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BCM ENGLAND

BIBLE CLUB CAMP

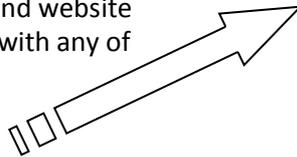
Little did I know when I went on my first camp in 1981 that I would still be going 32 years later! I worked my way up from camper to junior helper to leader to Camp Director. As a child, it was one of the highlights of my year (it still is!). Camp can have a huge impact on the lives of children wherever they are at in their journey of faith.



This year we're planning to have lots of movie-based fun (including an awards ceremony and banquet) as we shout: *Lights, Camera, Action!* Camp runs from 16th – 23rd August (staff arrive 16th; children arrive 17th) at Barton Children's Centre near Winscombe in the beautiful Somerset countryside. We'll be looking at the life of Moses and seeing how God, the greatest

Director, rescued his people from slavery with amazing power.

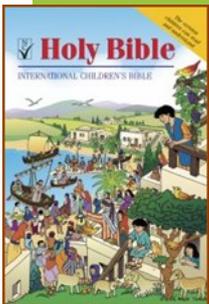
We are currently recruiting volunteers to join the 2013 staff team. Join the team and you could provide a group of children with a fabulous holiday experience, helping them take their first steps of faith or deepening their knowledge and love of Jesus. If you'd like to be part of this great mission and discipleship opportunity, contact me for an application form or download a form from the BCM England website (www.bcmengland.org.uk). If you could help with any of the items listed opposite, we can use you!



England Camp 2012

- ☺ Looking after younger children of staff
- ☺ Teaching sports skills
- ☺ Bible teaching
- ☺ Caring for children
- ☺ Running the camp shops
- ☺ Swimming
- ☺ Cleaning
- ☺ Helping with practical behind-the-scenes jobs
- ☺ First-aiders
- ☺ Running games or craft activities
- ☺ Leading small group Bible times

SPONSOR A BIBLE PROJECT



We use the *International Children's Bible* at camp and we would like to purchase enough so that all the campers and staff can have one to use at camp. We would also like to be able to sell them to the children at a subsidised cost if they wish to buy one to keep. We need another 40 Bibles which will cost £500. If you would like to give to this project please send a cheque to the office made out to BCM International UK, marking the envelope *Camp*

Sponsor a Bible Project. If we receive more than £500, the extra money will go towards sponsoring children whose families cannot afford to pay the full price for camp.



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Bristol Road Holiday Club 2012

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

BCM England missionaries Barbara Van Valkenburg and Kate Macnab will be running an 'Awesome' Holiday Bible Club with Bristol Road Baptist Church in Weston-super-Mare from 12th -17th August. They are still in the early planning stages so please pray for them and the church as they fix up the details.

BCM IRELAND

What's Happening? Summer 2013

CAMPS

Each year, camp time, while not taking us by surprise, does appear to roll in very quickly and leaves us wondering if everything is ready and in place.



You only relax for a short time after camp has finished when you hear the questions 'when is the Camp reunion' or even more, now that we have Castledaly, 'when is the winter camp – are the booking forms out yet?'

However, it is worth the effort and the campers really enjoy themselves while getting to know God in a deeper way and developing healthy friendships with other believers which will strengthen them as they go out into the world around them. It is such an honour and blessing to be involved in this ministry in any way.

The preparations for summer 2013 are well underway with the Camp Forms out and beginning to come back in already. So the administration continues as well as the planning for each individual camp.

There will be three camps again this year. We were hoping to increase it to four but based on last year's numbers we will build it up slowly, so please pray that there will be an increase in numbers so that we will definitely need extra camps next year.

A time to share



Youth Camp: July 14th - 20th

Senior Camp: July 28th - Aug 3rd

Junior Camp: Aug 4th - 9th

Check out the web site for the forms and other information.

www.bcmireland.ie

FELLOWSHIP WORK WEEKS

This is a new venture for the Youth Form. Over the last couple of years we have had a 'Work Week', this was primarily to get some practical work done around the centre at Castledaly. However, seeing what those who volunteered their time and energy got out of being together working in this way we decided to develop it. We may have two separate weeks, one as a general work week where all age groups can get involved, the other specifically for young adults. The latter is particularly aimed at those who have been attending the camps over the years but are now too old for camp.



A time to work

Fellowship Work Weeks:

General: July 21st - 27th

Young Adults: Aug 9th - 15th

A time to contemplate



We found that as a number of the campers become too old to attend camp they just drifted out into the world and that was the last we saw of them. On the other hand there were those who wanted to continue and came back to help at the camps. Not everyone who wanted to continue felt they could be camp helpers etc. In having a 'Fellowship Work Week' we are hoping to cater for such, where they can feel useful by doing some practical work and have a camp feel to the week also. In addition they can also invite friends whom they may never felt would go to a 'Bible Camp'. This a new venture, please pray for it and the Youth Forum as they organize it.

BCM SCOTLAND

IT'S KIDZ DAY



'PRAISE THE LORD WITH MY WHOLE BEING'.

