

Centre Newsletter

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Breaking down barriers and building relationships...

At the end of the last school year Gemma and I decided to give the young girls we have in our *Wise Up* group a treat, so we organised a Pamper Day. This was to enable us to break down barriers and build on the relationships we already had with the girls, and because the trip was not in the school we hoped it would help everyone to relax. We booked a room at the *Inn on the Lake* near Gravesend, hired some ladies to pamper the girls and then sat back and enjoyed the day.



The foot spa that tingled...



There were a range of different treatments to experience. The manicure and pedicure included a selection of coloured varnishes to choose from to finish the look. A foot spa massager, which made our feet tingle, and facials were also available to us. We had the whole day, which meant that we had time to have 2 treatments each. We all left with beautiful hands, very soft feet or beautifully pampered

“All of the girls said that they had really enjoyed themselves, so a good time was had by all.”

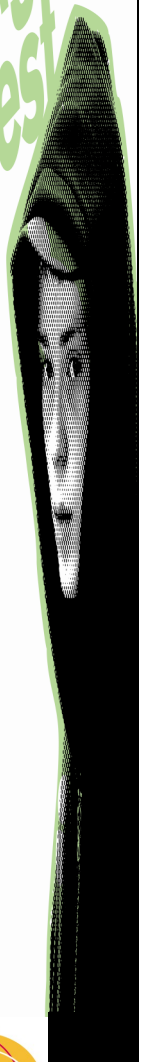
This great day was then finished off by us all having lunch together in Mc Donald's, before saying goodbye until the next school term.

Karen Hansen, PYFC Trustee and Volunteer



See more project details on page three where Gemma reports on the visit by the British Youth for Christ football team, Nomad...

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Welcome...

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I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our newsletter. I am sure you will agree that these are exciting times for PYFC! Gemma continues to provide care and guidance to the young people attending the Hundred of Hoo School through a wide range of activities, described in these pages and on our website. However, we have been conscious for some time that the spiritual needs of the young men are not being so well met and so, in the near future, we hope to appoint a second youth worker to meet this need and also to work with our friends at The Rock, Chattenden.

If you haven't already done so, please visit our website at www.peninsula-yfc.co.uk to check out the latest news as well as everything you need to know about being involved with PYFC. We are delighted that we have our site up and running and would welcome suggestions and comments so that we can provide the information that you need.

I must pay tribute to the Trustees of PYFC who are working hard to support Gemma and Jayne in their work with the young people but, to be more effective, we would love to welcome some new faces who can provide new ideas and skills. Jayne, our administrator, is taking on much of the day to day financial administration but we still need a treasurer to have an overview of the direction of our budget and advise on our decision making. Are you that person or do you know someone who might be? If so, please come and talk to us.

Finally, I would like to thank the Governors, Head Teacher and Staff of the Hundred of Hoo School who provide us with the facilities to do our work here. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to influence the lives of the young people of the peninsula and help them to find the love of Jesus.

God Bless,

Ivan Wallis, Chair of Trustee Body

PYFC welcomes Carol Ward as trustee...



When I became a Trustee of PYFC, I very much felt God was pushing me to be involved. I had heard so much through my own church about how Gemma was having such a positive effect on the young people at the Hundred of Hoo School, and was assisting the churches on the peninsula with their young people's work, that I decided to take the plunge and volunteer. I am so pleased I did. Working with the dedicated team of individuals that are the PYFC Trustees has been a complete blessing.

I have learnt so much and I know there is still more to come. However, we are a very small board of trustees who are desperately in need of additional help.

When I joined the Trustee Board, I have no doubt that my experience as a fundraiser was a very useful addition to the team. But what about you? Do you have a skill that will complement our Trustee Board? Sometimes it is hard to know, so why not come along to our next meeting and see what's going on? You really would be most welcome.

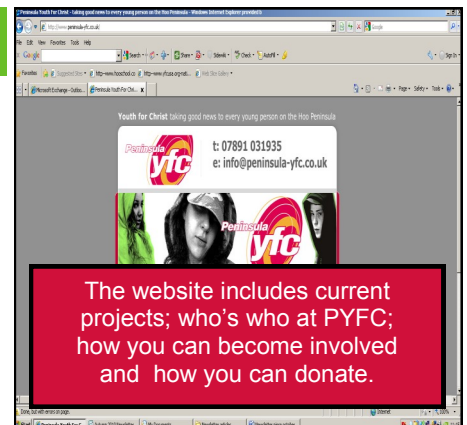
Carol Ward, Trustee

Find us at... www.peninsula-yfc.co.uk

Great news! PYFC has a new website.

The site was built for us by Tom at Varn Media Ltd. Tom owns the company, based in Bradford on Avon, and works with small and medium sized businesses and charities. Tom is a Christian with a heart for YFC work. He first built the Bath YFC website, winning a YFC design award for his work. With the agreement of our friends at Bath, Tom was able to use the template of their site to build a site that was perfectly tailored to fit PYFC but that remained within our budget.

