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Prayer  
for Youth  
meetings  
run in  
each parish  
during May  
and June.

Planning for  
the summer  
'Big Feast'  
is underway.  
Join a team in  
your parish!

P7s receive  
their SU books  
during June.

This summer  
teenagers visit  
Imagine near  
Aberdeen, whilst  
we begin to plan  
for Peru 2010.

The COOL planning  
meeting meets  
in June.

After some work, all  
schools will soon be  
receiving RO again.

Also, although  
COOL is not directly  
involved, other clubs  
will be running:

SHIELDAIG CHURCH  
OF SCOTLAND:  
12th - 14th August  
SLEAT FREE CHURCH  
with volunteers  
from Kilmore  
Church of Scotland  
will be running  
Pyramid Rock.



We are also booked  
to take a small  
group through to  
Imagine in Inverurie  
once again, and we  
would like to make  
this annual event if  
there is the interest.

...news in brief...

MAY 2009



Looking ahead, as  
we come to an end  
of another great  
year in SoundWaves  
in Broadford, we  
are hoping to be able to kick start Kilmore  
SoundWaves on Skye in the Autumn off  
the back of the holiday club work.

With this in mind, we meet at the beginning  
of June to look at the year ahead, always  
assessing the work and service we offer  
and how we can most effectively reach our  
young people with the resources we have.

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COOL is working in all our local  
schools — from Applecross to  
Glenelg and Kyleakin to Elgol  
on Skye — to provide relevant  
engagement with the Bible for  
children and young people. In  
this edition of our newsletter, you'll  
find an overview of some of this  
year's latest initiatives and events.



LADHAR  
DUN  
RHEINN

May 2009

We give thanks that after quite an extensive process, COOL has been able to work alongside our schools to facilitate Religious Observance for all who choose to participate. This has been a concern for the past year but it seems that once again, come the Autumn, all local schools will have assembly input from COOL and the local ministers. So with most schools back in the diary, and the regular Plockton visits, Friday Night studies and youth group support, here is a rundown of 2009 so far.

## JANUARY



The year began as is becoming traditional with a few days teaching an overview of the whole Bible with Andy Bathgate for the SU Year Team. Next year's session are already being planned — a first for Andy and me this early in the year!

## FEBRUARY



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A trial joint Youth Fellowship was suggested by Kyle & Plockton Free Church. The evening was a great success for those who came, with three groups providing almost 30 folk. We are hoping that this will be repeated before too long. At the end of the month we enjoyed an evening of praise and thanks in Dornie village hall for the annual COOL celebration. It was a really encouraging turn out from all age groups.

## MARCH

The highlight of March was, as ever, our weekend to Alltnacriche. We were thankful to Rev. Roddie Rankin for all the work he put into bring the Bible teaching, as we considered reasons for our faith together: a great help to youth and adults alike. The activities were



loved by the kids, with Wildwoodz Laserstrike on the Saturday afternoon and a Cluedo style whodunnit? on Saturday evening. The weekend was one of the fullest we have run, with nearly 50 folk making it the success it was.

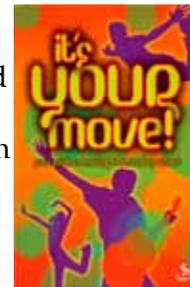
## APRIL



Sadly, YFC were not able to assemble a Kick team as hoped, so Easter was spent writing material for our ongoing project the Scottish Bible Society. The summer term began with an S5 and 6 assembly; for many the last of their school career in Plockton. We gave out 37 Bibles to S6 leavers and we have a prospective interest of around 10 thinking about joining a Vine Trust work party to Peru in 2010. In mid April a small group of pupils were taken across to Inverness for the SU Strictly Come Praying event, at which I was leading a seminar with Colin Carmichael. We had a great day discovering different ways to pray and enjoying music provided by the Imagine musicians.

## MAY

Rather unexpectedly I was called on at the last minute (literally from the onlookers) to play again for Plockton S6 v Rest of the World (staff) football. A really close match this year which



finished in a 3-3 draw, but we were finally defeated on penalties. Hopefully, my bruised leg will soon recover!

At the time of writing, we are now anticipating the first of this year's Prayer for Youth meetings in each parish, bookings to visit P7 leavers are coming in for June and the summer's holiday club planning is well under way.



The theme this year is 'The Big Feast' as we spend the week looking at meals related to Jesus' ministry from Luke and John. There will be a club near you!

KYLE VILLAGE HALL  
13th - 17th July

INVERINATE VILLAGE HALL  
20th - 24th July

LOHCARRON  
VILLAGE HALL

3rd - 7th August

KYLEAKIN VILLAGE HALL  
10th - 14th August

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

### give thanks for

- Religious Observance in all our schools
- the Alltnacriche weekend
- two students getting baptised in the next few weeks
- answered prayers in the school prayer group
- a keen core of Christian young people

### pray for

- S6 pupils who leave with their new Bibles
- planning across for parishes for this year's summer outreach
- those considering going to Peru
- God to open the hearts and minds our young people
- the vision of COOL as we meet for our bianual planning meeting in June

