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60 From the Treasurer

We thank the Lord Jesus again that He has provided enough Income to meet our Expenses, including just over £2,000 for new tents, tables and other small items. Camp fees were £2,300 higher than in 2002, mainly because we increased fees. We had 9 more campers, although slightly fewer at Discovery Camp and more at Explorer Camp. By changing the insurance arrangements for the year we were grateful to have kept the costs near what we have become used to, but this is becoming much more difficult for voluntary organizations, and we need to pray about it.

Gifts received from churches and individuals were lower, and they are particularly important, in allowing us to replace and improve equipment. Choices over expenditure need to be taken before we know the final number of campers and leaders, and therefore the amount of Income available. This demands practical faith if the benefits are to be seen in the summer camps.

If you would like to see in the field, or imagine, an improvement in the facilities at camp, then a contribution either by gift or encouragement to more campers is a valuable part in the Lord's work. The other great help is to pray!

David C Smith Hon. Treasurer

Summer Camps 2004

INHERITANCE Young People 16-20
25 to 31 July **CAMP** £70

A Christian camp for those who want to develop their walk for God whilst enjoying all our camp facilities and the Purbecks.

DISCOVERY Teenagers 13-16
31 July to 7 August **CAMP** £125

This activity holiday makes the most of the Purbecks as a place for outdoor pursuits. Many activities on offer, craft, sports and water based, including the beach!

EXPLORER Youngsters 9-13
7 to 14 August **CAMP** £105

This holiday offers an excellent introduction to outdoor adventure. For boys and girls seeking fun, games, activities and the beach.



Newsletter Autumn 2003

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Celebrating 60 Years of H&DCYC

2004 will see H&DCYC celebrate its Diamond Anniversary. Yes — 60 years of serving young people through residential holidays! A special 60th event will be held at the camp site next summer. Look out for more details early in the New Year.

Start booking for 2004 now...

Leader's forms and camper booking forms are available from our web site. Don't miss out on our big year! £10 discount for early camper bookings. See form for details.



The site in 2003

**Photos Wanted
2004 60th Calendar**

Do you have an old photo from a past camp? We need a selection to print on our celebration 2004 calendar. All entries will be returned. Please send them to Mark Wolstenholme (see back page) by early November.





INHERITANCE

22 campers 22 leaders 9 children

The Mission Statement of Inheritance Camp is to 'Encourage, Equip and Release young people in their ministry.' That was certainly modelled in the way the camp was lead and in the programme that was delivered.

The three young leaders, Kirsten lake, Ben Webster & Neville Ansari, under the supervision of Dave & Jenny Cook, did an excellent job.

The teaching was superb, as was the worship. Many on camp came with 'Big Issues' with God. Inheritance camp provided an environment that challenged but never threatened. As a result of the teaching, mutual support and pastoral care from the overall leaders it allowed young adults to begin to work through many of these issues, and to grow in their faith.

It was a very positive and encouraging week in which God blessed us beyond our expectations. It was a real growing experience all round.

Finally, Ben Webster writes that "The overall vision for Inheritance seems to have taken off with a bang, judging by the reactions of people since returning home from camp. I am excited and encouraged by the future possibilities open to this initiative and look forward to next year".

Leader News – Ruth

God has given us all an amazing first hand view of the power of prayer this summer. Lots of us have been spending much time praying constantly for the recovery of Ruth Layton, following her involvement in a serious car accident during the early hours of Sunday 2nd June. After a long spell in hospital it was a huge privilege for us to be with her and Polly, Ruth's twin, as they celebrated their 20th birthday and recovery party for Ruth in Falmouth, Cornwall on the 14th September. There were about 120 guests joining in the celebration with them including a contingency of H&DCYC family.

Over the weeks Ruth has made steady progress until, as she is now, she is most certainly the Ruth we all know and love. To Ruth's great delight even her teeth have been capped so she once again has that huge grin permanently part of her features!

We have all been praying for Polly and their parents David and Vicky too. We have grown very close to the whole family over this summer and feel very bonded to them. Polly has been my main link of information on pretty much a daily basis and I am amazed at how strong Polly has been, it doesn't bear thinking the stress she has been under, yet she remained the strong rock to a lot of people, myself included. Anytime I would feel low and concerned over Ruth, a phone call to Polly would soon put me back on track to the belief that Ruth would come through.

Helen Young

See web for full text of this story

DISCOVERY EXPLORER

63 campers 49 leaders 13 children

With a further 5 Junior leaders, there were 130 on site, representing 35 churches from Rochdale to Truro.

The theme of the week was 'Identity.' *Intended ID; False ID; Jesus ID; Change of ID; Holy Spirit ID & Generations ID.* The talks were challenging and powerful and many campers responded. We believe that 14 youngsters made first time commitments.

Because of the weather (lots of rain) it was a great surprise that we were able to continue with our full programme of Activities. This year these included; Aerobics, Archery, Beauty Sessions, Canoeing, Circuit training, Crafts, Dance Workshop, Diablo, Question Session, Sailing, Sketching, Squash, Windsurfing and much, much more. All activities passed off with no major incidents.

We held a fun day midweek and everyone had great fun trying their hand at everything from skittles to giant inflatable sumo wrestling!

Des & Helen Young write; "We really believe that the strength in the Discovery camp is the unity between the leaders, we once again had an excellent team and all fitted in extremely well with no behind the scenes problems. The whole atmosphere of this years camp was of fun and commitment to serve God in whichever capacity or role that may be".

60 campers 31 leaders 7 children

The junior camp is always demanding work but very rewarding. The campers were a real credit and there were no major discipline problems at all.

Leaders were slow in applying and the camp some 6 or so leaders light, however, those that attended were of the highest quality and a real delight to work with.

Richie Gardiner & Caroline Gatehouse led the spiritual side of camp and complimented each other well. They were both enthusiastic and related easily to the campers. The sessions for the evenings were called 'Topsy Turvey' and looked at communicating to God in a world that has its values upside down. Within these times there were numerous different activities, aimed at keeping the campers attention, but also imparting spiritual truths.

It was a very hot week and we praise God that He protected leaders and campers alike from sunstroke and other possible ill effects of the weather.

Jane Maidment & Adrian Palmer write "from the comments we have had both at camp and since returning home all of those who attended camp had a great time. All went away having had a really good holiday."