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Headline NEWS

Building Teams

Building the Keychange Team is always an ongoing process, Members come and members go. All stakeholders in Keychange Charity are part of that team and it will be a huge joy and privilege to see a good many of you together at High Leigh at the end of April. It always seems difficult to make the time but in retrospect, there is always something that makes individuals feel part of the 'greater' team. It is appropriate to say a big thank you to many unsung members of the Team. Your work and donations are valued and we honour them. Local Support Groups, our Friends, are cases in point. Fantastic work and contributions in so many unsung ways.

All teams have a goal of some sort even if it is to score *the* winning goal! For us, our goal is to somehow introduce people we care and provide for to the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The only Team Captain really worthwhile following. May *the* presence of Christ be with the Team for always. *(David Shafik, CEO)*

Annual Trustees and Staff Conference

Each year the Keychange Conference gives staff and trustees the chance to meet and share fellowship with each other. This year's conference will be held from 22nd-24th April, at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire. Our theme this year is "Investing in the Future."

Not only is the conference held in beautiful surroundings – High Leigh is set in acres of

parkland and woodland – those attending can also (among other things) listen to Mark Nixon explain the arcane workings of the Finance Department, with the aid of some chocolates! Last year he discussed 'Sums with Smarties: Sugar-Coated Finance', but we'll have to wait and see what's in store this year. Perhaps this time we can switch to biscuits and learn something about the Credit "Crunch"?!

As Operations Controller, Barbara Barrett says, "It's a great opportunity to spend time with like-minded people in a slightly more leisurely setting than usual". Managers from different projects are able to meet and share their insights into working at a Keychange project. A day or two away allows for some 'breathing space' where managers and deputies can look at the bigger picture together as well as letting everyone get to know each other better.

The conference also provides an important space for spiritual refreshment and re-equipping. Speaking about last year's conference, Barbara said, "I really appreciate the prayers and spiritual content, which gives a real sense of God being in control."

For more information, or if you would be interested in attending the Conference, please contact Chwee-Hong Lee at Head Office.



Soul Sistas and Soul Survivors at Wayside ...

Recently staff at Wayside organised a trip to a Soul Sista seminar in Watford. Soul Sista is an offshoot of the Soul Survivor Christian festival held in Somerset each summer and is held 'just for the girls'. Soul Sista runs day events and hosts seminars and talks at the main Soul Survivor events, aimed at looking at the issues that affect girls and young women as they seek to follow God. As they explain on their website (www.soulsista.co.uk), 'we love spending time worshipping, hearing great teaching from the Bible, having fun together and praying for one another.'

Here's one Wayside resident's story of her trip to the Soul Sista seminar:

"I moved into Wayside in August 2008 – I am not a Christian. I was invited to go to Soul Sista in February 2008 as an activity organised through Wayside. When I was told about this I was a bit worried that I wouldn't enjoy it – originally I was thinking to myself 'I'll probably leave' because I didn't think I'd like it.

When I got to Soul Sista I quite liked it! I liked the music and the atmosphere was loud and lively.

The seminars were good as well, we heard different stories about sex and how God created our bodies to procreate. They also said that you should respect your body and not let people take advantage of you.

Once I was there I decided to stay until the end as I enjoyed it so much. I am now going to a camp called Soul Survivor where there will be people our own age learning more about God."

Wayside has organised for ten residents to go to the main Soul Survivor event this summer – they ask for your prayers for their plans, and for those going.



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HOMES:

Sceats Memorial Home, Gloucester
Mount Eventide, Plymouth;
Rose Lawn, Sidmouth;
Fair Havens, Southampton;
Walmer House, Torquay;
Rosset Holt, Tunbridge Wells;
Cressingham House, Wallasey;
Alexander House, Wimbledon

SHELTERED FLATS:

Jubilee Cottage, Lytham St Annes

HOMELESS PROJECTS:

Esther Community, Exeter;
Wayside, Reigate

OUTREACH:

Door of Hope, London

Proverbs 3:27

**Do not withhold good
from those who
deserve it, when it is
in your power to act.**

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Fair Havens welcomes a new visitor ...



The residents at Fair Havens have been enjoying visits from a new favourite, Evie, who is proving very popular. Evie, a beautiful border collie, works as a PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog. Pets as Therapy is an independent charity that organises and co-ordinates pets to visit hospices, hospitals, residential and nursing homes and special needs schools – wherever they will be appreciated. Studies have shown that even just stroking a pet relieves stress, calms nerves and improves quality of life – and Evie certainly seems to enjoy it too. “She brings real pleasure to many of our residents, who make a great fuss of her,” said Fair Haven’s Manager, Christine Newman.



News from our projects...

Rosset Holt: the hard work to raise money for an assisted bath is beginning to pay off! The current total stands at £10,050, after a great effort from staff and supporters.

Cressingham House: the refurbishment of the first floor has been completed and looks fantastic – it’s been much praised by residents and visitors alike. There are also two new additions to the House: Bill and Ben – a pair of goldfish!

Alexander House: congratulations to Margery who celebrated her 103rd birthday in February.

The Mount Eventide Home: the dining room refurbishments are finished, with the help of money raised by the volunteers in the support group. The room is now much lighter in colour and is much more comfortable and pleasant for residents to sit and eat in.

Wayside: currently virtually all the residents are in college or working, which is a unique situation for us, and great news!

Prayer for Healthcare Professionals

Written by Rev'd Canon Edward Pogmore,
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Hospital NHS Trust and North Warwickshire
Primary Care Trust

O Lord we pray for all those whose work is dedicated to the assessment and care of those who experience confusion and profound memory loss.

For all who work as Healthcare Professionals in everyday care and research into the causes of Dementia of many kinds.

May they be strengthened in their work of service with individuals, families and friends. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen