wales. Your Centre Correspondent should have by now received a letter from H.Q. with all the details of this amazing event. So please start hassling them that you want to come!!!

In summary: the cost of the day is £30 for over 12's and £26 for under 12's, the park opens at 10am and at 4.30pm we will all be sitting down together to enjoy a meal and then be entertained by DOUBLE IMPACT worship group.

The aim of this day is to encourage as many Campaigners to attend as possible, giving the young people the opportunity to meet with other Campaigners across England and Wales. There may also be the opportunity to invite other friends along who may like to know what Campaigners is all about.

**The deadline for deposits to be in to H.Q is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** and confirmation of numbers, food orders and rest of monies to H.Q. by Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

If this Newsletter has reached you and you are not part of a Centre please feel free to come. All you need to do is either join up with a local Centre in your area, or contact Grace, the event organiser, to receive details and a booking form. All enquiries need to be directed to Grace whilst payments need to be sent to H.Q.

We do hope EVERYONE can come and join us for this fun and exciting day out. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Grace Galton (event organiser)

Tele No: - 07786322715

E-mail:- ggalton2003@yahoo.co.uk

### What do you get for £30?

- Entrance to the Theme Park
- The whole day to explore and play on the rides.
- Use of the Tower Suite to store coats and bags.
- Basket meal in the evening with tea/coffee/squash.
- Double Impact worship group.
- The opportunity to meet with and celebrate Campaigners from across England and Wales.

## Friends letter

I remember in one of my early letters I wrote about my favourite flower the snowdrop. They are just appearing in the garden now and I still find it amazing how these fragile shoots push through the hard frozen soil to produce such fragile plants. Also the sun is trying to break through after a very difficult winter. Some people have experienced severe weather conditions causing chaos, while others have various personal life changing traumas in their lives. That bit of sun is like the presence of Jesus touching us and clothing with his protection and love. Sometimes it can be in the form of a card sent to us, a telephone call, or some act of service in our time of need which gives us the peace that only God can give.

I have been reading 1 Peter 4 & 5 for my thoughts in this letter.

The author Peter, is trying to encourage the early Christians who were suffering for their faith, just as so many are today as we read in the newspapers. The minority groupings of Christians in many countries are suffering for fear of their lives, and they have many restrictions on their places of worship, where they live and where they work. So much so that they seek refuge in other countries, leaving behind even smaller groups of desperate Christians. Seen in places like Bagdad in Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Tunisia, Africa, Egypt (Coptic Christians), and even in Jerusalem where especially the Pakistani Christians suffer. It is sad that even in this country, where good justice reigns, our Christian heritage is threatened.

We do pray for World leaders.

Peter encourages the leaders of the early church and he calls them shepherds of the flock, just as Jesus is the Chief Shepherd (NIV) who looks after you and me. So you see again how Campaigners in the past used biblical terms in the Movement. Our present Campaigner leaders can be likened to shepherds of the young, and if you read John 10, you will see what a responsibility they have.

Our church leaders are given gifts to be used by God. I thank God for the variety of gifts used in Campaigners. Whether a person is a C.O. at camp, or the person who cleans the toilets, they are equally important. I remember a talk given on a Camp Training day—There was a chief at a canvas camp who thought she was not gifted at anything, but she was brilliant at burning all the rubbish—a very important job. (This was in the days before recycling!)

Peter also tells us that we do not have to serve God for our own glory, but to do it humbly and with humility. I have met some humble people in my life and this most outstanding attribute was seen in the life of Frank Chester. (see page 8) He was an ex Campaigner from Christ Church Coventry who died recently at the age of 94. One of our many Campaigner saints who have gone to glory.

A verse for each one of us. “God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble”.

### PRAYER

**Jesus, like you, may we seek to serve and not seek to be served, rejoicing in God's never ending gift.**

There will be details of the National Annual Campaigner Prayer Day in a separate mailing. It will be held on Friday May 20th. The third anniversary of when Campaigners E&W attained charitable status.

*Sheila Payne* (Campaigner Friends Co-ordinator).

