



Feed back from 30yr Celebrations Book of Memories

Over 1200 people joined us for a very special celebration in May last year here are some of their comments.

Looking back Sizewell " That special place where Jesus speaks to us". Whether under canvas or in the Hall or in the grounds.



I first came to Sizewell Hall in 1976 was led to the Lord by Don Gee "Praise the Lord".

Having spent many days cooking in the kitchen I never fail to be amazed at the sense of peace as I enter the gates. Sizewell Hall holds a special place in my heart.

I remember singing here "He's got the whole world in his hands" I was about 4 yrs old.

Six years of Christian Camp have been a huge part of my life, and God has blessed me so abundantly through it.

Watching my husband being baptised in the sea in 2004. Every time I come here I always come away feeling closer to God.

Another fantastic weekend to focus on God.

Time spent here as a 'youngster' taught me so much. I was encouraged and challenged to a closer walk with Him to be totally committed. I am so thankful.

"I feel such a sense of Peace."

Standing on the beach at midnight, a rough sea and suddenly it started snowing. Our God is a Great Big God.

Sizewell a must have.... Fond memories.... Thank you God.



Inspirational.....

Gr8 Views + cool (African Adventure)

It gets better every time I come.

If you have a story to tell and would like to share it please let us know, then we can share with others how God has touched your life then contact us:-

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Facing the future is always a challenge. For some the outlook is bleak while for others it is bright and full of hope. For all of us it is uncertain. We are taught by God not to 'boast about tomorrow, because we don't know what a single day will bring.' As we face the future at Sizewell Hall there are some challenges ahead, which will keep us on our knees in dependence on God.



The rent and the lease In three years time we will face a rent review. We have always kept our prices as low as we dare in order to make it possible for many young people and families to come and stay. Please pray with us that the rent increase will be reasonable and one that will not be prohibitive. In ten years time our lease will run out and the Sizewell Council will need to negotiate a new lease with the owners. Both of these uncertainties are in God's hands, and while we don't know what the future holds, we do know who holds the future.

The coast line We are often asked about coastal erosion and how

this might affect the beach at Sizewell Hall. A few years ago we had a meeting with the authorities from Suffolk



Coastal and the Nuclear Inspectorate who have assured us that although much of the coast line north and south of Sizewell would be lost, there will be little change in our beach before the year 2070! They have assessed this on the basis of the equipment they have placed in the sea monitoring the flow of sand and shingle.

The board of management Four of the Council who helped to launch the work over 30 years ago are still faithfully giving of their time to oversee the ministry at the Hall. Three younger members have joined the board and wisdom is needed for the future in seeking a new chairperson, company secretary, treasurer and book keeper. Victor and Meg Jack will be handing over their responsibilities to others in due course.

Three Phase electricity Sizewell Hall has always been on single phase

electricity which is now inadequate for our current needs. Those who have stayed at the Hall will have noticed how the lights dim when extra equipment is switched on. It is going to be a costly project when we go on to three phase electricity in the very near future.

Installing a lift We are planning to install a lift as soon as we can decide the best location for this, in order to comply with the Disability Act. We have a number of options for installing the lift, but need wisdom as to where we should site it. The toilet for disabled people has now been superbly completed by our managers. Both the lift and the new electricity supply are going to be very expensive. If you can help to support us financially in this, it would be greatly appreciated.

The ministry of Sizewell Hall is in God's hands. He has faithfully blessed and provided for the work in wonderful ways in the past. Our confidence is firmly placed in Him for the future. A sincere thank you to all of you who have helped to make Sizewell Hall Christian Camping and Conference Centre what it is today. **Victor & Meg**

Some pictures from the celebration in May. 2005



'African Adventure' Update CYM

2005 was an exciting year for Sizewell and CYM as it saw the launch of CYM'S African Adventure.

It doesn't seem like a week ago that the last school of 2005 had an African Adventure. In reality it's been 4 months but time really has just flown by. As African Adventure starts its second year (and we leave the winter behind us) things are again getting exciting.

Over the last few months the Site has been having a spot of surgery as we have been developing and expanding the Camp Fire, Archery Field, Low Ropes area, and Grave Yard. As well as that we have improved sleeping in the Village (not quite en suite but I'm working on it. Although Dave Pepper keeps telling me that wouldn't be realistic) and are introducing a number of new

sessions (sorry they are secret, we can't tell you anything).

As for demand, African Adventure has been so popular that we are already fully booked for this year and one school has booked up to 2008.

The demand for the Village itself hasn't ended with African Adventure weeks though. As well as having 3 CYM weekends taking place in the Village this year, we also have a number of Youth Groups using us for their 2006 residential.

As the African Village is again filled with the sound of drums beating and Lions roaring (ok kids pretending to be lions) we would love you to partner us in prayer as God moves.

Dave Hannah

Comments from some who have visited.

A head Teacher was quoted "African Adventure is the best residential I've been on in 22 years of teaching".

One of the children's quotes "Imagine being married to Cookie and getting grub like this every night".



The Low ropes course

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Last year Sizewell Hall had 6000 visitors throughout the year.

Please continue to pray for the work here and the managers as they cope with what is now a very long and busy period.



Our season currently is weekends but by the end of March we are virtually fully occupied until the end of October.

Church: ask your Church leaders to include some time Praying for the Summer and in particular Sizewell Hall in your services on :-

Sunday 18th June.

More information about the work of CCI and the Pray for the Summer initiative can be found on the CCI web site at :- www.cci.org.uk



Focus on the Management Team

Mervyn Wood (Centre front)

I was born in March in Cambridgeshire and attended March Grammar School. Upon leaving school and after doing National Service in the RAF, I studied for the examinations of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, qualifying in 1962. I spent 2 years working in London before moving to Bury St Edmunds where for 7 years I worked in the accountancy profession. I then moved into industry and for the final 32 years of my working life I was Company Secretary and Financial Director of a Group of Companies engaged in construction and plant hire.

