

# Centre Newsletter

Spring 2010



On Saturday 23rd January, the trustees, Gemma and Jayne met at St Helen's House in Cliffe for a Peninsula Youth for Christ Trustee Day, which was led by Liz Etherton from National Youth for Christ.

Liz reminded the trustees that Peninsula YFC has a covenant agreement with Youth for Christ to operate within the following framework of mission- the **Four D's** :  
**Demonstration:** The practice of demonstrating acceptance and love by engaging in community development as a means of alleviating material need and/or building long-term, unconditional relationships with young people.

**Declaration:** Any means of communicating the Gospel that invites people to make an informed choice about what has been communicated.

**Decision:** As a part of the faith journey, decision is the point at which a person becomes aware of the need to make this informed choice to follow Christ and does so.

**Discipleship:** A process by which people follow Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him.

The day highlighted the fact that the work that PYFC has done has primarily been demonstration and declaration. To move forward into 2010 and the years to come, and begin to balance the work of PYFC to include the opportunity for decision and discipleship, the trustees set the following strategic priorities for the next 5 years:

### 3 strategic priorities for PYFC for the next 5 years:

- Increased emphasis in decision and discipleship
- Strengthening internal structure
- Increased local presence

With the 3 strategic priorities before them, the trustees spent some time exploring the role and responsibilities of a YFC trustee and carried out a review of their current responsibilities as trustees to Peninsula YFC, closing with the agreement of their individual and corporate actions to help move PYFC forward into the coming 5 years.

Among the first of the agreed actions was the planning of the **PYFC AGM**.

### The PYFC Annual General Meeting

is to be held on **Wednesday 24th March 2010**  
at the **Hundred of Hoo School,**  
**Main Road ,Hoo, Rochester, Kent ,ME3 9HH**

The meeting will start at **7.30pm**

**All supporters are welcome to attend**

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**WELCOME...**

Whether you agree with the view that Spring begins on the 1st of March or whether you hold that Spring hasn't sprung until the 21st March, we think you will agree that just about now is the time of year when we think of new beginnings. PYFC is pleased to be starting the new year with a new trustee on board. Mrs Carol Ward is a welcome addition to the Trustee Body and we are certain that she will be an asset to PYFC. We continue to seek new people to join us on the Trustee Body in 2010 and urge anyone interested in the role of trustee to take a look at the vacancy notice on page 4.

The Trustee Day in January also gave PYFC the opportunity to take some time to look forward not just to the coming months but to the years ahead, when we were able with Gemma and Jayne to set the strategic priorities for the next five years. Page three shows how current and future work of PYFC links to both the strategic priorities and the YFC framework of mission.

As always, your interest is greatly appreciated and we welcome your support as we move into 2010 and beyond. **The Trustees, PYFC**

**The Bus Project:**

At the end of 2009, PYFC had the opportunity to buy a bus being offered for sale by the Kenward Trust. Having inspected the bus, obtained refurbishment quotes and having explored a partnership agreement with the Medway Youth Service and the possibility of making a bid to Eon to cover the cost of refurbishment, in January the trustees were in the position of needing to make a decision on whether to buy the bus. They therefore held a meeting on 27th January 2010 and made the bus project the special focus for that meeting.

The project was explored in terms of how it would fulfil the 3 strategic priorities for PYFC for the next 5 years. It was unclear whether buying and using the bus was the most effective way to achieve any or all of the aims.

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In addition, the trustees were in agreement that they would need to be certain of the financial implications of buying and maintaining the bus and although Gemma had worked hard on initial costings they were concerned that they did not have adequate time to fully explore the costs.

Gemma's core work is currently within the school, with pupils that she sees on a one to one basis or as a small group. This work is rapidly expanding and Gemma is developing a cherished relationship with the pupils and with the staff within the school. Work with a new bus would take Gemma away from this.

With the above points in mind, the trustees made the decision not to purchase the bus from Kenward Trust. However to move forward with the new strategy, the trustees are now considering the employment of an outreach youth worker to take PYFC out of the school and into the communities on the peninsula. A donation that was previously kindly given for the specific purpose of buying a bus has been graciously released towards the aim of employing a second youth worker.

