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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNERS

at Bromwich Road Mission Church, Worcester



120 people attended the service at Bromwich Road Mission to celebrate 50 years of Campaigners in the Church.

Organised by two founder members of Campaigners at the Church, the service had the theme of doing everything

‘Through and Through’ and ‘Unto Him’.

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Continue in the work until He comes

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Leaders and Friends,

The second Annual General Meeting of Campaigners (England and Wales) took place on May 18th 2010. I will not bore you with all the details of the meeting which lasted over four hours, but will try to pick out the highlights.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts had been audited and were approved. The trustees report to the Charity Commissioners was also approved. Both documents have been transmitted to the Charity Commission and are available on their website.

Our Administrator Garry Knight gave a report on his first year working in the new office in Coventry. The office is well equipped but Garry has had to put in an excessive amount of unpaid overtime to cope with the workload. The trustees therefore approved the appointment of an Office Assistant who will work for four hours per week.

The meeting also looked forward. Next year we have to start the re-election of Trustees on a three year rolling cycle. It was agreed that all members of the Executive Council, and all sub-committees, would have a similar term of office. Area leaders are already appointed for three years.

A long discussion took place on Development and Advertising. A considerable amount of work has been done on the relative costs of Local and National Press. The outcome was that we need some professional input to guide us regarding an advertising campaign. Approaches have been made to a Christian company, and work has begun on information packs and follow up systems.

The Trustees re-iterated their long term commitment to camps. The Board regarded camps as a fundamental part of its outreach to children and young people. The Trustees simplified the rules for the approval of help with fees from the George Hedger Fund, to speed up the making of grants.

I would like at this time to thank all Volunteers who work for Campaigners—those with titles, those without, those who work in the Centres, those who give prayer support. Please continue, for without you the Campaigner Movement cannot thrive or grow.

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

Yours "Unto Him"

Graham Payne



NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkstone



On Saturday 1st May 2010 the Campaigners from the Church of the Good Shepherd did a sponsored walk from Sandbanks to Boscombe Pier and back again—a distance of about ten miles. We did this to raise money for Campaigner Camp, and to purchase some more uniforms as some of our group do not have them yet.



There were lots of tired legs at the end, especially the youngest walker Daniel Galton who is only seven years old. Daniel made the whole distance and raised £45.00.



It was a fun day with a couple of lads taking a dip in the sea.

Altogether we think we have raised about £300 for the event, and have a quiz night planned for later in June.

DID WINTER REALLY FINISH?

In May one of Campaigners' new Areas, Home Counties East, held their Games afternoon at Belhus Park Chapel, South Ockendon.

Unfortunately the afternoon was wet, like so many in the Spring. Numbers attending were down, probably because of the weather, but those who came had a good time playing a selection of games: things like splat the rat, tin can alley, goal scoring, target shooting, parachute games, obstacle etc. It also involved dodging the rain!



Our afternoon ended with an excellent Bible Time presented by Malcolm MacKinnon who painted pictures of several events from the Bible and used them to illustrate his talk on Faith, how without Faith it is impossible to please God but with it we have the certainty of knowing God and a relationship with Him.

Thank you to all the team from Belhus Park Chapel for hosting this event. It really was appreciated.

MORE NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNERS

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Campaigners at Bromwich Road Mission Church, Worcester.

Several activities and events are being planned throughout the year, and on Sunday 25th April we began with an 'Anniversary Celebration Service' giving thanks to the Lord for the many blessings the Movement has brought to us as a church and to many individuals throughout the years.

Approximately 120 attended the service, which was followed by a buffet lunch where everyone was able to renew friendships and reminisce. It was a joy to see so many 'past Campaigners' with their families; friends and present Campaigners together. The service, organised by two founder members of Campaigners at the church, with present Leaders and children participating, focussed on doing everything 'Unto Him' and 'Through and Through'.



How Campaigners began at Bromwich Road:

The idea of Campaigners was first introduced to the church by Ray and Vi Gardiner who saw the benefits of it while worshipping at Union Hall church in Manchester. Mr W.L. Jones, the original pastor, welcomed the idea and asked for volunteers to become leaders. Several people were trained, including Ken Jones and Ralph and Betty Gardiner who are still actively involved at the church, and as a result Campaigners began in April 1960. Since then, hundreds of children and young people have been involved with Campaigners at the Mission having great fun but also gaining social, moral and Christian teaching.

Over the years, there have been many camps all around the country; competitions; sports days; parades; displays, and joining with other groups. Many lasting friendships have been made.

Today, Campaigners still thrive at the church, and at present, there are approximately 40 members throughout the different age groups of Eagles, Junos, and Cross Trax .

Gill Gardiner

NOTICE BOARD

Still time to book for Camp!

