

**Summer
2001**



Newsletter

Good news...

Foot and Mouth update

If you haven't already heard via our web site, the farmer has agreed that we can use his field this summer. The National Trust have also informed us that all the public footpaths in the area are open. Of course there is always the chance that Foot and Mouth could flare up again so please keep praying for a disease free summer.

Bad news...

Leader's numbers

Over the last few years it has been a struggle to get enough Holiday Leaders to run our camps, although God has always answered our prayers in time — this year the need is even more urgent. We have just 12 leaders booked in and only one month until our Leader's Preparation Day. We maybe looking at a 2001 wipeout...

Where does God need you this summer?

Please read the full letter from the Trustees inside.



Trustee news

Heather Allen has decided to concentrate on her Christian work in Eastern Europe and will be standing down from the Trustees. We want to place on record our sincere and grateful thanks to Heather for all her support and work over the last five years, and for a job well done.

Council of Reference

The new Council of Reference is beginning to take shape with a team of four now appointed;

Dave Barry (chairman)
Peter and Margaret Clarke
Richard White.

They have been tasked with seeking God's mind and advising the Trustees on all aspects of the organisations work and future direction.

Five Year Plan

Although the more immediate concerns of this year's camps have been occupying our efforts, we continue to make progress on the Five Year Plan. This will help provide a framework with which we can improve camps and secure our future service for God. Watch this space...

MISSION STATEMENT

Caring / Challenging / Supporting

Our STRATEGY is;

To provide excellence in camping at all levels in a safe and caring environment.

To provide a challenging experience of adventure and discovery in order to develop individual personal skills.

To train young people in God's Word and to develop their spiritual maturity through a dedicated Christian leadership.

To challenge young people to "Know Christ, to Serve Christ and to Make Him known" in their future lives.

Our STRUCTURE will aim;

To use dynamic, well-trained and qualified leadership, who are able to stimulate self-reliance, resourcefulness, a love for God, and a dependence on the Word of God.

To have corporate worship, fellowship and instruction based on God's Word – the foundation of our camps.

To provide a structured programme of activities with controlled freedom of choice and participation.

To make Health and Safety a key priority, insisting that all leaders hold appropriate qualifications in accordance with current legislation.

Dear Friends

URGENT

The Trustees are writing to advise you that we are extremely concerned about the numbers of campers and leaders booked in to date. So far we have only received bookings for 82 campers and 12 leaders – besides the Senior Leaders that the Trustees have appointed! With only **NINE WEEKS** before the first camp, it is imperative that we receive a lot more applications for leaders and campers by 15th June 2001. If these are not forthcoming, there is a real possibility that we will be forced to cancel camps for 2001. If you or your family are thinking of coming to camp, please send your application or booking forms in as soon as possible.

From our discussions it would appear that a number of people have different legitimate reasons as to why they have not applied. However, we know from phone calls received, many have been concerned about the present Foot and Mouth crisis. We are now in the position to inform you that the farmer has agreed that we can use the field this summer. The National Trust have also informed us that the all public footpaths in the area are open.

If you have any questions or concerns that might be stopping you from applying as a leader, or from sending campers, please get in touch. Contact details can be found on the back page.

Yours in Him

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New ridge tents needed

As reported in the last newsletter, our sleeping tents are reaching (and some have past) their life expectancy. They need replacing urgently! The cost per tent is in the region of £500 and we need at least two for this summer. This gives you some idea of the money we need to raise. As always we try to keep the price of camps as affordable as possible which is why we need gifts to meet our capital needs.

We have now located a source for these heavy-duty ridge tents which can be purchased as new replicas of the traditional army design. Although these tents are expensive they have a much longer life expectancy than tents made from modern lightweight materials. Their size also suits our style of camping where campers can be accommodated in groups of five or six.

Besides tents, we need to replace one of the bigger marquees at some point in the near future and then of course, there are the ongoing repairs to the store, other canvas, boats, etc.

Please pray about the finances and if you can help, via gift aid or fund raising ideas, please speak to David Smith (020 8997 7800) or Des Young (01980 619358) respectively.

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