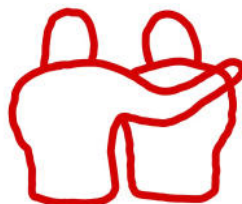


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Newsletter

Third Quarter 2007

The annual meeting of NEHL took place on Saturday 23rd September 2007 at New Silksworth IM Church. Carl Heron informed the meeting that Geoffrey Lomas and Derek Yeates had resigned as trustees, and thanks were expressed for their work and continuing support. The names of Eric Southwick, Sheila Heron, Claire Peacock and Irene Irwin were accepted as new



trustees, and Bill Sewell was accepted for another term. Brian and John our field workers gave an update of their work which was quite moving. John mentioned that over a period of time he had taken over 20 clients to church and one had

made a commitment to the lord. Brian stated that the low times of the work was dealing with people who were in poor condition because of the use of drugs.

Graeme Wharton who works for the Salvation Army was our guest speaker. He gave a presentation on his work of running a centre, which deals with underprivileged families from Southwick which is in Sunderland. The question he asked "why do I do it ?" and the answer "because Jesus loves them and tells me/us to serve them" was mentioned on a number of occasions. He challenged everyone to read Matthew chapter 25 and the last verses (31-46) and act upon what it said.



Further information has been received from Brian on day to day events on the street, for this newsletter, so here are a few.

- Lynn from Middlesbrough asked if she could come to church with us on Sunday because she heard how great it was.

- At Newcastle we met a guy who wanted to get home to Saltburn, we spoke to his parents and he got a ticket the next day.
- On the way home from Teesside on a dark country road I passed a guy who looked in distress. I turned back and found it was Wilf, a client from the past who suffers from manic depression. He was homeless and in a bad way. He would not go to hospital and the staff at Westpark said we couldn't force him. So I bought him a sleeping bag and a fish and chip supper and he wandered off into the park for the night.
- Callum at Newcastle wanted to get back home to Scarborough, and after speaking with his mother we helped him to go back.



- Joe a female worker with "Adaction" and employed by Cleveland Police is now coming to the bus and helping out with drug addiction issues.

- Gary, a volunteer for the past year, has found a job and is moving on. This is partially as a

result of our support. He will be working at a Christian Holiday Centre in Scotland.

The number of meals and clients we help continue to rise, and again we are extremely grateful to Sainsburys of Washington for their continued support of food and funds. At this time of year many people who are not regular Church goers will attend Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and will be reminded of God's unfailing kindness to us. Everyone at NEHL are also grateful to the many Churches and Individuals who donate their Harvest offerings to make sure the work continues. At Boldon Church items of clothing (socks, gloves, and scarves) along with tooth brushes, and rollon deodorants etc, are collected on a regular basis, which help to make up some 220 Christmas Presents.

Future fund raising events will be published on the website.

Contact Details

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron (Executive Officer)

☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Eric Southwick (Treasurer)

☎ (0191) 5812233

✉ (0191) 5813999

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact Jean Cansfield (Secretary)

☎ 07788 983746

Fund-Raising Activities

(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Hand knitted fashion scarves are available.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)
Please contact George Carlyon
☎ (0191) 5211217