

Breathe is Booking!

Down to a number of clashes and constraints on volunteer time, we've not had any events in late 2012. Things have improved, but please consider joining us to help us bring more events to reach young people.

We're now getting ready for Breathe in 2013, and are taking bookings now. If you'd like to host an event, either by yourself or jointly, or just want to find out more, email breathe@nesyfc.org.uk or contact us via the form on the Breathe page at www.nesyfc.org.uk/breathe. Hosts have a choice of Saturday or Sunday, so both dates are given but due to a limited number of volunteers we can only run one event each month.

The proposed dates are:

19/20 January	16/17 February	16/17 March
20/21 April	18/19 May	15/16 June

Hurry before they are all taken!

Help us!

Want to see young lives changed for the better by the love of Jesus? Whatever your talents, age or availability, we can make use of your help. We need people in up front youth work and behind the scenes.

Cage Towing

Our cage football project takes sports mission to young people across the North East. We need drivers with towbars on their cars to tow the cage to and from the Aberdeen base. Expenses will be covered. Can you help our vital work in this simple way, either as a one-off or regularly?

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Make a difference!

Pray for us, our work and the young people of the North East. We'll happily share our work with your church or group. We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills. We also need **financial support** - whether in your will, a regular donation of as little as £5 a month or a one-off gift. All helps us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Breathe

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Welcome!

Welcome to our latest newsletter: it's hard to believe 2012 is nearly over already! This issue we hear about the development of the work in Oldmachar and Formartine, where there have been great responses from local young people and we are encouraged that the seeds of much longer term work are being sowed. We hear about a couple of possibilities for the future, and meet one of our volunteers.

Please pray for our team as we continually seek God's will on where to go next, and pray for additional funding that is currently being sought so that we can grow the ministry to reach even more young people. Thanks for all your support: please read on and be encouraged.

Cage Sponsors Sought

Now the cage has launched we are looking for individuals, churches and businesses to sponsor the 24 cage panels; this helps cover running costs such as upkeep, insurance and transport costs.

The cost of an advert panel on the cage for 3 years is just £300 including the cost of the printed banner. See our website at www.nesyfc.org.uk/cage or contact us for more information (address and phone no on back page).

Prayer

Please pray for the following things over the next few months:

- Young people and the volunteers as they take a break over the Christmas holidays
- That our team will start 2013 with a renewed energy and sense of God's calling
- The Breathe team as they plan a new session, and pray for new volunteers to join the team
- The possibility that work in the Northfield area may take off again is hugely exciting; pray that the team there faithfully respond to what God wants them to do, and that they make a lasting impact on the young people they work with
- The cage organisers as they speak with the Police and City Council about suitable locations for the cage to be deployed
- Thanks for the blessing of fruitful work in Formartine and Oldmachar, and pray for the local churches as they seek to build work that's sustainable in the long term with local volunteers
- Thanks that finances are in relatively good shape, thanks to many generous individuals; pray that God helps the team to be good stewards of the resources they are entrusted with, and that funds and volunteers continue to come to allow for growth and calling to additional work



Outreach Report

Steven Hamilton updates us on recent mission and outreach work in the local area

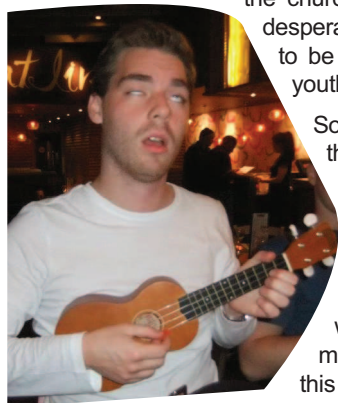
1. Formartine

Thanks be to God, things have developed quite nicely in the Formartine area (Meldrum Academy catchment area). We had been praying for workers to the Lord of the harvest, and he has provided a young couple: Stephen and Cat McPhee (Stephen occasionally plays music at Breathe). The Lord has given them a heart for that area as a newly (this past April) married couple. At the same time the Lord worked in one of the local churches (Methlick) and they took a step of faith, providing support for some hours work with the young people.

