



# News & Prayer

December 2008

Sharing Christian hope with a new generation

## 'tis the season to be jolly ...'

...and as we look back over the past couple of months and look forward to the new term we have much to give thanks for and be jolly about! We visited Tweedsmuir twice!!! Yes, we had *two* primary weekends this year, with similar content and activities and two great teams of leaders and cooks, sharing with over 40 children altogether. Teaching was based on four "newspaper" stories (The Wedding at Cana, the healings of Bartimaeus and the paralysed man, and Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus) - all focused on who Jesus is and how he changes situations and lives...



*(Dancing during Saturday night's party)*

We had a great time, with good singing, (and dancing!), and a range of activities including swimming, shopping and roller-blading in Peebles; crafts, puppets and drama workshops; snooker, table tennis and Nintendo Wii games; and wide games in the woods. We were well fed too: thanks to the cooks, and to all who supplied tray-bakes for each weekend!

The BCYT committee had an evening out recently to mark Ken Brown's retirement...from BCYT! Ken has been involved with the trust since the very beginning (about 11 years) serving as the secretary for many years, and as



*Ken & Mary McGonigal)*

chairperson for the last three. We want to take this opportunity to thank Ken for his leadership of the trust, for his vision and creativity, for listening and having wise words for the workers over the years, and for all the fun along the way.

A good gathering of present and past committee members and workers (including Zac!) gathered to wish Ken well. We want to wish Ken and Norma all the best for the future and pray that God would clearly guide them into this next chapter of their lives.



*Elaine & Zacc say a few words)*

Meanwhile we have new members of the committee (see back page) whom we warmly welcome, and a new Chairperson in Andrew Morrice.

The new term sees us continuing to take the excellent DVD resource "Friends and Heroes" (animated OT

in Duns following our weekly visits this term to two classes. Michelle continues to work with the chaplaincies planning and leading assemblies in EHS and BHS, whilst in assemblies in our primary schools we're exploring the theme of Jesus and ...food! (WWJ...eat? Feeding the 5,000; the party for the Prodigal Son; wedding feast...) Wishing you all a Happy Christmas! May you know the peace and joy of Immanuel.

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

Matthew 1:23

### Lendrick Muir

30<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> February

Anyone in p6-s3 is invited to a fun-filled and action packed weekend for the cost of £30 which includes accommodation, food, transport and activities.

Activities include archery, biking, ropes course, Nintendo Wii, adventure golf, sports hall etc

Transport from Duns, Chirnside and Eyemouth.

For more details please contact [michelle@bcyt.biz](mailto:michelle@bcyt.biz)

## December

- 1<sup>st</sup>: BCYT management meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: SU Staff conference
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Holy Space
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Coldstream assembly
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Eccles/Leitholm assembly
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Westruther assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Greenlaw assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: EHS Christmas assemblies
- 16<sup>th</sup>: BHS Christmas assemblies  
East team Christmas lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Reston Christmas service

## January

- 8<sup>th</sup>: BCYT Liaison meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Chirnside assembly  
Holy Space
- 10<sup>th</sup>: SU Team Leaders Conference
- 12<sup>th</sup>: East team meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup>: BHS assemblies: Willie McPherson
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Eyemouth assemblies  
Chirnside assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup>: BHS 'South America' assembly  
BCYT management meeting
- 26-30<sup>th</sup>: EHS assemblies
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Swinton assembly  
Lendrick Muir weekend

## BCYT Management committee

Thom Collis  
Peter Daniels  
Jan Dishington  
John Dorward  
Dawn Holt  
Alan Leighton  
Michelle Livingstone  
Fiona MacAllister  
Andrew Morrice  
Stuart Otley  
Jackie Ringan  
Joan Sanderson  
Jim Watson

## Visit our website

It's aimed at all ages, with details of SU groups and our out-of-school activities. We also have links to other useful & interesting sites.

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[www.bcyt.biz](http://www.bcyt.biz)



Be...faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

Pray for ...

...the **new Chair and Committee members** as they seek to guide the Trust forward

...the effectiveness of our **RME lessons** in Duns with *Friends and Heroes*, giving thanks for the enthusiasm of staff and children.

...**young people** who have lost parents during the past year or families where parents have separated.

...our **Primary and Secondary Assemblies**, especially as we work with other chaplains and also that we are fresh in our presentation.

...further team-building and fund-raising events for **Peru**, giving thanks for this opportunity and the effect it will have on the lives of the young people going

...the **Lendrick Muir weekend**, for the team and the young people attending.

...schools with ongoing **SU groups**, and those where there is no group at present.

...Stuart and Michelle as they **travel** from school to school during these winter months.

...**street children** in Peru over this Christmas season and give thanks for the work of the Vine Trust.

...the **real meaning of Christmas** to be remembered over these weeks.

## REPORT & ACCOUNTS

If you would like a copy of the BCYT 2008 report and accounts please contact the office or email [stuart@bcyt.biz](mailto:stuart@bcyt.biz).

Peru Trip  
2009  
18th June - 3rd July

## Peru 2009 Update

Well we did it! We pushed the bed for 16 miles from Berwickshire high to Eyemouth high school then slept out in the snow overnight!! This was our big sponsored event to get us to Peru next year. Well done to all



YP as spirits were high and there was no moaning or complaining! Thanks to all who supported us.



If you want to know more about the trip please speak to Michelle. Look out for other events in the new year: quiz night, golf tournament and an ebay site for all unwanted Christmas presents!!

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(Stuart's days are now Mondays and Fridays)



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