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Rise and Shine Radio Show

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

<https://lomondradio.co.uk/shows/rise-and-shine>

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

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

Annual Conference Photos and Report

Gemma McLean writes:

I have received a lovely write-up of this year's Conference from Pauline Grimshaw (with help from Carolyn Kennion), which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/conference22report.pdf>

I have also received some excellent photos taken at Conference from Lynne Griffiths, Nicky Ramsay,

Carolyn Kennion and Marion Curry. A few of these are shown below but there are just too many to print so please find them all on our web site gallery here:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/gallery/>

Finally Carolyn Kennion has shared the wonderful entries from the NCYA colouring exhibition, which can be found here:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/ncya-exhibition-2022/>



AGM Conference Survey

Muriel Morgan has created a survey to get people's thoughts on the Annual Conference and AGM. Please share your opinions here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PFW3L6S>

Purley Chase Closure

Please note that Purley Chase is closed between 18th and 29th August (inclusive).



Recognised Worship Leader

Nicky Ramsay shared the photo below of Lynne Griffiths being announced as a recognised worship leader by Jan Millar at Conference.



Circle Dancing at Conference

Lynne Griffiths writes:

One of the offered choice activities at conference this year was circle dancing. It has been a regular activity in recent years and Marion Curry led us through a number of dances linked to usefulness and with the blue and yellow of Ukraine at the centre of the circle it ensured our focus was kept upon asking for the Lords help and presence in the world.

A variety of music including Ukrainian instrumental music formed the backdrop for our dancing. For those not familiar with circle dancing (including me!) it involves a number of repetitive steps which involve being performed whilst in the circle formation, often holding hands or moving in the same direction as a group. The movements often have a meaning behind them (such as the midwife dance or scattering the seed in the field etc).

It is an activity open to any and all or any age or ability and whilst I sat out more dances than I did due to resting the dodgy foot, I enjoyed watching the group move in harmony and of course enjoy themselves. The candle in the centre of the floor also helped bring the Lords light amongst us. If you have the chance to attend then please try it - there is no judgement and wrong steps are expected and you will take away more than you walked in with.



Purley Chase Internet Facilities - A Big Thank You

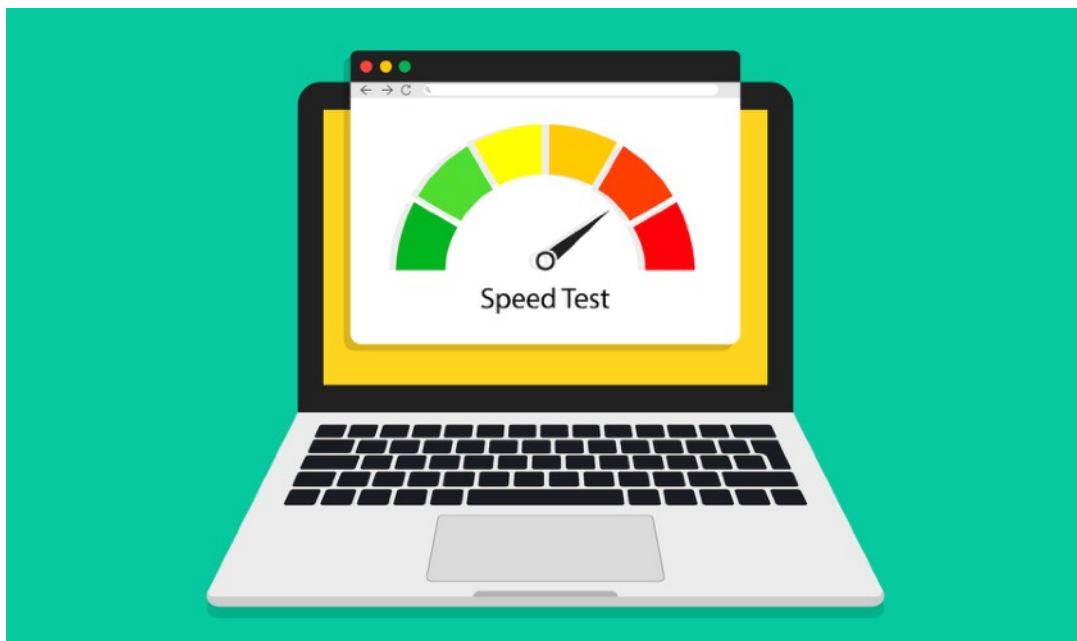
Revd Bruce Jarvis writes:

Among the many matters requiring Conference Council's attention this past few months has been the urgent need to improve the internet and telephone provision at Purley Chase. Any of you who have stayed at our Church's residential centre will probably have encountered the problems, and some outside groups have found the service so limiting they have decided not to return for further visits. The Purley Management Team and Conference Council agreed that a solution had to be found to bring our facilities up-to-date, and a contract was entered into with BT at a cost of £12,806 for the installation of a fibre optic cable system, with quarterly fees of £900. It is anticipated that the installation will be completed by the autumn.

What a delightful surprise it was, therefore, just before the annual meeting of Conference to hear, out of the blue, that the Paisley Society had sent a cheque for £15,000 to cover the cost of the installation.

We are sure all visitors to Purley Chase will be delighted to hear this news, and be very grateful for the donation – a truly loving gesture of support for our national centre. The Manager, staff and all who work to make Purley Chase a vibrant, modern centre will surely feel the same.

For a while, perhaps those who read this news will offer a little prayer of thanks every time we use our mobile phones at Purley, or benefit from live-streaming and downloading.





Purley Purlers



Starting Friday 16th September 2022

10.30am to 12.30pm

Do you like knitting or crocheting?

Maybe you enjoy other crafts, such as embroidery etc...

Come and join us "Purley Purlers" for a few hours of crafting and chatting once a week during term time.

We ask that you put a donation in the box for tea/coffee or cake/biscuit.



If you would like to stay for lunch afterwards, please book in advance in person or by telephone on: 01827 712 370 – when booking please indicate dietary requirements.