

VYM News

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Mission Statement

Working with young people to help them realise that God loves each one of them.

A note from the Chairman

Last year I welcomed you to the first edition of VYM News and in January I wrote some notes for the second edition. Unfortunately we had production problems and that edition never got to the stage of being published!

The work of VYM has however continued and that work is outlined elsewhere in this Newsletter. In the background, considerable effort has gone into applying for Charitable status, obtaining CRB clearances, writing policies, drafting a constitution etc. All of this is vital, if somewhat unglamorous work and we are particularly grateful to those volunteers who have undertaken it. It all proved to be worthwhile when our Charitable status was recently confirmed so we can now begin to move ahead.

As part of the application process we realised that we needed a membership base to help and guide our work. At a meeting held at St Mark's Methodist Church on Friday 17th July, we held our inaugural meeting and are grateful to all of you who agreed to become members of VYM and who gave us so much helpful advice and guidance.

With all of this in place we can now look at the next, and increasingly important, task of fund raising. We have begun to make applications to funding bodies for financial support but we are equally grateful for your donations, however large or small. Please keep them coming! If you have any thoughts, ideas, contacts etc. that you think might help us to get ourselves on a sound financial footing we would be delighted to hear from you.

Meanwhile, the new school year has started and Daniel is back doing what he does best. Additional schools have shown an interest in him coming to help out in their school assemblies and this interest is being followed up. This is what we set ourselves up to do and it is good to see that it has been worthwhile.

Thank you for using our service, for recommending it to other people and for supporting us both financially, with advice and, most importantly, through your prayers.

Alan Rounsfell

Notice of AGM

The 2009 Vine Youth Ministry AGM will be held on Thursday, 12th November at St Marks Methodist Church, Chelston Avenue, Yeovil. The AGM will start at 8pm sharp.

Glastonbury 2009 – Tom's Story

Our first shift in the Sanctuary Marquee was on Friday at 6:45am for six and a half hours. From the marquee we could see across most of the main festival area which gave a great view of the pyramid stage. It was amazing to see just how vast the site was, holding approximately 250,000 festival-goers, staff and volunteers! One of the ministries of the Sanctuary Marquee was giving free cups of water to festival-goers. This was a great opportunity to meet some of the 250,000 people and offer a listening ear as well as quenching their thirst.

Friday was the rainy/muddy day of the festival. As the name suggests, the Sanctuary Marquee offers sanctuary to those who would otherwise be tentless. Some of those waking up in our marquee included families whose tents had become flooded or were less waterproof than planned, in addition to festival-goers who had become tentless for other reasons, including simply not being able to find their tent among the thousands of others across the site!

The Sanctuary tent also provided various services and worship. As well as helping to lead the VYM service, a highlight for me was the Catholic Mass on Sunday. The service was welcoming to all, whether Catholic or not. As a non-Catholic, I was impressed by how similar everything was and felt the service was a great show of unity amongst Christians. It was also a new experience to partake in a service whilst sitting around two people still tucked up in bed, having slept in the Sanctuary tent overnight!

Glastonbury 2009 – Chris' Story

When it came to Glastonbury 2009 I was looking forward to combining working at the Sanctuary Marquee with the chance to soak up the atmosphere at the world's most famous festival. I certainly wasn't disappointed on either front.

The Sanctuary Marquee was a warm and welcoming place. The other members of the team varied greatly in age, Christian denomination and experience, but all shared a sense of purpose - to show God's love through providing help and assistance to our fellow festival-goers. The duties were varied, from helping with children's games and activities, looking after fire exits and handing out water, to just speaking with people who wanted a chat. My favourite job was handing out free water - we had a lot of fun working to meet the demands of a horde of thirsty revellers and it gave me a chance to talk to others about their Glastonbury experiences.

Whilst not on shift I attempted to see as much of the festival as possible, which involved trekking round the vast site to see many varied performers, odd robotic structures, standing stones and many more odd things besides (including Rolf Harris captivating 20,000 people with a rendition of 'Two Little Boys'). Of course, the headline acts were the main attraction and I attempted to fit in as many bands as time would permit, and I certainly wasn't disappointed with the performances. There's a certain something about being covered in mud in the middle of 50,000 people watching your favourite band that a CD or DVD just can't reproduce!



The Mini Mix – ON TOUR

All Saints VA Primary School, Montacute.

Birchfield Community Primary School, Yeovil.

Castle Primary School, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon.

Chilthorne Domer Church School.

Fairmead School, Yeovil

Grass Royal Junior School, Yeovil.

Haselbury Plucknett C of E First School.

Milford Junior School, Yeovil.

Norton-Sub-Hamdon C of E Primary School.

Parcroft Community Junior School, Yeovil.

Reckleford Community Infant School, Yeovil.

St. Andrews C of E VC Primary School, Yetminster.

Thornford C of E VA Primary School.

Trent Young's Endowed C of E VA Primary School.

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