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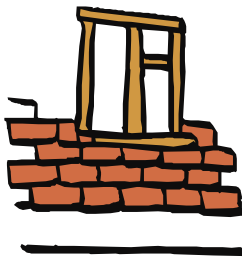
About this Kitchen!

You will remember that at Camp Praise we announced that we now have planning permission to go ahead with building our new kitchen. The designs are in place and we have a number of building companies who are interested in working with us.

Sadly though, we regret to announce that the start of the kitchen redevelopment has been postponed until after this year's camps. We have insufficient funds available to commence in January.

It is extremely disappointing to us all but we're certain that God's timing is perfect, (unlike our own).

One point that has been put to us is "maybe God is telling us that we shouldn't change to become a centre". The answer is that it's MCYC that needs a new kitchen now which meets all appropriate standards.



As, in 2004, we've been looking back over 40 years at Tyn-y-Nant, one of the memories that folk have been recalling is the amount of time that people put in, especially in the 1960's and 70's, to build the camp we have today.

So many of us spent our weekends and weeks at Abererch then, but there were far more people involved than now. That is not meant as a criticism but an honest look at our lifestyle today.

Perhaps you've been thinking that all we need to do is to get the gang together and get the job done. We can't any more. We don't have enough of the needed skills and expertise as well as the fact that many tasks today need specialist equipment and fully trained and registered engineers.

However, we do believe that we ALL have a major fundraising exercise to undertake.

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Louie McKenzie

When did I first meet Louie? As I thought about this, knowing it was a very long time ago, I began to look in my camp archives. It must have been in 1946 or 1947. How do I know that?

Well, I discovered an old photograph of a group of camp staff which I know was taken on my father's old Brownie box camera, the only one our family owned in those days. I have the photo here. I recognise a number of dear faces---Isa Thomas, Peggie Stuffins, Mildred Lower, Mabel Caunce, Hilda Holme, Cathie Buchanan, Joy Hanley, and a very much younger Louie McKenzie! That was definitely from one of the Grasmere Camps. Only two weeks ago, along with another former Grasmere Camper, we stood outside Grasmere Village Hall and reminisced of those happy times. I also have, in an old autograph book, an entry from Louie in 1948 at the Penmaenmawr camp.

As I was just a very young camper, and Louie was not my group leader, I don't remember much of her then. Earlier this week, I spoke to Ethel Lockett on the phone and asked her if she had any memories of Louie as a fellow member of staff. Ethel's immediate comments were, "She was always there for everyone. She made time to listen. When things got a bit frazzled, as they often did in those days when camp was much more primitive, Louie was a calming influence on us all".

Ethel assured me that she would be remembering us in prayer at this time today. Louie joined the Camp Committee in 1951. I was recruited on to Committee in 1958. We both served for forty years so I shared a great deal of discussion and deliberation over those years.

Louie's contribution was always one of sound common sense which reflected her concern for the Lord's honour and the spiritual well-being of all who came to camp. I know Louie served in many capacities at camp over the years. Someone else commented to me earlier this week, "She always made a point each year to encourage someone to go to camp, especially as staff, and particularly if they had not been before."

My clearer memories of Louie are more recent and mostly involve pre-camp work parties. She was such a busy bee, never standing still, always looking around for jobs that needed to be done.

Dirty dishes were never left for long! In fact, sometimes in her enthusiasm, she would wash up utensils we hadn't finished with, but she did not complain about washing them twice!

As we say to dear Louie today, not goodbye, but au revoir, until we meet again, I will close with quoting a verse from Revelation 14 v.13 "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them." Louie , the busy bee, now at rest.

Norah Stewart

Prayer Reps

Hi and I hope 2005 is getting off to a good start for you!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to write a little update to say a huge thank you to those people who have volunteered to be a prayer rep for their church.

Prayer has been and still is vital to the work of camp as it is only through coming to God to seek His will and blessing for Camp will there be any fruit, which is why it's great news to be starting the Prayer letter this year in order to inform you of our prayers for MCYC.

So far there are 13 prayer reps who will be the contact point for their church to pass on prayer requests to church prayer meetings and church services and to then feed back any issues or comments. I thought it would be a good idea for you to have a quick glance at who the prayer reps are:



Pat Lamb	Neston Christian Fellowship
Gill Roberts	Maitland Evangelical Church
Ruth Ratcliffe	Maghull Chapel
Glenys Sunderland	Long Lane Chapel, Garston
Suzanne Woods	Ramilies Road Chapel
Denis Loake	Macclesfield
Ruth Bedford	Beechwood Chapel
Fiona Keegan	Bethesda Church, Stockton Heath
Pauline Wooding	Ebenezer, Walton
Eric Stead	Lymm Baptist
Andrew Cooper	Hebron Church, Warrington
Sue Hilton	Bethesda Church, Bebington
Mike Bedford	Bethel Evangelical Church, Northwich

So thanks again for your willingness and enthusiasm . **Lea Cappell**

2004 Campers Quotes

Camp is one of the best places to go. There are really friendly people, great leaders brilliant outings and shopping. The only bad thing is the chalets/tents, but once you fall into bed, you're just so happy to be there that you just don't care – Sjaan 14

Fantastic place for campers and leaders to enjoy. Better than ya hols - Sam 15

So good I come back every year. It's just such a great place with a great atmosphere. Ben 16

Camp is cool. I met some of my best friends here on my first time in coming. It has key things in life –football, food and girls but not forgetting God. Wayne 15

I'll never forget my time at camp. I never want to leave either. Sarah 15

Camp is well good. It is a place where we can chill and praise God! ROCK ON! Ben 14

IT'S FAB. I learn more at camp than I do at school! Chelsea

Camp is fab. It's my first time and I love it. I am coming next year because the people are so friendly and we learn lots more about God. IT'S FAB. Lauren

