



Cut your COOL bookmark along the line

This term our **biannual prayer meetings** are focusing on local schools and also teenage lives.

Following recent events, young people have been asking for more **Bible study**.

WOTP continues this term on 14th May and 11th June.

This term sees the annual distribution of **P7 It's Your Move** books and **S6 Bibles**.

The COOL web site has been brought into line with the new design and includes resources and booking forms as well as Dave's monthly diary. Find us at **www.coolscotland.org.uk**

However, the team of three teenagers and a leader were a great hit and by the end of the evening, three of the four had signed up for the week. By Thursday, we had had twenty four attend the football school and listen to testimonies from the team who were only a few years older than them. We finished with a roast dinner, sports quiz and talk from Rev. Roddy MacRae who had once had a trial for Hearts FC. The response forms for the week duly came in, and one 12 year old boy with little church background had written that he would have liked more Bible study and wants to come to other COOL events.

Finally, I had a phone call from a youth leader only this week asking for advice as three of his young people were preparing to say the prayer of Christian commitment!

...news in brief...

MAY 2006



The COOL web site has had a complete overhaul sporting our new design reflected in the newsletter. It has also become more functional, not only with Dave's monthly diary but also now with booking forms for COOL events and, as time allows, resources developed and used by Dave for schools and youth activities. Find us on our new domain space at:

www.coolscotland.org.uk

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The word that has resurfaced on numerous occasions in the regular prayer meetings between Dave and the chairman, Malcolm, is 'buzz!' A number commented that they were impressed that we were able to share so honestly in the last newsletter some of the let downs in the work. We think that this month's update is just as honest as we share our excitement in the work: this indeed is God's work and He has not forgotten us!



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With the events of the past term; the conversations and breakthrough's that we have experienced, there really is a 'buzz' about the work, which we and the youth leaders give thanks for. Perhaps the biggest challenge facing us just now is the wisdom and insight to maximise on the response from the young people in recent weeks. Whilst it would be usual to give a report from the chairman during May, we really wanted you to be excited by some of the stories of the term...

Firstly, many people have been asking me how Kirsty from Fort Augustus is doing. The news could not be better, with the doctors predicting a 100% recovery. Kirsty has finished her surgery and spent a number of days back at Plockton High this term. Many thanks to all of you from all over the UK who have remembered her in prayer, which has been much appreciated by the family.

I have become more involved with Kyleakin Youth Club as Angus and Jackie are the sole leaders. One evening I discovered that one of the boys was not interested in the Bible because it is boring, so I decided to tackle this subject during one of the epilogues. Having apologised for wanting to read part of the Bible to them because it was 'boring,' I continued that it also caused me difficulties because it should have an

18 certificate on it. I then proceeded to highlight some of the subjects that the Bible covers from sex, to violence, the occult and alcohol abuse. I concluded that 'these things are written that you may believe,' John 20 v 31. The timing was of God and for a number of weeks, young people who hadn't previously known

what the numbers on the pages were (chapters and verses) were reading my numerous versions at youth club. One mother approached me in church with the charge that I was responsible for the destruction of her bookshelf. Her daughter had returned at 11 pm with a friend the night before and removed all of the Bibles from the shelf to compare passages. The talk was followed up with a booklet of selected passages with my own notes. My goal was for the young people to open the Bible for themselves, and we trust that the Word itself is powerful and effective.

This in itself was reason for thanksgiving, but then to see three of the boys come along to Worship On The Pavement, one of whom being the motivation for my epilogue, was truly rewarding and we have since learned that parents have been asked if the boys can attend on a regular basis.

After last year's cancellations, it was great to take thirty young people to Alltnacriche in March and this was another weekend of blessing. Rev. John Urquhart led the Bible teaching on 'The Word of God' and we ran WOTP as our Sunday morning service. During the service a collection was taken up for Peru, and one boy emptied the contents of his wallet into the bowl. Despite criticism from those around him, he simply said, "I want to give it all."

Another boy asked a tricky question of Colin MacDonald, the Glenelg youth leader who was able to answer very well. The boy replied, "Thanks. I always wanted to ask that but never had the opportunity." One group of girls who

seemed to be taking no interest in the Bible teaching spoke to John at the end of the weekend, asking him to come to speak in their youth group. One other seemed to respond very positively and has asked to come to the other events COOL



runs, including Bible studies and WOTP.

This was followed by the four day Easter Football School with the Youth for Christ 'Kick' team. Bookings were unexpectedly low but eventually picked up to twenty. On the evening the team arrived we led a church youth group in Kyle to which only four kids came along.

When you pray for COOL and Dave's work, please...

give thanks for

- Kirsty's recovery and answered prayer
- The breakthrough amongst Kyleakin youth
- The continued relevance of WOTP
- Responses to the Word at Alltnacriche
- A hugely successful week with the YFC Kick team, despite its programming being a calculated risk!

pray for

- GOD's guidance in discipling new interest
- Christian volunteers in the youth clubs
- Three upper primary pupils making a commitment to Christ
- All those changing schools or moving on this summer, especially those receiving literature from COOL
- The Holy Spirit's hand on meetings as we plan the next twelve months.