So at the moment Cat has taken that post (only a handful of hours a week for the time being), and Stephen is still working in Aberdeen. Cat has now taken over the work in Meldrum Academy from me. Once a month we run together the Formartine Youth Group, attended by about a dozen teenagers, most of which come from a non-Christian background.

A new trust is being set up, called Formartine Youth Trust, of which I am one of the trustees. This has the vision to raise support to be able to employ both Stephen and Cat: having them working for all the churches in this area, desperate for more work to be done among the youth.

So we are very thankful for how things have developed and we pray to God for our brothers and sisters whom we will support as much as we can in this process.



Steven gets musical!

2. Oldmachar

Oldmachar now employ a new minister – Rev David Stewart – a fellow Irishman! This has brought a lot of excitement, but also expectation, so please pray for David.

With the other churches in the Bridge of Don area, David and I are part of a number of people that form the “schools’ team”. We work in half a dozen primary schools and a couple of academies. The primary schools are very open and we are very thankful and excited about having almost weekly input in all of them with assemblies about our great God that can go on even for an hour! In the academies it is a bit tougher, so we have taken this term to pray about that work.

Rock Solid on a Tuesday night is going well and the kids keep coming back with harder and harder questions, although not always wanting to sit through and listen to the answers...

We are praying and looking into starting something for the teenagers in the church, possibly Youth Zone on a Friday night that will function as a youth café / drop in thing. Hopefully we will be able to start that next term, God willing.

3. Northfield

We are very thankful for our partnership with Sheddocksley Baptist Church with the YMCA street football on Thursday nights. Together with them we hope to serve the charity ‘Choices’ and the work that they are hoping to start in Northfield Academy. Please pray for this possibility – a place that’s been in our hearts for quite some time.

4. Cage

We are very thankful to God for His amazing provision of the football cage and the funds for it. We would love to use it more on a regular basis in an area where this kind of detached work would be of some use. Please pray as we speak to the Police and the City Council about this.

Meet the Volunteers

This newsletter we meet Mary Campbell, one of our hard-working volunteers behind the scenes...

What’s your job within NESYFC? For my sins I am Cage Manager. In other words, I deal with the admin involved with the hiring and upkeep of the Cage Football equipment.

What do you enjoy most about your YFC work? I would have to say that it is the fellowship which has developed with the other exec members and the fact that I feel that I am able to contribute in a very small way to the good work that Steven and the other volunteers are doing in spreading God’s word.

What are the challenges? For me the greatest challenge is keeping up with all those lively youngsters and their enthusiasm for God’s work.

Favourite scripture? Romans 12, a great scripture to use as a guide for us to follow.

Favourite worship song or hymn? Psalm 84 How lovely is thy dwelling place....

How did you become a Christian? I grew up in a Christian home which, believe it or not, was the catalyst which pushed me to rebel initially as a young teenager. However, God cannot be thwarted, and at the age of 17 it was made very clear to me that if I continued down the road I was on that I was heading for destruction. My grandfather’s death was the means of my conversion. God made it very clear to me that I had to make a choice either to follow him or go to a lost eternity. I have never regretted choosing to give my life to Christ in the 42 years since I made that choice.

Where are you originally from? I am from the Island of Lewis. I grew up in the town of Stornoway although my family roots are in the Point area of the Island.

Can you describe your family? I am married to Alistair (have been for 41 years). I have four grown up children, three daughters and a son. My son Stewart has come to know Christ as his saviour recently. My daughters as yet show no signs of having concern for their souls but I live by the Lord’s promise that where the seed is planted and is watered with prayer he will fulfill his promise.

What do you do outwith NESYFC? I am in semi retirement having taken redundancy from my work as Learning Support Manager at Aberdeen College in June of 2010. I work from home making curtains, reupholstering furniture and doing alterations.

What’s your favourite fruit and why? I can’t say that I have a favourite fruit as such. I love all kinds of fruit but if I had to choose I would say that pineapple was one of my favourites because of its versatility when it comes to cooking.

Is there anything we can pray for? My greatest longing is for revival in these desolate times. I would pray that God would not only revive the hearts of my wandering children but that He would pour down His truth and His light on all the lost and needy souls I see around me daily.