Camp's brill, once you come you never want to leave! You make so many new friends! It's wicked! And the atmosphere is so good. Jess 15

Camp's a week you'll never forget. Charlotte 15

A revival of your faith. Mike 15

Camp cannot be summed up. Each one is the same fun in different ways. Without camp I wouldn't look forward to summer holidays. Tim 13

Camp is freedom to express my faith and gives me the chance to talk freely about God without feeling embarrassed. Jess 16

Camp is amazing. It touches your heart about God and you learn about God in a fun way and you make loads of new friends. Kasia 14

I think camp is amazing! You can really feel God's presence and love amongst everyone! Sarah 15

Camp has changed my life! Camp has helped me become a better person and has taught me how to tackle life with Christ as a Christian. Emma 14

Camp brings me closer to God. Laura 15

I will never forget this place and it will always be in my heart. Neil 17

It's a great place to learn about God. It never gets boring. Matt 14

Camp is the best place!!! We learn so much about God. I love it! Rach 15

This is the best year for people to come together. It's great. Can't wait for next year. Lisa 16

Finally a quote from Ashley

It's an amazing, long-term, life-changing and fun Kingdom work that bears lasting fruit.



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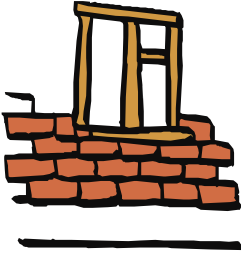
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About This Kitchen *continued from front page*



We did go to tender for the kitchen refurbishment in December and it really will cost just over £500,000!

It is great to announce that last year we received £5,000 from Lever Bros and £1,000 from Eli Lilly workplace funds plus many other fantastic personal gifts. We've also had a great pledge of £50,000 from the Grace Charitable Trust. We still need a lot more

May has been designated as a fundraising month for Camp. We are asking fellowships to undertake fundraising events either by themselves or joining with other fellowships and have a fun time whilst helping camp. Information and ideas will be sent to your camp reps shortly.

We are holding 2 special events to celebrate 60 years of Camp. Please see the separate notice and phone now for the celebration meal at Kingsway Chapel, Chester on Saturday 19th March. Tickets are limited so book early. On Friday 10th June we are holding a Mersey River Cruise, timed to take advantage of the Mersey River Festival. Tickets will be available in early March so keep your ears to the ground.

Nehemiah said, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"

The trumpet is sounding now. Join us there. need you more than ever to be part of it with us. contact the office if you require a Gift Aid form or you can download one from the website - www.mcyc.co.uk. May God richly bless us all.

Work Parties

Maintaining camp is a never ending cycle of work parties. Chris Evans and Aileen Wright are responsible for planning and organising and need your help.

Planning is underway for work parties and work weeks in 2005 and if you can help, either individually or by organising a group from you fellowship, it would be greatly appreciated by all the campers and volunteers.

If you can help in any of these work parties or work weeks, please contact

Chris Evans 0151 549 0623 or Aileen Wright 0151 263 6946

Inters 3 - A View from the Cookhouse

We were very impressed with the "Thank you's" coming from the campers, and this was commented upon from the first meal onwards.

Looking out of the cookhouse window as supper was being prepared we couldn't help but see the hands shooting up all round the rec room - quiz time had arrived and the campers enthusiasm was clear to see.

Monday evening was fancy dress time. The Boys' and Girls' Leaders made a very impressive Minnie & Micky Mouse duo, but we also had some very imaginative outfits from the youngsters.

Tuesday was the day trip out to Electric Mountain, and as was commented on in the kitchen when they returned, "It was like something out of a James Bond Movie!"

Very early Wednesday morning the lady cooks were joined in the kitchen by our male counterparts who were somewhat wet as the storm had damaged their tent, not to mention even more damage to one of the boys' tents. Strong winds did the damage, but a couple of cool Breezes did a quick fix until Mr Site was able to do a more permanent repair!!!

Mr Men characters were the group names for the week, and in the cookhouse we had a variety of Mr Men cards which changed according to circumstances, eg Miss Mishap or Mr Happy etc.

Each cookhouse member couldn't attend every evening Padre session, but we were very impressed by the attention shown during the talks. We look to the Lord for blessing over the weeks, months, years ahead dv. **Pauline Lawrinson**

Abererch Outreach

In December the Abererch Outreach team lost a valued member when Marie Bagby retired after ten years. Marie has been a great blessing to us as a team and to the residents of Caernarfon Road in the village. We will miss her on the team but we trust that God will bless her in her witness in Ellesmere Port.

Marie loved distributing the Challenge paper (and the calendar at Christmas) and was always ready with the right word at the right time. We presented Marie with some flowers and vases as a gesture of our thanks for all the hard works she has done. The people of Abererch will continue to receive Christian literature via the Challenge paper at least three times a year with a verse from the Bible for each day of the year from the calendar.

If anyone would like to participate in this vital work please contact Phil Johnson on 01928 516512. We are having our general meeting at 7 Stanhope Drive, Bromborough, on 28 January and anyone who would like to join us is very welcome.

Phil Johnson

2005 Camps

The following directors have been appointed. Please pray for them and their teams as they prepare for camp.

Senior - George Jones

Inters 1 - Dave Jones

Inters 2 - John Culleton

Inters 3 - Alan Kneale

Junior - Denis Cooper

Housparty

Judith & Norman Goodwin

Old Photos

As you know this year is 60 years of MCYC. We would love to have some old photos of camp, particularly pre-Abererch camps.

If you have any, would you be kind enough to send them to the office (address below) so we can scan them and return them to you.

It would help if you could write any relevant details of the camp on the back and don't forget to put your name on the back too. Thank you.



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