

STAFF OPPORTUNITY

We are still seeking one or two gap year staff (preferably female but not exclusively!) to join a year of training development, discipleship and Christian service starting in September 2008. We provide you with accommodation food and all the above and help you have a great year working alongside us in running all the programmes for the 2500 children and young people that visit us with schools, youth groups and on CYESC events and courses.

You will need to be willing to raise some financial support to help us fund the programme. Contact Hermione@cye.org.uk For information. A number of gap year staff join us each year so start thinking ahead.

WINTER WORKS

Showers refurbished and retiled
New dishwasher and flooring fitted
Bunk sides replaced
New upstairs toilet on the ship to be fitted soon
Staff training carried out



The March storm and flood gave us a new idea for a water assault course...

See www.cye.org.uk And go to "blogs" for more on that!



Remember visit our NEW website www.cye.org.uk

FLEET NEWS

Four new Wayfarer Worlds have been delivered to replace the 12 year old Wayfarers.

A new Rib and has been purchased to replace the "Old orange Rib"

10 new Dagger GT kayaks brought in to replace old ones

We are grateful to sponsorship of Matt and James on Devises to Westminster Marathon, Chichester Harbour fund, Chichester District Council and Sussex Playing Fields association for financial help.

WEBSITE NEWS

Check out www.cye.org.uk as there are regular blogs and information

We are looking for pictures to populate the worldwide surf hoodies section – Get wearing them around the world. Soon we will have Cornwall and India – where else can they go?

CYE EVENTS WITH SPACES:

There are still a couple of events with plenty of space on:

Family weekends are a great opportunity to go away together and have everything done for you. All together and age related activities are planned. Come along and have lots of fun.

Two opportunities -

May 3-5th and August 23 – 25th

£78 per person inclusive

Get Active residential where we have a wide range of great water and land activities and trips to the beach for 9-12 year olds, from May 24-26 only £85 for 3 days

Adult (and optional children) non residential sailing days in the best weather on July 12th & 13th

Tuition and practice in a wide range of boats with safety cover to suit all abilities -

£45 per day

Still a few spaces on most events –

BUT HURRY!!

Details on website www.cye.org.uk with forms to download or contact CYESC on 01243 573375 or email admin@cye.org.uk



MASTHEAD

The news letter of Registered charity Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre
www.cye.org.uk

WINTER OUTREACH

Matt Winfield headed up teams to be involved in two main outreach areas this winter

This was in a School who were on the "CYE Christmas Assembly tour"

As in previous years went out on tour with an assembly to tell the good news of Christ's birth to as many children and teachers in a relevant way. Over 10 days we made it into 12 primary schools and 1 secondary school and saw 4,500ish pupils and teachers.



In February there was another element:

This year for a fortnight we (CYESC and Cranleigh Baptist Church) took all of Year 7, 8 and 9's Lessons in Glebelands School (in old language that's 1st, 2nd & 3rd form!). We took 2 lessons with every class on the subjects of the Bible, Jesus and His ministry and Love respectively. The 2nd lesson was an opportunity for the pupils to ask Christians (who we invited in) questions about their faith, experience, Christianity and the topic of lesson 1. In total we saw 450ish young people twice!

View from THE MAST

What a great view it is; as most of you know from personal experience, the position we hold in Chichester Harbour is fantastic, with breathtaking views at all times of year across the harbour and the South Downs. We have exciting weather conditions such as the flood and force 11 gale in March which adds to the wonder and appreciation of God's creation, sustaining and power. See "Winter Works" section

As I look out now from the Deck of the Gerald Daniel we stand at the start of a very exciting and challenging journey. The centre celebrated 20 years in 2005 and since then we have been considering plans for the future work of the Sailing Centre. The outcome of that thinking is that we are going to replace the Gerald Daniel with another ship which will take us through the next 50 years as the Gerald Daniel is 53 this year!! This idea evokes many emotions and memories and we hope to capture many of them through this project

We will need to seek your help in this huge undertaking. Last week we paid a deposit on a barge so the journey has begun! See the "Gerald Daniel - past present and future" feature.

Norman Doney
Executive Director

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GERALD DANIEL PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

PAST

Completed 25th March 1955 the Gerald Daniel as we know it originally looked like this. She was



M2729 HMS Sidlesham, named after a local village near Chichester and brought back home again! She

did sea trials but never saw active service. Built entirely of mahogany planks, with brass bolts ready to sweep for mines in inshore waters. She went into storage and was towed to Chichester harbour in 1973.