I became a Christian at the age of 17 and when I moved to Bury St Edmunds joined West Road Church, firstly becoming actively involved in Boy Covenanter work, also I served as a church elder for 40 years.

I have a wife Mary who was a nurse before she retired and we have two married children, Sharon is married to Shaun & Stuart is married to Hayley and they have four boys. I have been a member of the Council of Management of Sizewell Hall since the inception of the Company being responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and related financial matters.

Matt Warnock (4th from left) I am 35 years old, married to Claire and we have recently had a baby daughter called Grace. She is absolutely beautiful and a real answer to prayer. We have been running the church youth group for about 15 years and have seen several of the young people come to know the Lord and go on in their relationship with God.

In my spare time, I own a Gentleman's Outfitters, the shop is in Sudbury and caters mainly for the traditional customer, although there is something for everyone. I also enjoy sport and play golf at Newton Green. Several of my golfing friends recently attended the dedication service for our daughter.



I have recently joined the Sizewell Hall Council which is a real honour as Sizewell has always been special for me. I enjoyed many years at camps, both as a camper and worker also many special weekends at the Hall. These occasions have always been a real encouragement in my Christian life.



This year, over 50,000 young people in this country and many thousands of leaders will be involved in a Christian residential experience. We know how powerfully God uses this work in young peoples lives; we also know the hurdles and potential dangers which leaders face in making it happen. The aims of **Pray for the Summer** are: to encourage individuals, churches and groups to pray for the work going on this summer, to inform Christians about the scope and scale of residential youth work so that they can become active partners in the ministry through: prayer, giving and joining a team.

During the year 2005 we have had:-

- 32 Church groups
- 8 Youth groups
- 8 50+ Groups from Suffolk Essex, Cambridge and Norfolk.
- 1 Group from Germany
- 2 Mens weekends
- 3 Ladies weekends
- 6 Weeks of Summer camping
- 5 Weekends of camping
- 1 Golfing break
- 1 Church leaders mid week conference
- 6 African village midweeks

Thanksgiving Midweek

Eleven American families from RAF Mildenhall along with thirty-two children attended a wonderful time of teaching, playing, and exploring at the Mildenhall Chapel Thanksgiving Family Retreat at Sizewell Hall. Families were able to learn, relax, and enjoy the wonderful setting at this retreat location. The children's program was sup-



ported by three couples and two Moms whose husbands were deployed. They used the Family Life Thanks Living material and did an outstanding job of loving and teaching the children so Moms and Dads could learn about Parenting using the Family Life Parenting material. Don and Sue Myers, who came from Florida, joined in the teaching.

Everyone had an outstanding time at Sizewell Hall and enjoyed sitting by the large fireplace in the lounge during early mornings, breaks, and evenings.

Families were able to enjoy their annual Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkeys and all the trimmings. Several husbands and one single airman were responsible for preparing the meal in Sizewell Hall's industrial size kitchen and serving families. The meal was followed by pumpkin pies and assortment of other traditional foods for their celebration. A little "bit of home" was experienced by these families as they are away from their homes in America.

Attendee comments:
Father of three young children: "Excellent, uplifting, recommitted on building our children into Christ's love, as well as our commitment with Christ."

A Mother of two: "We have entered into a new season in our marriage and parenting. We are now on the same page and realize where we were making mistakes.

A Mother of two: "The effect has been huge..."

Why do Youth For Christ choose Sizewell Hall?

Sizewell offers a great opportunity for young adults to spend a week's holiday in August enjoying the laid back atmosphere whilst making new friends. Situated in a manor house on the idyllic Suffolk coast, the holiday provides something for everyone.

Campers enjoy lots of sport or just spend the week soaking up the sun on the beach - some do both!

Stunning food includes lunchtime BBQs and a mid-week 4 course banquet. Most importantly, the holiday provides young people time to explore Christianity and develop their relationship with Jesus through relevant and challenging Bible teaching, lively music and opportunities to discuss important issues. If you want to know more, feel free to email us on:- sizewell@gmail.com



Suffolk Christian Camps

Junior Camp: 10-14's

Lots of fun activities, team games, swimming in the sea and an outing to Pleasurewood Hills. 'Time With God' in tents, led by tent leader (older 'teen) - looking at verses from the Bible and what they mean for us today.

Morning and evening times in marquee with music group leading worship, and talks by invited speaker. Often there is opportunity on last evening for youngsters to share how the talks and the whole week have challenged and encouraged them.

Often, in their own churches, when youngsters are talking about their journey of faith in God, they will mention Camp as a key time in their experience.

Those who have a story to tell 2005 Visits

Summer Madness: 15-19's

An action packed week with activities, games, trips out and free time. On the spiritual side, there is "time out with God" in the mornings, discussion group-work looking at relevant issues to the young people then a more in-depth session in the evening which allows time for worship and God to work and challenge the young people. Summer Madness is a great opportunity for young people to be built up in their spiritual lives in a safe and supportive environment and equips these young people to go back in to their churches and schools and make an impact on their non-Christian friends and family.

Family Camp.

Opportunity for families to spend time together in a Christian environment. Those who attend take part in a mix of organised activities, free time and Bible teaching for all ages. Optional activities include sports competitions and outings together. Single parents with children, families, grand parents are all welcome at Family Camp.

Any enquiries for camp please contact Camp Chairman Phil Sparkes
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In all, nearly 500 people came through the six weeks of Summer camps in 2005.

