

Members' Annual Meeting (cont.)

Audio and Projector Teams: the Audio Team had a quieter year in 2014, with an income of just over £1400, but we are continually trying to improve our PA and recording quality, and can now record on a full multi-track system for later editing. Anyone who is contributing in the meetings, please always use a microphone and always keep it close to your mouth, as this should prevent it from squealing!

The Projector Team is short of members - could you do it? You need to know the songs, but the job is more about being alert than being technical!

Video Team: "A new season" says Arthur - over 500 DVDs have been produced. Thanks to the team comprising Andrew, Jonathan, Kevin, Rodney, Tom, Ann and Lynne. DVDs have been sent out all over the world and some are sent to all our missionaries in Nepal, Africa, Asia, etc. Most popular DVDs have been for Family Camp and, more recently, for David Hathaway and Howard Morgan meetings.

Other Updates and Events

Bibles for China: Praise the Lord, we have just sent off another £1000 to China for Bibles to be printed there and given to poor Christians, our total is now £95,005. Recently we had an e-mail from one of our contacts in China telling how they had taken a box of Bibles to a village in a very rural area. An elderly lady suffering from Aids was in the group and she kept her eyes hopefully on the box. She was suffering from aids because in past years she and many others in the village had given blood and infected needles were used giving many of the residents Aids. When we gave her a Bible she wept saying "Thank you, thank you, I am old and ill, and I don't know many Chinese characters but wonderfully when I open the Bible I can read and understand."

We want to thank everyone who supports this work. There is still a great need and we shall continue to do all we can to get Bibles into the hands of these dear Chinese. Peter and June

Craft & Chatter: About a dozen people gather on a Wednesday afternoon between 1- 4pm for fellowship, refreshments and to do crafts - knitting squares for patchwork blankets and knitting other items which are sent to Africa, to some of the poorest families in society. Our C&C Group are linked to Greenfields Africa, an organisation working to transform poor communities throughout Africa. Brian & Barbara Hatton, founders of Greenfields Africa charity trust, came to Hollybush last year to speak about the work of the charity. They are due to visit us again later this month (March) and they will be selling locally-made African crafts and products.

Lent Lunches: Every Wednesday lunchtime throughout Lent hosted by different churches in Northallerton. More details from Philippa Carter.



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Jim's Jottings

An old proverb - "*March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb*" - so whatever the weather we receive we do remember the "Lion of Judah" is also the "Lamb of God" who is still able to take away the sins of the world - as for everyone of us personally, and on a daily basis. Whatever the weather, we have a personal Friend and Saviour who abides with us moment by moment - Our Precious Lord Jesus!



Snowdrops and daffodils are in sight, reminding us of new life springing forth out of what appeared to be dead and dull. So, very shortly, we will arrive at Easter, which used to be the reason/excuse for all ladies to come to church on Easter Sunday with a brand new 'bonnet' (hat), especially if they were in the choir!! So, ladies, what an opportunity for colour - except most ladies are 'hatless' nowadays!

April arrives again - 5th is the end of the tax year! Render unto Caesar, it's a must. Render unto God - it's a must! The tax man wants 20%, Our God is far more generous. Let us be generous too. After all, we enlisted. It is a lovely privilege to have Rev. Kingsley Armstrong to be our guest speaker for our Easter weekend programme. After journeying constantly to other parts of the world, he comes with the challenge of the cross (death to self) and resurrection (life, new life, and for eternity)! He, The Lord Jesus Christ, **HE IS ALIVE** - and so are we! Hallelujah!!

Pastor Jim

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Programme: March - April 2015

March

- 6th Steve Ward (South Emsall, West Yorkshire)
13th Susan Robinson (Peterlee, County Durham)
20th Horizon Life Training (Killinghall, Harrogate)
27th David Jones (Royston)
30th Jim Masters (Sheffield)

April

- 3rd Good Friday - Kingsley Armstrong (Northallerton)
10th John Addison (Warrington, Cheshire)
17th Paul Abell (Scarborough)
24th Jonathon Dunning (Sheffield)

COME AND BE EXPECTANT!

Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm - Come believing!

Craft and Chatter

Every Wednesday 1pm - 4pm... COME AND JOIN IN!!

Save the Dates

Hollybush Youth Camp Title - **“Limitless”** nothing is impossible with God!

Dates - Friday 22nd to Monday 25 May 2015

Party Time

“Jimboree” - Jim and Joanna’s combined 135th Birthday Celebration & Roland’s *Leaving Do Extravaganza!*

All are invited and welcome!

Special Guests: Simple Faith

On Saturday, 30th May 2015 @ 7:30pm

“Riding Lights”

Theatre Company performing a play “Regardless” at Hollybush on 14th June 2015.
(More details to follow)

Hollybush Family Camp

Title: - **“It’s your time...”**
Dates - 31st July to 7th August 2015

Members’ Annual Meeting

The Members’ Annual Meeting was held on 24th February 2015 and there was a good number in attendance. A summary of the reports given were as follows:

Financial report: the draft accounts (subject to Independent Examination) were presented. Total income for 2014 was £199.5K (2013 £219.8K) and total expenditure for 2014 was £229.3K (2013 £208.8K) resulting in a deficit for 2014 of £29.8K (2013 surplus of £11.0K). Total net assets, balance sheet value, at 31.12.14 was £1,489.9K (at 31.12.13 £1,523.8K).

Junior Church: the church was thanked for the continued prayer support, which means a lot to the team. The team consists of Pauline & David Kenyon, Kath Hardy and Inge Hammond with Helpers including Marie-Claire, Anita, Carol, Ruth and Sky - their help is very much appreciated as they step in when required. There are 14 children on the register and usual attendance is between 6 - 8 children. Highlights of the year were the Family services and the Christmas play, which was a challenge but God used them for His glory.

Missions: Vivien Firth is now the Missions Co-ordinator and regularly sends out DVDs and CDs of some of our meetings to the missionaries we regularly support. Vivien also coordinates the Prayer for Israel monthly meetings, on behalf of Cynthia.

The Bus (Outreach): the Bus has been at Hollybush since 2009 and there have been some periods when it has not been on the road - there has only been one real cause of mechanical failure (the air-brakes). It has been a Christian witness out on the streets twice a week for much of the time. Many of those visiting the Bus had huge needs, and there have been many serious discussions on Spiritual and other matters, including potential suicides, bereavement, family break-up and drug/alcohol abuse. It has now become difficult to form suitable teams to man the Bus, and it is now time to say goodbye to it. This leaves a big gap in the Hollybush Outreach in Thirsk for us all to fill - what are you doing?

Bibles for China: Peter gave a summary of the progress with this. The total raised to date is about £95K. [See update report over-page]

Mission Mart (Final report): the Mission Mart started in 1984 and, with its closure in 2014, it has been in operation for the last 31 years. Total funds raised and sent to overseas missions during this time was £208,300 plus a significant amount of goods shipped to Africa and Romania, where it has been a great blessing to the recipients in these locations.

June Arrowsmith thanked Jim for the use of the barn throughout this time - at a nominal annual rent of 5 pence per annum! This has been the means of so much blessing over the years for customers and recipients of the funding provided. Also, June thanked all the volunteers involved in this ministry throughout the 31 years who have given much of their time to provide help and support to all the activities.