More information on www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/ham_class_minesweepers.htm

PRESENT

HMS Sidlesham was towed to the current site after being bought by Gerald Daniel's father. He donated it to The Sussex Police Authority, in memory of his son, Police Constable Gerald Daniel



who died in police service as a young man. The ship had all its engines, steering and equipment removed and was set up as an accommodation vessel to go alongside the land site, made available by the Beale family at Chidham. The police ran the centre



from 1973 to 1985 when Christian Youth Enterprises took it over and set up CYE Sailing Centre that we know so well today. The ship "The GD" has proved to be a source of continual fascination and wonder for visitors. It is so much more than accommodation and meeting rooms. The ship forms the heart of the centre. The character of the centre is focused on the sea and living on a ship provides a unique and memorable experience for each guest. For many it has provided the environment for a spiritual challenge too. The GD experience has given people excitement and CYESC its unique 'special ness' which people love and recognise

FUTURE

Now fifty three years old, this wooden vessel requires continuous attention and repair. The small and basic standard of cabins put off some prospective leaders and teachers and increasingly education authorities demand higher standards of accommodation and additional facilities for visiting schools. In addition the inadequate heating and insulation within the GD limits the season from Easter to October. Access is also restricted as steep steps prevent all those with limited mobility reaching the main accommodation and dining areas. Unfortunately, construction and fit out constraints mean that rectifying each of these issues is impractical.

In order to ensure sustainability for the coming years and to continue the development of the work of the centre replacement accommodation is necessary.

A number of options have been explored in detail, and a replacement ship deemed the most suitable to meet the needs both now and in the future. A ship has the additional advantage of being completed away from the site removing disruption for visitors and the local community.

In addition, the new vessel brings many enhanced facilities. These include access for those with limited mobility, high quality year round accommodation, a large multi purpose meeting room, games area, leaders lounge, wet lecture room and excellent catering facilities. This development offers new opportunities for the work

of the centre. New and different types of groups will be able to visit the Centre, making use of the greater flexibility of accommodation and indoor facilities. The possibilities are many and varied but include groups requiring quality conference facilities and specialist activity groups. Groups wanting quality accommodation only or limited Activity Provision can make use of low season availability as can smaller groups needing specialist training courses. The small increase in capacity, significantly improved quality, greater flexibility and enhanced range of facilities combine to offer groups an attractive and potentially sought after venue.



Here is what a newly designed boat could look like in position where the Gerald Daniel is now. We have engaged a naval architect to complete the design which needs to fit into the harbour environment.

A planning application is in process to replace the Gerald Daniel and consultations with interested parties are going on. A large sum of money will be needed to complete this project over the next two years, and a funding strategy is being drawn up. The final details and costs will be available this summer when the planning and quotation processes are complete. A full briefing will be sent out at that time. In the meantime there is an initial briefing sheet in the downloads section of the CYESC website; www.cye.org.uk and regular updates will be available there.

There is an initial need for £120,000 by the end of the summer to purchase the barge, and do some initial work to the hull and topsides.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

A sister charity called CYE has run a bursary fund for many years, supporting many people who are in financial need to join in with activities at CYE Sailing Centre. The grants have been given towards trips with school parties, youth groups or for sailing and canoeing courses and CYE activity events. The fund is supported by donations and another enterprising way, in which you can help without it costing you anything! Interested.... Read on

As you have read in previous editions, we have a very simple way of raising extra funding for the CYE Bursary Fund via our online shopping portal www.cye.spendandgive.co.uk

While we would love you to use the site which gives you access to about 180 retailers whenever you shop online, there is a very simple way in which we can raise a great deal of funds for CYE through the insurance companies on the site. So far in 2008 almost 90% of the £140 raised for CYE Bursary fund through the site has come from just 4 car insurance policies being taken out with various companies such as Churchill, Prudential and the AA.

What's more, if you haven't the time, and even if you are not connected to the internet, you can still take advantage of the online pricing for home, car or travel insurance by emailing insurance@cye.spendandgive.co.uk or calling Paul Thomas on 01483-278096. Remember, each policy taken out via the site can not only save you some money but it can raise upwards of £30 for CYE at the same time. As someone recently put it 'I saved, I gave – great model'.

One satisfied customer said at the time 'You're a legend, thank you very much for all your hard work. I have purchased the insurance the way you told me to, I hope thats all ok.'

He saved over £100 and generated £30 to be used to help needy young people to experience the excitement and adventure of CYESC.

Can you do that?!