That's **KIDZ DAY**

The children had a great experience, hearing God's word through the Bible lesson, being creative in craft making items that backed up the theme for the day and gave the children something to take home, share with family and keep as a reminder. We had games and activities like the bouncy castle, high jumps and high energy, and at club time the youth praise band led the children in worship, allowing them to draw near to God as they sang His praises. In quizzes and 'Big Games' kidz worked as teams and earned personal rewards for their efforts.

Kidz Day is one of the highlights of our calendar, for staff and children alike, not forgetting the parents who come and stay!

It has been used as a 'window' to showcase the work of BCM in the clubs and camps. Our enthusiastic young staff work hard, both at the event and in preparation for it.

Kidz Day is portable, we used it at our camp centre at Douglas West and two churches have hosted it.

The programme starts around 10.30 with a time together, lunch, (we each bring our own packed lunch), then the children are directed in small groups for the different games, craft, Bible, tuck, memory verse, bouncy castle, movie and so on, then we come back together for a final club time with photos on screen from the day, home for 5pm.

It is always a happy time to see them

"giving their all for Jesus" (Fiona Blyth paraphrase of Psalm 103 v1).



IT'S ARBROATH CAMP TIME

Once again we are in the Windmill Centre in Arbroath which has provided home for the Clyde Valley camp for the last six years.

There are three camps this year. MINICAMP is a short mid week camp which is planned to suit the first time camper but the children just keep coming back!

JUNIOR camp has a programme designed for the 8 to 12 year olds.

TEEN camp has a programme more suited to the junior teen.

All the camps include all that is good about the weekly Bible Club with crafts, lots of games, great music and club times. Added to this is good food and care from a dedicated group of leaders, most of whom were campers. This combines to give camp a warm Christian environment. Arbroath has a range of interesting and fun attractions so the campers have plenty to do and enjoy in the area

Application forms are out now and there are still a few places left.

Junior Camp 6th-12th July Teen Camp 13th-19th July 2013



IT'S THE 33rd LADIES' WEEKEND

Two brilliant weekends with 144 amazing ladies.. So much to praise God for...

Personally I found the whole weekend so full and powerful in speaking into my life and a real encouragement. Really can't begin to tell you how much this weekend meant to me but suffice it to say what I heard spoke very clearly to me and was a real blessing. E

It was a great weekend and plenty of food for thought. There is so much to take onboard. E

It was great to be a part of a weekend so immersed in His presence and provision. J

NORTHERN IRELAND

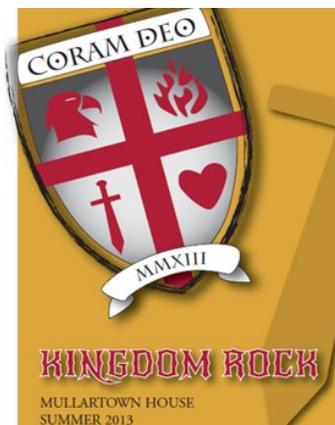
MULLARTOWN HOUSE

Here at Mullartown it's been all systems go! Since Christmas we have had our senior teens and junior teen's weekend and are getting ready to have our kids' camp weekend in a couple of weeks, alongside many other outside groups in between.

We've also been running an event called Mullartown on Tour which is a follow up from kids' camp to touch base with our campers again, and also to take an opportunity to reach out to more kids and young people with the Name of Jesus Christ! We've 6 different venues across Northern Ireland and one unreal program packed out with games, talks, songs, dramas, videos and food.

Alongside of all this our summer camp forms have been sent out. They've been out now 6 weeks and we have 310 campers booked into our summer, filling up 2 of our kids' camps and our junior teen's camp! We give thanks to God every year. He continues to provide us with great leaders, gives us creativity in our programme and the opportunity and privilege of working with kids and young people in this setting!

Here at Mullartown we want to thank God for his continued blessing. Without him it's all done in vain! So praise be to God.



Summer camp logo



Mullartown on Tour logo

Over here in Northern Ireland our winter work is drawing to a close, next week is the final week of most clubs and these will close with a parents evening and in some cases an outing. We also had Explore Easter, a very hands on day for the children where they got to experience Easter.

In May to August we will be involved in summer ministries. The main outreach to children in the summer is in the open air in housing estate greens etc. called 5 day clubs. These are to be in Lambeg, Stoneyford, Belfast, Maralin, Dollingstown, Moira, Hillsborough, Moneymore, and Seymourhill. Some of the locations are still to be finalised but this is a rough idea of where they will be.

Hello Life is another BCM NI summer ministry. This is where a group of young people spend the week together and go out each day and do outreach to children and teenagers playing games with them first, building relationships with the kids then witnessing to them. Hello Life also do outreach at the Lisburn twelfth of July field. They do face painting then give the leaflets to the kids about their clubs in the following days. Please do be praying for the summer programme as we plan that God's Name will be lifted high and that He will be glorified.

Pray for the weather that it will be dry for the clubs, pray for safety, and pray for children to be touched with the Gospel and saved.

Thank you to you all for your prayers for us here in NI. It is appreciated! God bless you all.



MULLARTOWN ON TOUR



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