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Words from the Chairman

Regular readers may remember that we were handed a financial lifeline by the local Methodist Circuit, providing us with a grant of £6000, in autumn 2010. You may also recall that, not unreasonably, they asked us to match that grant by means of our own fund-raising.

We have begun a series of events to ensure that we are able to match the generosity of our Methodist friends.

Just before Christmas we went carol singing at Boots in the Peel Centre and, supported by people from at least four different Churches, we raised £85 in an hour. This year we are already booked to go back to Boots and are also looking to go to at least three more venues as well. We'll give you the dates later in the year.

We held a successful pancake day at St Marks Methodist Church on 8th March and were bag packing in Morrisons on 30th April and will be again in October.

On Monday 13th June we held our Charity Day at the Gateway Coffee shop in Adlewel Lane. All of the takings from the day were given to VYM.

Sunday 24th July will be a celebration of the work of VYM to be held at St Marks Methodist Church in Chelston Avenue. This will be followed at roughly 12:15pm by a barbecue in the Church grounds. This is open to everyone regardless of whether or not you have been at the church service, so please come to support us.

In addition, we are looking for people to provide us with ongoing support by setting up a Direct Debit with a monthly donation to VYM. 100 people giving us £2, £5, or as much as they wish, would help secure the future of this important work. If you are a tax payer and Gift Aid your donation, you will increase our income significantly. Please contact Kathryn England using the 'Contact Us' form on the VYM website regarding donations.

Vine Youth Ministry is currently conducting morning assemblies in 15 schools in Yeovil and the surrounding area. This means that we are giving a Christian based message to 2300 children every month. Whenever I talk to groups about the work of VYM, this is a statistic which has the effect of really emphasising the value of our work. If young people are not flocking into our Churches then we must take the message to them and in a manner which attracts and keeps their attention.

We know that the schools appreciate what we are doing, we know that the children are receiving a Christian message in a child friendly way and we believe we are doing God's work in our community. If you would like to hear more about that work then I am more than happy to come and talk to you, talk at meetings that take place in your Church or to provide you with publicity materials.

You can contact me via VYM or on (01935) 476457 about anything in this newsletter.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Alan Rounsfell (Chairman)

Mission Statement

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

Where and what next?

In addition to our work in schools, we have been working with mother and toddlers, speaking at meetings, attending after school clubs and have even been into a residential home.

This has led us to wonder about extending our work and we need to be discussing this over the coming months. It has implications for our budget but it also has implications for our session worker. In short we will probably need more money but we will certainly need more people to deliver our message and not always in the ways it is currently delivered.

So I invite you to take part in our deliberations. We want to work with people to help them realise that God loves them and your thoughts on how we can do this, examples of things that have worked elsewhere or offers of help in that delivery would be very welcome.

This newsletter gives details of ways in which you can contact us and we would be delighted to hear from you.

Bag packing!

On Saturday 30th April Vine Youth Ministry went bag packing at Morrisons Supermarket in Yeovil. We began at 9.30 am and finished at 4.30 pm. It was a long day but very rewarding. With me for the whole time was Daniel, Neil, Jane and Tom. For most of the day Richard, Amanda and Beryl and for the morning/afternoon Corrina, Cara, Andrew, Alan, Jenny D and Andy. The children packed bags during the morning, Gabriella, Robert, Joseph and Naomi and were a great help.

Thank you to all I have named. We raised £600 – a magnificent total and praise the Lord for His guidance.

Thanks are also due to the manager of Morrisons who kindly said we could raise funds in this way and to Sadie Berners who without her encouragement none of this would be possible.

We have another date Saturday 22nd October - can you help please? If we have enough people it will be possible to do two hour shifts and we may raise even more. Please make a note of the date in your diary and to let me know what times you are available.

Many thanks.

For more information or for VYM to visit your school please visit our website or call us.

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Celebration & Barbeque

Come and join our celebration of the work of
Vine Youth Ministry



Sunday 24th July 2011
St. Mark's Methodist Church

10:30am Thanksgiving Service
12:30pm Barbeque

BBQ Tickets £4 adults & £2 children
available from Amanda England 07929 657813

All moneys raised will be used to continue the work of VYM

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The Mini Mix – On Tour at:

All Saints VA Primary School, Montacute
Birchfield Community Primary School, Yeovil
Castle Primary School, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon
Chilthorne Domer Church School
Haselbury Plucknett C of E First School
Milford Junior School, Yeovil
Norton-Sub-Hamdon C of E Primary School
Preston C of E VC Primary School, Yeovil
Preston Road Methodist After School Club
Reckleford Community Infant School, Yeovil
SPLAT - Bible Christian Centre, Haselbury Plucknett
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
West Chinnock C of E Primary School

Other VYM activities at:

Birchfield Community Primary School, Yeovil
Bucklers Mead Community School, Yeovil
Cheeky Church, Yeovil Community Church
Fairmead School, Yeovil
SPLAT - Bible Christian Centre - Haselbury Plucknett
Sunbeams Toddler Group, St Mark's Methodist Church,
Yeovil

Donating to VYM couldn't be any simpler! You can now donate by text message. Just send 'VINE09' (VINE ZERO NINE) followed by the amount you want to donate (up to £10) to **70070**. For example, text '**VINE09 £5**' to donate £5. Your donation will be charged to your mobile phone bill.

Once you have donated, you will receive a confirmation message that will contain a link allowing you to Gift Aid it.

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