



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*“This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Dear Leaders and Friends,

Visiting Drayton Manor with young people is always a special experience. To do it with Campaigners made it very special indeed. The weather was fantastic and the attention of the staff was excellent. The use of the corporate facilities in the Tower Suite included private parking and free tea, coffee and squash all day, and the meal in the late afternoon was a great hit. The day finished with a praise party lead by Double Impact. We learned new songs and action choruses. There was a Bible Quiz, drama and a Message. It really was a brilliant day and we thank God for his Blessing.



The third Annual General Meeting of Campaigners (England and Wales) took place on the 10th May 2011. The Treasurer’s Report and Accounts had been audited and were approved. The Trustees Report for the Charity Commissioners was also approved. Both of these documents have been transmitted to the Charity Commissioners and are available on their web site.

**Find inside:-
Booklet about the
great young
people's day out
June 2011**

Garry Knight, our Administrator, submitted a report on the work done by H.Q. in Coventry. The “through put” of work has been greatly increased by our new office assistant Jenny Oldfield. The Trustees accepted that we need to review both the hardware and software used in the office in the near future.

The Trustees also spent some time discussing the very important role of Camps in Campaigner life. It was decided to set aside one of its meetings to look at all aspects of Camps and reiterated that they were a fundamental part of Campaigners outreach to children and young people.

The hard work and dedication of those who run Camps is the key to the success of these annual events. The use of The George Hedger Fund is crucial for helping those children and leaders with financial difficulties to attend camp and we thank all those who give so generously to the fund.

I would like, personally thank all Volunteers who work for Campaigners - Those with titles. Those without. Those who work in the centres. Those who run Camps. Those who give the prayer support. Please continue to pray that our Movement will 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 F. Payne.**

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NEWS FROM THE CENTRES



St Pauls Slough Campaigners

Celebrate the royal Wedding



CAMPAIGNERS IN 2010

- Thankgiving Service for Friends, Leaders and Supporters at beginning of year.
- Part time admin assistant appointed.
- Newsletter format updated and e-version circulated as requested.
- Website developed into short term permanent site
- Successful Registration with HMRC as employer. New processes in place for payroll, PAYE and NIC deduction and payment.
- Leaders Manual Produced.
- Publicity commenced in Christian press both nationally and locally in various areas.

- First dedication of new centre.
- Volunteer "Recruiter" appointed in connection with our child protection processes.
- New programme for Delta groups, covering ages 14 to 18 approximately.
- Information pack developed for new enquiries.
- First enquiries received arising from advertising.
- Training policy developed by Area Leaders
- Planning commenced for Drayton Manor national event for youngsters in 2011.

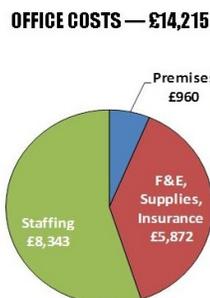
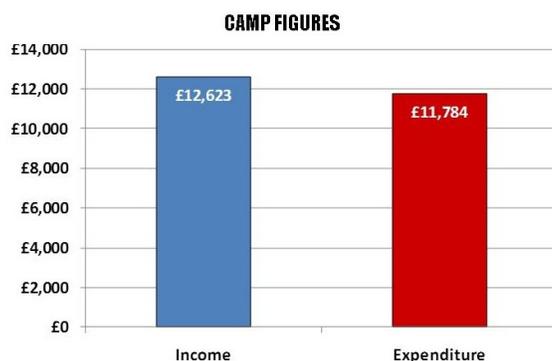
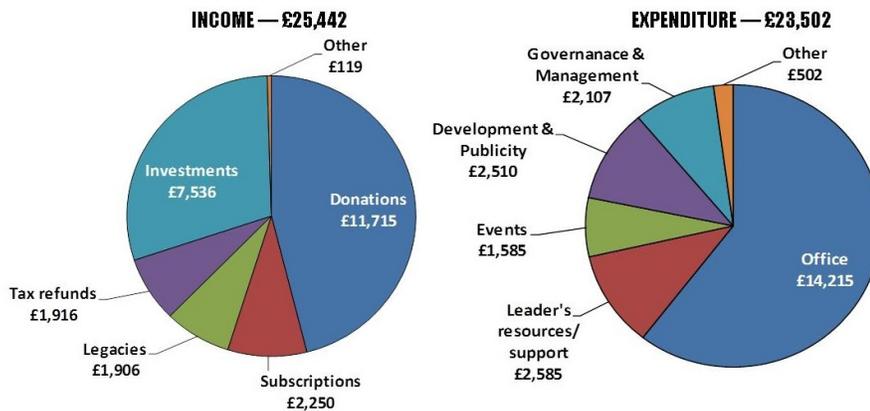
NOTICE BOARD

Annual Report 2010

Our Treasurer Laurence Witchalls has compiled these reports for 2010.

DAY OF PRAYER MAY 20TH
 Many groups of Campaigners and Campaigner Friends met to pray on our special Day of Prayer. The theme '**Lord of all hopefulness**' guided us.
 Praise God for His faithfulness as He answers our prayers.

Financials



Publicity

A new Welcome pack for new Centres with information about Campaigners is now available from the area leaders (contact HQ if you require assistance).