You can now follow us on Twitter and Facebook too!



The website includes current projects; who's who at PYFC; how you can become involved and how you can donate.

Projects...

During the June half term week, PYFC hosted the British Youth for Christ football team, Nomad. The three volunteers, Stu, Rich and Nick and their three metre round cage visited various locations on the Hoo Peninsula playing two on two football with young people.

On the Monday the cage was set up in Hoo and Gemma and the team worked with approximately thirty-five young people throughout the day. The cage was an instant talking point, which led conversations into who the team were and what they were doing in Hoo on a grey day in June. A number of conversations occurred about church and the young people were positive of the provision the churches and PYFC were making for them.

Unfortunately on Tuesday the rain set in and it was too dangerous to set the cage up, but we were able to open Emmanuel Christian Centre in Cliffe Woods to give the young people a game of footie in the centre.



Rich, preparing the equipment



'It was wonderful to see so many people from the community get involved with the event.'

However, on Wednesday we had an amazing change in the weather and the sun came out. The cage was set up in Chattenden on the Lodge Hill estate and, working in partnership with Chattenden Youth Club, the team had a great day working with approximately twenty young people. At this site we had a range of age groups in the cage, from five and six year olds up to young men aged twenty-five.

On Thursday the cage was assembled in Cliffe, working with St Helen's and supporting their Thursday evening youth night.

This evening was the busiest the team had to contend with, with 60 plus young people going through the cage doors in a five hour period. A group of young people from Cliffe Woods walked to Cliffe to join the event, having had their session rained off on Tuesday. Gemma and Nick, one of the Nomad volunteers, spent the evening at Medway hospital after Nick injured himself in the first match of the evening. Thankfully with the support of the St Helen's volunteers, Rich and Stu were able to manage the evening and give a really positive time. Ken Dixon, from St Helen's said " It was good to see so many young people. We have been running our Thursday evening club for 5 years now and have developed a really good relationship with the young people who come along. They tell us that they can come to us and have fun in a safe environment. It was good that we could give *them* the chance to enjoy the football with the Nomad lads out on the Buttway, but it was also great to welcome some young people who don't join us regularly. The Nomad team was able to engage **'The week was busy and full of energy. It was really great.'**

Friday was the last day of the Nomad adventure, and we took the team to High Halstow. During the day, we set the cage up on the recreation area but in the four hours we had only two or three young people in the cage. Gemma made the decision to finish the session early, as the cage would be set up again that evening at a St Margarets Church youth event. Dominic, aged 13yrs, said "It was weird playing football in a cage, but it was definitely fun. We had to be fast. Stu, Rich and Nick were really skilful, and friendly".

Gemma Stewart, Youth Worker



Two on two football

Please pray for

1. Current projects:
 - *Listening Ear*
 - *Wise Up*
 - *RE & PSHE lessons*
2. As we continue the recruitment process in our search for a 2nd youth worker
3. That we will be successful in our search for a Treasurer and new trustees
4. For Gemma and the trustees as they meet on Sat 20th November, to follow up on the Trustee Day held earlier this year

Get involved...

Your chance to help bring out the best in our young people starts here...

Supporter's Information

Please complete this section to show your support for PYFC and to enable us to keep you up to date with what we are doing. Completing this section will allow us to keep you informed of progress. **Please note: this section can also be completed if you wish to update contact details already held.**

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Surname

First name (s).....

Address

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Post Code.....

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Church, if applicable.....

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How your support will make a difference...

- **£10 a month** over the course of a year enables us to put on a course of six *RE and Citizenship* lessons in school for six weeks.
- If four people were to donate **£20 a month** over the course of a year, we would be able to continue to run a *Wise Up* programme for one group of young women.
- **£50 a month** over the course of a six months would meet the cost of Gemma's *Diploma in Youth Counselling* training, which will benefit Gemma as she continues to work intensively with young people; Gemma has worked on a one to one basis with 24 young people in the past year.
- **A one-off gift of £100** would pay for two 1hr sessions of *Breathe*.

Details of each of these projects can be found on our website.

How to support us...

- Pledge to support us in prayer and **allow us to keep you up to date with or work** to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the young people on the Hoo Peninsula by completing and returning the declaration on this page
- **Give a gift** by completing and returning the Response Form from the donate page on our website, or by contacting the PYFC office directly
- **Pledge to give a regular donation** again by completing the Response Form from the donate page on our website or by completing the standing order section of the enclosed leaflet.
- **Become a trustee.** Please contact the PYFC office, address at the foot of the page.

For your diary:

PYFC Quiz Night	Fri 12th Nov 7.30pm	Memorial Hall High Halstow
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Where you'll find Gemma...

Cliffe Christian Mission 10.30am Sun 14th November
www.cliffemission.co.uk

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