### Demonstration:

**Wise up:** Gemma and Karen continue to run Wise Up sessions for Year 8 and Year 9 girls.

### Demonstration and Declaration:

The office move has meant that PYFC has become more visible in school with a number of students seeking Gemma out, often having a need to 'offload'. The small office is regularly filled at break and lunch times with students who have dropped in to say hello, or to maybe grab a quick piece of advice or word of comfort. Most of these young people got to know Gemma through contact in the RE/PSHE lessons that Gemma had participated in. It's encouraging to see the fruits of seeds sown in past years. A service agreement drawn up between PYFC and the school

'contracts' Gemma to continue to provide the school with specialist input to the RE/PSHE programme of study. But changes within the department mean that the school is temporarily unable to offer Gemma the opportunity to do so. Gemma has an appointment to meet with the head of department in the near future. However, the school invited Gemma to participate in School Based Review meetings. Through these meetings, Gemma now has a number of students whom she meets with regularly on a one to one or small group basis.

### Demonstration, Declaration, Decision and Discipleship:

**Uncut -Your story- my story -God's story.** St James Church, Grain are soon to run *Uncut*. This is a six session pre-Alpha course for young people, exploring life issues and the Christian faith. Gemma has been invited to run 2 of the 6 sessions.



The **Nomad** team will be visiting for the week **Monday May 31st- Fri June 4th 2010**. They hope to set up their GIANT sports cage around the peninsula to run sports tournaments and events with the young people attracted by its

presence. The team are able to build a repertoire with those in and around the cage. From this setting they are also able to share their testimonies or give short talks.

The **special focus** of the first trustee meeting after the AGM, the 20th April 2010, will be the possible employment of an outreach youth worker.

## Fundraising

We are hosting a **Quiz Night** to raise funds for PYFC on

**Saturday 20th March**  
Stoke Methodist Church  
7pm

Entry fee-£2 per person payable on the night

**but please**

**register your interest with**  
Jayne Lingham at  
[jayne@peninsula-yfc.co.uk](mailto:jayne@peninsula-yfc.co.uk)  
**07891 031 935**

Alcohol is not permitted on the premises but soft drinks will be provided.

Feel free to bring along your own nibbles.

Suggested maximum team number of 8

### Please would you pray ...

- for the Trustee Body meeting on the 20th April, as the trustees take the first steps toward the possible employment of a second youth worker
- for Gemma, Jayne and the trustees as they move forward with the new strategic priorities
- for Carol as she joins the team
- that God will speak through the trustee and treasurer vacancy notices to the person/s he wants to come on board at PYFC
- for the young people attending *Uncut* and *Nomad*, and for all involved in delivering both projects



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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First name (s)
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For your diary:

- Saturday 20th March 2010 PYFC Quiz Night
Wednesday 24th March 2010 PYFC AGM
Sunday 21st March 2010 Gemma's visit to St Helen's, Cliffe

PYFC diary:

- 18.03.10 Gemma to attend a Youth Culture & Mission lecture
19.03.10 Gemma to attend School Based Review meeting
13.04.10 Jayne to attend Income Generation & Funding training

PYFC Trustee Vacancy

The PYFC trustees are seeking new people to join them on the PYFC Trustee Body. If you are interested in finding out a little more about the role of trustee, please contact the PYFC office at the Hundred of Hoo School. The address is below.

Alternatively...

If you would like offer your skills and experience to PYFC but recognise the demands that a longer term commitment would make on your time, the constitution allows for the Trustee Body to co-opt a member to assist them for a determined period, not exceeding 12months.

Again, if interested please contact the PYFC office.

PYFC Treasurer Vacancy

The PYFC Trustee Body is seeking someone to take over the role of Treasurer.

The role is particularly important, maintaining an overview of PYFC's affairs, ensuring its financial viability and ensuring that proper financial records and procedures are maintained. For this reason, it would be right to appoint someone who has the necessary experience, skills and time to fulfil the role.

Could that be you?

If you are interested, a Treasurer job description together with the person specification of this role on the PYFC Trustee Body can be obtained from the PYFC office at the Hundred of Hoo School. The address is below.



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