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Revd Jack Dunion, broadcasts his own online radio show every Sunday at 9am on River Radio (formerly Leven Radio):

https://riverradio.uk/

The link below now gives access to all backdated Rise & Shine programs:

https://www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/

Expertise learned in life?

Offer it to the Conference Council.

Please phone Judith on 01425 279408.

Trustee Resignation

Judith Wilson writes:

Margaret Cowie has tendered her resignation as a Trustee of Conference and we thank her for her valuable contributions to the work of the Council.

Judith Wilson
on behalf of the Conference Council

Build a New Church Wall

Revd Clifford Curry and Revd Bruce Jarvis report:

Readers of E-News will be glad to hear reports of progress in the Building-a-Wall project at the New Church in Orlando. Previously we have shared news, and invited donations to assist our New Church brothers and sisters as they address the huge task of making this large property of around 6 acres safe and secure. The site houses the headquarters of the New Church of Southern Africa, the Mooki Memorial College where candidates for ministry are trained, and two homes. If you click on the link below, you will find YouTube videos containing films of the site and the new wall.
https://www.gofundme.com/f/build-a-new-church-wall

The YouTube video can be viewed directly in YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5986KGUVuM&t=4s

Lee Woofenden and his wife Annette with her camera show us round the site, and feature the extent of the new wall. It's all very exciting, but still much to do. And, as Lee mentions, there is the bonus that the project also provides valuable employment opportunities in a country with a very high unemployment rate. They write:

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May 27, 2021 by Lee Woofenden, Organizer
Hello friends! We are excited to show an update on the progress that has been made on the wall. We have come a long way since those first two sections! We thank each one of you again for your help.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by clicking on the following website: https://www.gofundme.com/f/build-a-new-church-wall
At the time of writing, the Build-a-New-Church-Wall appeal had raised $US 3,035 towards the $US 11,750 goal.

Also, we are conducting a fundraiser to provide much needed food relief for South African township residents. With the scarcity of food following the lockdowns of Covid-19, people are starving in the townships. That fundraiser can be found here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/south-african-township-food-relief

Wishing you all the very best of blessings, Lee & Annette Woofenden
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Enjoy the videos and reports.

Clifford Curry and Bruce Jarvis

A Zooming Interesting Meeting

Susan and David Friend report:

The AGM of the New Church Youth Association was held, with the assistance of the Zoom function, on Saturday 12th June. The meeting was 'attended' by a select - not selected - gathering of interested people, both young and 'not-so-young'! Under the experienced and careful leadership of the NCYA President, Carolyn Kennion, those present heard reports on the activities of the NCYA in the past 12 months, and declared themselves satisfied with the work which had been done. There was positive hope expressed that the activities planned for

the young people before the next AGM would be more fruitful than had been possible in the pandemic-strewn previous twelve months.

Matters of necessary business were carried out smoothly, and thanks offered to those who had laboured in the past year. Special mention was made of retiring Council member Pauline Grimshaw, who has stood down after 40+years working with the church's activities for young people.

Entries for the Colouring Competition and those for painted pebbles were zoomed for all to see. They will also be displayed at the Conference AGM in July for any other interested people to see.

A slightly revised Council, now with two new trustees (Pauline Grimshaw and Clive Goalen) appointed, moves forward with renewed vigour to provide for the needs of young people of the church of the future.

The meeting closed with expressions of good wishes to one and all, and a benediction pronounced by the re-elected President.

A Tribute to Pauline Grimshaw

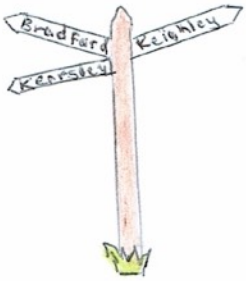
Carolyn Kennion writes:

New Church Youth Association council meetings just won't be the same now that Pauline Grimshaw has 'retired', after serving on the New Church Sunday School Union and later, the NCYA council without a break since 1980. At various times she held the roles of president, secretary and, most recently treasurer, taking on this role at very short notice following the sudden death of Peter Schofield in 2011. Pauline has been a most reliable and hard-working council member, travelling all over the country to attend meetings and help organise children's events. For many years she was a key member of the team running the Purley Summer Camp for 9-12 year olds and also ran children's events at Kildwick. Pauline wrote the first set of Home Sunday Club leaflets for 3 -7 year olds and recently helped to create a new set of colourful Bible story and activity leaflets for that age group. As a way of keeping in touch with Sunday School teachers and sharing ideas, Pauline produced 'Contact' magazine several times a year. She also 'marked' the entries in the annual NCYA Colouring Exhibition with encouraging comments and stickers. Her current project is writing a history of the NCSSU/NCYA from 1940 to the present day and we hope to have draft copies available to see at conference in July.

We are very glad that Pauline has been appointed as a trustee of the NCYA so we will still be able to benefit from her experience and advice. As a token of gratitude for all of her work for children the NCYA council presented Pauline with gift vouchers and a light-hearted 'poem', after the morning service at Kearsley on Sunday 6th June.

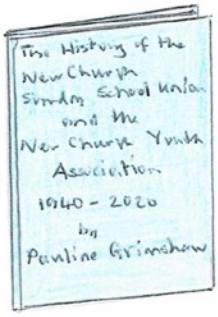
A Light-hearted Tribute to Pauline from The NCYA Council

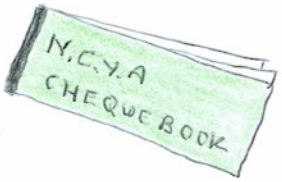
To council meetings near and far
You sped along in your little red car.
We always knew that you'd be there -
Before the days of Zoom.



When council met in Kearsley hall,
You fed and watered and welcomed all,
Greeting us with warmth and cheer -
Much better than on Zoom.

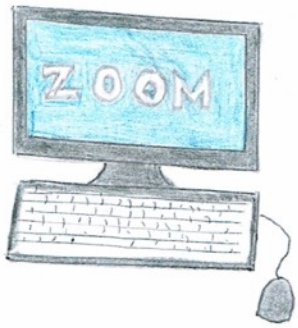
With diligence you kept accounts,
Signing cheques for all amounts,
To keep our work for children going -
Including that on Zoom.





When knowledge of the past was sought
To Pauline G. requests we brought.
You even wrote a little book -
On paper – not on Zoom.

Technology was not your choice
For seeing friends or hearing voice,
But persevering got you there -
Well-done for trying Zoom!



For all your work over many a year
We give you thanks and raise a cheer,
And hope that we will see you soon,
In person – not on Zoom!