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## About this Kitchen-Mk2!

Saturday 7th January was particularly cold this year as a group of volunteers know very well.

They went to camp to clear out the kitchen in preparation for the refurbishment which was about to take place.

On Wednesday 11th January, the Trustees confirmed that the kitchen refurbishment would go ahead and Derwen Llyn, the contractors moved on site on Monday 16th January to commence a 15 week refurbishment.

The kitchen was duly handed back to us on time, on budget (almost) and with no injuries to the work force. Hallelujah!

Almost on budget as we had to put in unforeseen additional smoke alarms and break glass call points costing an extra £3,000.

The total cost was around £335,000 with approximately one third being provided by Trusts and two thirds by individuals and

church gifts. We are so thankful to those who rode their bikes, walked their walks and organised so many events to raise the finance we needed.

Junior Week was the first group to use the kitchen and it took some getting used to. For years we've been to a particular place for a pan and now it's moved! But it was a success.

A Christian group from Bangor University stayed on the site in June and their caterer, a qualified chef, gave it a big thumbs up to it but did say that we needed a food processor!

Next year we plan to finish all we need by providing a combination oven, an automatic dishwasher (for campers' dishes) and a food processor!

Through 60 years of MCYC, our great God has provided all we have needed. This year has been no different and we give Him the thanks and praise for being faithful to this Kingdom work.

**I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.**

Psalm 9 v 1

*It's been 16 years since Deborah Smith was last at camp and this year she came to Inters 2 as padre. She describes the week as nerve racking, exhausting but full of blessings. This is her diary for the week.*

## DIARY OF A FIRST TIME PADRE

### Saturday

1.05am. Just getting to bed. Good day, full of fun. Kids seem great, lots of character, late duty done.

### Sunday

Keep thinking I should feel really spiritual because I'm padre but just feel like me. Need to find time with God in a busy day.

### Monday

Talk this evening seemed to go well – felt shattered after it. My nerves went away completely even before I had started – thanks God, I really appreciated it. Finished up by asking the children to think about what their treasure is- where is their heart? This question is as important to me – need to remember it on a daily basis.

### Wednesday

Tonight was my first experience of a camp fire and it was amazing. The singing was really worshipful – great to hear such young children praising and to see them worshipping. 9 girls became Christians and 18 wanted prayer and to re-commit themselves to God. As my husband's text message said when I told him, "worth being tired for".

### Friday

Played the song "I can only imagine" and asked children to listen with their eyes closed – very moving few minutes. Reminded me of the awesomeness of God. The children appeared to be focusing on God and the words of the song ministered to both campers and leaders alike.



Campers at Inters 2

### Saturday

Although it's been brilliant I feel ready to go home – have missed the boys – hope and pray this camp has not been a one-off experience.

# BAPTISMS AT STOCKTON HEATH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(reprinted from an internal regional newsletter)

Mothering Sunday took on a different aspect at Stockton Heath Christian Fellowship (Warrington) when the usual family service was expanded to include the baptism of three young people. The church was packed for the occasion, with many visitors who had come to witness the baptisms.

The service was centred around the theme of the family of God. It made the comparison between entering the human family by natural birth and entering God's family by new birth, drawing on the story of Nicodemus. After the message, each of the boys - Daniel Gee, Jay Anderson and Conor Sollitt - went forward in turn and gave his testimony.

It was very moving to hear such depth of understanding and desire to serve God come from three eleven year olds. After each one had given his testimony, he went forward and was baptized. Many people were deeply touched by this part of the service.

One of the factors which had proved an influence on the boys was their attendance at Merseyside Christian Youth Camps, a group to which the church is affiliated. This organisation has a permanent camp site at Abererch, near Pwllheli and holds camps for different age groups throughout the summer.

This year thirty seven children and young people connected with Stockton Heath will be attending the camps. The prayer of the church is that this will lead to many more youngsters coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

## Diary Dates

Monday 8th January	Camp Reps Meeting	Ebenezer Chapel, Liverpool
Thursday 1st March	General Staff Meeting	Kingsway Chapel, Chester
Thursday 19th April	Admin Teams Meeting	Barnstondale Centre

# CAMP ORGANISATION

We are often asked how Camp is organised so please read on!

The whole organisation of Camp and the site are managed by a group of Trustees in a company limited by guarantee called the Tyn-y-Nant Christian Centre. The company was formed in 2003 following advice from the Charity Commission and replaced Merseyside Assemblies Youth Camp Trust. The current Trustees are:

<b>Steve Bedford</b>	<b>Ali Christoffer</b>	<b>John Culleton</b>	<b>Ian Delooze</b>
<b>Norman Goodwin</b>	<b>Nicky Harris</b>	<b>Dave Jones</b>	<b>Alan Kneale</b>
<b>Pat Lamb</b>	<b>Jonathan Lamkin</b>	<b>Alex McMinn</b>	<b>Allan Salisbury</b>
<b>Ian Sparks</b>	<b>John Vernon</b>	<b>Malcolm Webster</b>	<b>Mal Wright</b>

The Management Board of Merseyside Christian Youth Camps is specifically responsible for the organisation of seven weeks of camp.

The current Board members are:

<b>Mike Bedford</b>	<b>Richie Bell</b>	<b>Leanora Cappell</b>	<b>John Culleton</b>
<b>Ian Delooze</b>	<b>Chris Evans</b>	<b>Judith Goodwin</b>	<b>Norman Goodwin</b>
<b>Phil Jones</b>	<b>Alan Kneale</b>	<b>Mike Lamkin</b>	<b>Phil Longfoot</b>
<b>Pat McGrady</b>	<b>Anne Russell</b>	<b>Ali Thomas</b>	<b>Claire Whitcher</b>
	<b>Julie Woods</b>	<b>Mal Wright</b>	

To help with much of the administration and other matters, Ken London is contracted by the Trust on a part time basis.

To help in the smooth running of the Trust and the Board, sub committees have been established to be responsible for specific areas. These are:

**Administration** - planning the weeks and age ranges of camps, administering CRB

**Amenities** - looking after the shop, games and sports equipment etc.

**Appointments** - appointing directors and other positions for weeks of camp

**Catering** - planning menus, ordering of food, maintenance of equipment

**Communications** - publicity material, prayer matters, arranging one-off events

**Lettings** - administering and organising the letting of camp to outside organisations

**Site** - maintenance of the site, arranging work parties

**Site Project Group** - planning for future development

**Training** - arranging training and training material

# DAY VISIT

Saturday 9th September saw the bi-ennial day visit to camp and an opportunity for supporters to see the new kitchen.

A coach full of folk from all over the area left early in the morning but arrived at camp in plenty of time to enjoy a full lunch.

We were joined by our invited guests—the contractors who had refurbished the kitchen and provided the equipment.

After lunch Dave Jones, chairman of the Trustees, presented Bibles to Arthur Jones of Derwen Llyn, Trevor Rowlands our clerk of works and Neil Johnson from Kitchequip. Arthur and Trevor were particularly pleased with their Bibles which had been printed in Welsh!



A tour of the site and the new kitchen followed before a time a praise and worship to a great God who has provided such an 'oasis' and a place where people of all ages meet Him.



L to R -  
Arthur Jones,  
Neil Johnson,  
Trevor Rowlands,  
Dave Jones

# ANNA

*Anna was a camper at Inters 2 and read this testimony out at her baptism  
At Oasis Church in October 2005*

## **When I became a Christian...**

I became a Christian when I lived in London. I was four years old

I remember that my dad was talking to me about who God is. I can't remember all the details but I do remember asking Jesus to help me become a Christian.

really interested in what she was saying and I wanted to get baptised.

The next day, when we were singing, "*We want to see Jesus lifted high*", in my mind I saw a picture of the cross. There were people standing around the cross in a big circle.

## **Things God has helped me with**

God has helped me with things like my reading and SATS tests in school. Another thing God has helped me with is telling other people that I am a Christian.

Then, as we sang the "*...we want to see Jesus lifted high*" part of the song, Jesus came off the cross and flew upwards high into the air. All the people started to dance, and everyone looked happy.

## **Why I am getting baptised...**

This year in the church camp, a girl called Naomi was talking about being baptized and I was

The picture made me feel like God was talking to me and I knew that He wanted me to get baptised.

So here I am!

## **Work Parties**

Maintaining camp involves 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 2007 and if you can help, either individually or by organising a group from your 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

## FUNDRAISING—A TALE OF 874 MILES

On Friday the 7th April we set off from Lime Street Station on the 12:15 to Penzance. Starting on Saturday we would be travelling over nine hundred miles in ten days. It proved to be a fantastic experience, being out on the road and slowly watching the countryside changing as we headed north.

We stayed in Youth Hostels for half our time and called in some favours on friends and family to get good old home cooking, a comfy bed and a washing machine. Each day was not too tiring on its own, but when put back to back for ten days it was hard psychologically more than anything else. At the end of day two we were staying in Bristol after riding over 200 miles I couldn't believe I had 8 more days of the same. The simple answer was to keep eating good quality food.



We were totally self sufficient for the first 8 days, then Ian a great friend came over from N. Ireland to be our back up, he was our coach and kept us going all the way to the end.

The last day was finally here - 110 mile to JO'G. The weather was fine, (very unusual for Scotland) but with a very strong wind, at first it was behind us and we were eating up the miles. As tiredness set in we slowed and the wind changed direction too. JO'G felt like it was getting further away. It was so good to see sign posts counting down the miles. The last 3 miles were downhill, the sky was blue and we were now there. What a feeling!! Ian had bought us bottles of Champagne to celebrate the big occasion.

I still can't believe Craig and I did it, I have so many memories that I can't put it all down here. The things I will treasure are arriving at John O'Groats, the feeling of God being with us the whole way and just having a laugh with my mate Craig.

**Richie Bell**

Richie raised nearly £3,500 in sponsorship for the kitchen refurbishment

# 2007 Camps

WEEK	CAMP DATES	Ages as at 31/08/2007	DIRECTOR
Junior	26/05/07 - 02/06/07	9 - 11	John Culleton
Senior 1	21/07/07 - 28/07/07	18 - 21	Alan Kneale
Senior 2	28/07/07 - 04/08/07	16 - 18	Mike Croxall
Camp Abererch	04/08/07 - 11/08/07	16+	Steve & Cathy Johns
Inters 1	11/08/07 - 18/08/07	12 - 15	Ken London
Inters 2	18/08/07 - 25/08/07	10 - 13	Denis Cooper
Inters 3	25/08/07 - 01/09/07	12 - 15	Graham Bolderson

## Staff Needs for 2007 Camps

Thank you to all who helped in Camps during 2006; we're sure you had a great time. We did have some problems though and at one point it looked as though Inters 3 might not go ahead due to a lack of staff.

When Admin teams are planning their weeks of camp it really is helpful to have leaders sign up as soon as possible. Appropriate training and your involvement in planning is so important and almost impossible if staff only sign up in June or July.

Camp forms will be out in early January. Could we ask you to consider prayerfully now what week you will go to camp in 2007.

**We will need over 250 staff**



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