**CAMPAIGNER ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2011**

**The Rhythm of the Day**

Please join with all Campaigners and Friends in praying for our Movement  
More information to follow.

## NOTICE BOARD

# Book now for **CAMP** 2011!

Life changing, unmissable, highlight of the year

Reasonable costs, help with fees,  
good food, lots of fun, activities, friends, fellowship, great singing,  
learn more about the Christian life, change your life for ever!

### Camps 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 have been sent to Centres**  
**Others who are interested in attending camp should contact the Camp Administrator either by email**  
**(preferred) at [maureencottrell@btinternet.com](mailto:maureencottrell@btinternet.com) or by phone 01753 670506**

### Spring Newsletter request for donations

When Campaigners England & Wales was formed, we promised we would only ask for financial donations once a year. We want to keep the subscriptions from Campaigner Centres down to a reasonable and affordable level because it is in these Centres that the aims of our charity and Movement are fulfilled.

This means that for a regular and reliable income to sustain our Headquarters organisation, and for the development of Campaigners, we need to ask all our members and Friends to consider whether they can give a donation, either by a regular standing order, or a single gift.

We are deeply grateful to those who already give so generously to help us, and to those who have given to the George Hedger camp fund to help needy children and leaders to go to camp. Also we are very grateful to those who have lovingly remembered Campaigners by leaving a legacy in their Will.

Enclosed with this mailing are forms for Standing Orders and Gift Aid and the George Hedger fund.

**Please help if you can.**

Legacies and cheques should be made out to The Campaigners England & Wales.

Many thanks, Editor

# NOTICE BOARD



This notice is repeated because an incorrect telephone number for Sandra Mallett was given in the last Newsletter. Many apologies. Ed.



## SPECIAL REQUEST

### Postal costs for uniform orders

Sandra Mallett 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 reimbursed.

Many thanks.

Phone her on 01708 857800

**Our new publicity leaflet is now available in Welsh**

## Yr Ymgyrchwyr Lloegr a Chymru

Mae Ymgyrchwyr yn Fudiad Ieuenctid  
Efengylaidd Mewn Lifrau

Llifrau Syml

Rhaglenni newydd wedi'u diweddaru

Gwersylloedd Cenedlaethol

Gweithgareddau amrywiol I bawb

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### Editorial

Alongside is the new Welsh leaflet. I am pleased that we are able to remember we are Campaigners England AND Wales. We would like more Centres to open up in Wales as well as in England. We want our Movement to grow to reach more children and young people with the news that Jesus loves them and wants to be the Shepherd of their lives. Our advertising campaign is in full swing and we pray that many churches will choose Campaigners to support their work with children and young people.

The exciting plans for the 'Day Out' at Drayton Manor are very inviting. Friends, as well as family members, are invited to join with Campaigners on the day. Read the details on page 3. We would love to see you there! Pat Kingston

## Winifred Habgood 1918—2011

Winifred worked with Joy Deacon in the first Campaigner Clans at Emmanuel, South Croydon. A wonderful Thanksgiving service was held, celebrating her long life. The following are some of the comments made as people remembered her:



"Winifred was a really unusual lady - even unique. She was always on the move, joining in with everything, always with her own brand of humour, always wanting to know what was going on This was not idle curiosity, but was often fuel for prayer".

"Winifred was a do-er of the Word, not just a hearer. She had a passion for bringing children and young people to know the Lord through the Campaigner Movement, which she served for many years. No task was too big or too small, whether teaching skills or putting up tables".

**'Campaigners was closed for some years here at Emmanuel, so she was overjoyed when it re-opened in 1972. This was the opportunity to touch more young lives. (Two of my own children came to the Lord through Campaigners.)'**

"My first contact with her was when I first came to Emmanuel as a 10 year old and was invited to join the Campaigners. This was the highlight of the week as there was not much else to attract children just after the war. It was very regimented with strict discipline but Winifred, affectionately known as "Happy" made us all feel it was fun and not only used to assist in the leadership after a long day in London but she would then accompany us home on dark evenings to ensure we arrived safely".

'She was still involved in the running of this when my own girls joined in the 60s and then when our grandson joined Eagles in the 90s there she was still helping'.