2010 Campaigner Camps

Dartmoor with CO's

Steve and Kathy Davies
A superbly equipped canvas
camp right in the heart of
Dartmoor National Park.

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

Brochures with full details will
be sent on request

Viney Hill with CO's

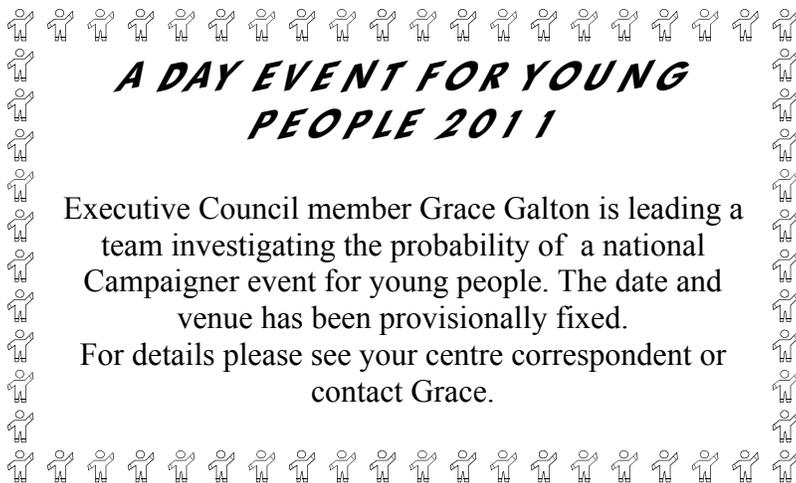
Colin and Tracy Guy
A Christian activity centre
in the Forest of Dean in
Gloucestershire

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

The George Hedger Camp Bursary Fund.

Campaigners maintain this fund to assist
leaders and young people in attending
National Campaigner camps.

Leaders, if you or any of your families need
assistance please contact Maureen Cottrell for
an application form that gives details of the
scheme, either by email (preferred)
maureencottrell@btinternet.com or by phone
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A DAY EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2011

Executive Council member Grace Galton is leading a
team investigating the probability of a national
Campaigner event for young people. The date and
venue has been provisionally fixed.

For details please see your centre correspondent or
contact Grace.

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 your area leader.

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!

NOTICE BOARD

Our New Staff member Jenny joins the Coventry HQ Team.

Hello. I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Jenny Oldfield and I have joined Garry in HQ Office Coventry to help out with administrative duties. My son Reuben, who is soon to be eight, comes to Junos here at Christchurch Coventry, where I am a regular member of the congregation. My husband and I also take the Explorers group, two or three weeks a month, which runs during the service on a Sunday morning. I am looking forward to working with the team and I am excited by the possibilities of what Campaigners can be in the future.



PROGRAMMES UPDATE – APRIL 2010.

During March, further resources were sent out to groups as follows:

Eagles groups who had registered receipt of programme material sent out before Christmas, received hard copies of resources for the Summer Term (Year 1, Term 2). These groups have already received copies on CD for the 3 year period. Details were also included about the Attendance Award.

All **Juno** groups were sent the N.T. Bible Time resource and details of the Attendance Award. Every Juno group should now have a complete set of resources.

CrossTrax groups who had registered receipt of resources for the first term were sent Bible Time material and 2 new projects for the Summer Term (Year 1, Term 2).

Delta resources are still not ready. However, the DofE Award is offered as an option.

Julie Witchalls Chair, Programmes Sub-Committee

CAMPAIGNER LEADERS HANDBOOK

Work is well advanced with revising the old Chiefs' Handbook. This is a mammoth task as many of you will remember the huge box file required to contain its hundreds of pages. The new up to date production will be slimmer and easier to use. Hopefully it will be available in the Autumn.

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

LEGACIES

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 named the Movement in your will, or intend to do so, please could you use the name **'The Campaigners England and Wales'**.

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.

With sincere thanks

Are all your Leaders receiving the Newsletter?

Please check if all your Leaders and Helpers are on the Campaigner Database. Only those who have agreed to be included on the database receive the Newsletter with all its news and information.

Make sure everyone knows what is going on! Contact HQ for information.

FRIENDS LETTER

John 20: 19, 20, 21 (The Upper Room).

The key word to me in this passage is "Peace".

I had in mind our more elderly friends but I was recently at a gathering when a young mother expressed how she longed for a bit of peace at home. She was in Campaigners a long time ago!

In my young family days there was no such thing as a crèche at church so Graham, and I used to take it in turns to go to the then very formal services. I remember how I appreciated the order and peace at the church service.

Returning to the reading, on the Sunday evening after the resurrection, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, feeling very frightened. Then Jesus came before them and in person delivered the comfort of peace, or "shalom". A peace not like the world gives. The disciples had lost their leader and all sense of direction, so you can imagine the assurance they received by Jesus' presence.