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

FRIENDS LETTER



AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

My inspiration for this letter comes from Luke 24:13-35. The account of “The Road to Emmaus.” One of our Campaigner Friends, Margaret, gave a brilliant sermon on this passage which helped me to focus on my thoughts. We often wonder why these two friends did not recognise Jesus on this journey after His death and resurrection. We often go through life not recognising obvious situations because we are so concerned about our own personal struggles. For example when I was in training I had to do a study on LANGUAGE ACQUISITION. It had so many different parts that I only realized that there was a very clear theme running through it when I was completing it and was revising. It was as though my eyes were opened and I could see the whole point of the exercise.

I often think that when children do projects at school that they get so bogged down with the different parts that it is only the teacher that realizes that they are doing a project on a specific subject.

But returning to the bible passage the friends did not recognise Jesus even when he revealed the scriptures to them. It was when Jesus broke the bread at supper with them that it was as if their eyes were opened. There are however, passages in the gospels when God deliberately symbolically closes people eyes so they do not see the truth. Jesus often accused the Jewish leaders of being blinded to the truth.

Which leads me to my subject of encounters with God:

Many Friends can relate to an experience when they believe they have met with God. Maybe through poetry, the scriptures, music, or on a more concrete level, through some scenery or some other form of God’s creation. We may have met with God through a person who was used as a messenger from God.

I can quote from a personal experience as late as 2000 in my Christian journey through life. It was when the then Bishop of Coventry preached at my church. The sermon was based on Luke2:29-32. I was deeply distressed at that time and was certainly not in a frame of mind to be prepared for this encounter. I believe that the Holy Spirit which had been dormant in my life at that time was fanned into a powerful flame. I was left with an overwhelming desire to study the scriptures at more depth and to relate the message to my everyday life. My eyes were opened anew.

We have many examples in the bible where characters have met with God by a vision, or an angel. Angels and their properties can lead to a very interesting study. From Genesis to Revelations we meet with angels who have specific messages from God. They are “like a company created to minister to the heirs of salvation”. - people like you and me. Some may have such experiences when they become a Christian.

Several biblical characters spring to my mind. Abraham (sacrifice of Isaac), Moses(burning bush), Elijah (food in hiding), Isaiah (burning coals on lips), Nativity story and in the Early Church (Cornelius and Paul). And of course, the Book of Revelation reveals visions of angels prior to the new heavens.

In Daniel, we read that the angel “touched me and set me on my feet” (NSRV). That is what God does in our lives when we meet with Him. And perhaps we can experience the presence of angels looking after us. Hebrews1:14 “are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” Perhaps you would like to share your experiences with us. I am in contact with the office regularly.

PRAYER- Sovereign God, thank you that you send your messengers, whether human or celestial or both, to comfort and strengthen us for the tasks you call us to undertake.

Friends letter cont.

We hope **THE RHYTHM OF THE DAY BOOKLET** was useful on our Day of Prayer, and that you will continue to use it this Summer. However I have added some current prayer needs to keep you all informed.



THANKS

DRAYTON MANOR. For the great success in every way for a good day. Safety.

Good weather.

Welcoming availability of the hospitality suite all day.

Ample food and drinks.

Excellent worship group to lead our celebration.

Fellowship with different centres.

Grace Galton from Poole for her work and vision.

INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE. For partnerships in marriage. For any special wedding celebrations in our Campaigner family.

We congratulate David & Dorothy Brown from Canada their **64th** Wedding Anniversary recently.

NEEDS

BEREAVEMENT For those who have been recently bereaved including Sylvia Tickle from Edgeware whose husband Neville died. And friends and family of Miss Ida Smith from Burton on Trent.

We remember those who have suffered losses over the past months and years and who are still struggling to adapt to their changing circumstances including Mavis Ratcliffe and Tim Old.

We pray for peace and order in their lives.

ILLNESS We pray that God will hold these people in His arms. Those who are suffering in mind or body. We remember our dear friend Frank Greenhalgh who has just completed an intensive course of chemotherapy and radiotherapy and is awaiting further treatment. We pray for Peggy and the family.

EMPLOYMENT. Where there are difficulties with jobs. For those who have been made redundant especially where there are family responsibilities, including Jenny who works in the office, whose husband is out of work. For those who have recently retired and those to retire, that they may find fulfilment in this stage of their lives.

CAMPAIGNER CENTRES For all leaders and the young in their care. We pray for more leaders with vision and commitment especially at Banks Rd, Liverpool where they have great numbers of children led by Shirley Smith. Also where the numbers of children are decreasing mainly due to outside pressures of commitments. Pray for stability and encouragement for these leaders.

CAMPS 2012. For suitable sites with good travelling networks to encourage new centres to attend. Senior leaders for their responsibilities.

90th CAMPAIGNER CELEBRATION 2012. Whether or not we plan for a celebration.

That we acknowledge indeed "PRAYER CHANGES THINGS" from that much loved chorus.

**PRAYER CHANGES THINGS, PRAYER CHANGES THINGS
THEY WHO PRAY SHALL MOUNT UP AS ON EAGLES WINGS
PRAYER CHANGES THINGS, PRAYER CHANGES THINGS
DAY BY DAY THEN LET US PRAY FOR PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.**

Sheila Payne (Friends Secretary)