"Many former Campaigners will always be grateful for the role model that Winifred (known as "Happy") was to us. Some of us were yesterday's "tearaways" and must have tried her patience to its limits, but she never gave up on us. She is remembered as a gentle and caring lady".

Jan King



## Eileen Thomas

Eileen Thomas was a Juno and Craftsman Chief at St Cuthbert's Church Bedford, and then moved to St John's Church Bedford, where she was involved in setting up the Campaigner Clans. The Clans ran for many years but sadly are now closed. Latterly, Eileen suffered a long illness which she bore with patience and courage.

A service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at St Johns Church on 10th January 2011.

## With the Lord

We send our prayers, sympathy, and love to the families and friends of who died recently.

### **Winifred Habgood,**

Emmanuel Croydon

### **Doreen Hall,**

Enfield

### **Arthur Ashby,**

Emmanuel Croydon

### **Cyril Llewelyn,**

St Simons Southsea

### **Eileen Thomas,**

St Cuthberts, & St Johns Bedford

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

## Arthur Ashby 1930 -2011

Arthur was a Chief in the Clans at Emmanuel Croydon. His four children were all members. He was a strong supporter of Campaigners right to the end of his life. He suffered much ill health in recent years, and died in January. He is remembered for his quiet sense of humour and his absolute loyalty to His Lord.



## Frank Chester

Frank died most appropriately on All Saints Day, 2010, aged 94. A native of Nottingham, he trained as a printer for the local paper, and married Dorothy in 1941. They had two sons. After war service as a radar operator he undertook teacher training and then settled in Coventry as a primary schoolteacher. He stayed in Coventry until long after his retirement.

In addition to serving, along with Dorothy, as Boy and Girl Inter Chief's respectively, for a combined total of over 40 years, Frank was also a Lay Reader, Boys Bible Class leader and Missionary Society Representative at Christ Church, Coventry. He embraced the Campaigner Motto and Password wholeheartedly throughout his busy life. Bishop John Taylor gave the address at his funeral in Cambridge in November and almost 100 people attended a Thanksgiving Service for his life at Christ Church, on 9 January. It was noted that his loving patience and wise spiritual guidance had a significant effect on many troubled youngsters in his clan, several of whom also became Christian leaders.

He is remembered for his good humour, his genuine delight in others, and his devoted and unstinting service to his Lord and to all those around him. Perhaps the most vital evidence of his life in Christ was his self effacing humility. He exemplified the text Philippians 2:3-5 'Do nothing from selfishness or conceit...count others better than yourselves...look...to the interests of others. Have this mind...which you have in Christ Jesus.'

We thank God for him, but we miss him.

Margaret East

This tribute to Frank Chester was held over from the last Newsletter.

### Lord, I have Time

...Goodbye, excuse me sir, I haven't time  
I'll come back, I can't wait, I haven't time.  
I must end this letter—I haven't time.  
I'd love to help you, but I haven't time.  
I can't accept, having no time.  
I can't think, I can't read, I'm swamped, I haven't time.  
I'd like to pray, but I haven't time.

You understand, Lord, they simply haven't the time.  
...And so all men run after time, Lord.  
They pass through life running—hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic, and they never get there. They haven't time...

Lord you must have made a mistake in your calculations.  
There is a big mistake somewhere.  
The hours are too short,  
The days are too short.  
Our lives are too short.  
You who are beyond time, Lord, you smile to see us fighting it.  
And you know what you are doing.

But we must not lose time,  
Waste time,  
Kill time,  
For time is a gift that you give us,  
But a perishable gift,  
A gift that does not keep.

Lord, I have time,  
I have plenty of time,  
All the time that you give me,  
The years of my life,  
The days of my years,  
The hours of my days  
They are all mine.  
Mine to fill quietly, calmly,  
But to fill up to the brim,  
To offer them to you, that of their insipid water  
You may make a rich wine as you made once in Cana of Galilee.

**I am not asking you, Lord, for time to do this and then that,**

**But by your grace to do conscientiously, in the time that you give me, what YOU want me to do.**

Extract from 'Prayers of Life' by Michel Quoist