I pray that each one of us will be bathed by this peace when we come into His presence. Perhaps when we attend church, or pray, sing, or read our bibles.

"Peace" has many definitions. Not just quietness but "rest" "at ease" "security" "unity" "assurance" "confidence in self".

We have such opposites as war and peace. But I think one of the most disturbing experiences is when one is so troubled and anxious that physical symptoms occur, and we long for that calming assurance and peace so that our self confidence is restored.

We pray for any of our number who suffer any form of depression. Either from some past loss or suffering, or a chemical imbalance, and that they may experience that peace.

Finally on a lighter note, I have just viewed one of those Springwatch T.V. programmes showing there is peace and quiet even in the centre of our big cities—in the parks and cemeteries! It was good to see God's nature at work in Regent's Park in London. *Sheila Payne*

LIFELINE PRAYER DIARY DETAILS

I try to vary the form of the Prayer diary each time.

The theme is on the passage of John 20:19, 20, 21 as seen in the Friends' letter.

- 1 Peace be with you.
- 2 Receive the Holy Spirit
- 3 As the Father sent me, so I send you

This is a message for us all but particularly our Campaigner Leaders as they faithfully work with the young people each week. They need the peace and assurance that only God can give, that through the power of the Holy Spirit they may go out into their centres, and be a channel for bringing precious young people to Christ. We pray that our Campaigner camps may see the result of the sowing of the seed.

As we are preparing to publicize and expand Campaigners having completed the laying of new foundations, I feel there is a great need to support and pray for our present Centres, both the leaders and the young people in their care.

I have set out a Prayer Diary for six months— 1st July to 31st December 2010.

A whole week of prayer will be devoted to each Centre, and it would be good to offer them practical support in some way or drop them a line or telephone. Imagine ALL our Friends praying for a whole week for one Centre!

EDITORIAL

As this is the tenth edition I am marking the occasion with a new look to the front page. I hope you like it. The Badge logo, designed by Laurence Witchalls, is now used in all our printed material. I hope the Chairman will not mind being moved to page 2!

The Newsletter is produced in colour and can be sent to you by email in colour by request to Garry at HQ. The photos look much better in colour. We welcome a second member of staff at Headquarters this month to help with the increasing workload. This is a sign that Campaigners England & Wales is established on a firm foundation. We are ready to grow and reach more young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this mailing you will receive forms for standing order donations, the George Hedger fund, and for Gift Aid. While God has blessed Campaigners EW with substantial capital funding, we need a regular and reliable income which is in addition to the subscriptions from our Centres. In the past many churches closed their Campaigner Clans because the high rate of subscriptions became too great a burden. Current subscriptions are very modest, and we would like to keep them low to enable even the smallest churches to run Campaigners. We hope you will regard the Campaigner Movement as a 'Home Mission'. Please help us if you can. Thank you, Pat Kingston



Psalm 23 for Busy People

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush;
he makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness,
Which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the way of efficiency,
Through calmness of mind;
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
each day
I will not fret, for his presence is here.
His timelessness, his all importance will keep me in
balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
In the midst of activity,
By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity;



My cup of joyous
energy overflows.
Surely harmony and
effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my
hours
And I will walk in the
pace of my Lord,
And dwell in his house
for ever.

Toki Miyashina



Peter Calvy

Peter Calvy, a founder leader of Campaigners at Christ Church Blackburn, passed away on Easter Saturday. Peter had been ill for some time, but always had a sense of humour. He always had time for children, even when he was ill. Peter was always renowned for his clan C's, Children were always attentive from beginning to end, as he made the Bible come alive. Campaigners at Christ Church started in 1991 with 26 boys and girls from age 4 to 13. Within a few months the numbers had risen to over 50. Many of the children in those days had little in their lives to talk about. One girl Inter could only come if she brought her three year old sister who she was looking after. Our Eagles leader accommodated the child, with her sister enjoying Inters. The Leaders soon realised the difficult needs of the children in the Parish, but Campaigners met the needs. One memorable night we had visitors from the Diocesan Pastoral Committee who had thoughts of closing the church. When they saw the numbers of children of all ages they soon changed their mind, with a result of agreeing to the building of a new Christ Church. It was with the a background of all this, Peter and the other leaders worked hard each week to show the children from difficult backgrounds what a difference the Lord could make if we trust in Him. When as Leaders we are finding the work difficult, remember the children might have nothing else in their lives. If He gives us the work, He will give us the strength. When Peter had to stand back as a leader, He never stopped praying for children and leaders. Many of us across England and Wales have only been able to carry on because of the support of Friends of Campaigners and their constant prayer support.

With the Lord

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

Peter Calvy, Christ Church Blackburn
Nellie Sparkhill, Caledonian Road Methodist,
London
who died recently.

(There will be a tribute to Nellie Sparkhill in the Autumn edition)

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