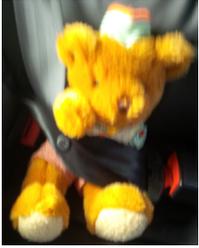


Hank's Panel



Hi fans, have we had a year! I've had around 30 outings since the new cage went into action - in rain hail and sunshine. My umbrella is just dandy for keeping my fur dry. I've seen the action in Seaton on Monday nights under floodlights, at Tillydrone, and at St. Machar Academy (I have never seen so many kids! – might have been trampled underfoot if my vantage point wasn't up so high). I have been as far as Shetland for their Sports week (needed my tummy pills for that ferry crossing). We have also been to church events including Westhill where several hundred young people turned out just to see me and get my autograph – fame at last! I am looking forward to 2017 after my Christmas break. Trust you all have a great time, and see you soon. Your FAMOUS footie mad bear, Hank.

Oh and a special appeal Curtis needs more volunteers for the Cage crewing. Please get in touch if you can help. It is great fun and a simple way to spread the Good News.

Help us!

You can help us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for us and the young people of the North East. **Volunteer**, working with young people or in background support. **Give**, in your will, a few pounds a month or a one-off. All makes a difference!

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Welcome!

A big thanks to all our supporters and prayer partners! May you all have a Joyous and Blessed Christmas!

Love came down....

John 1:14. *"The Word became flesh, and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* In Phil 2, Paul urges us to be *"like minded, having the same love, being of one spirit and one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interests of others."* May this mindset drive all of us, working together to reach out with the love of Christ to the young people of Tillydrone and Seaton.



2016 has been another amazing year – read the summary inside. Thank you all again for your continued prayer and support.

Prayer Points

- Thanks for large numbers at St. Machar Academy Cage football.
- Pray that relationships formed with young people through this will bear fruit.
- Thanks for football pitch provision at Riverside Primary – parents can get to matches, and no transport problems!
- Thanks that Curtis has committed himself to this work for the foreseeable future.
- Pray for his health as he juggles his work load, and also that he finds a suitable home for when he and Amy get married in April.
- Pray the Lord's guidance for the Steering Group, as they seek funding to consolidate and further the work.
- Pray for the Lighthouse ministry, that they find suitable premises as the Council demolishes and rebuilds the current site. It is crucial that they have a local continued presence.



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Outreach update

Youth worker Curtis Sangbarani looks back on the highlights of 2016.

Riverbank Football –The general change in the structure of how we run the football team has been huge. I'm really happy to see us implement a system of discipline in all areas whether it's turning up to training on time or the games, behaving in class and also respecting each other and coaches. I feel being able to have all of our Saturday football games at Riverbank due to the new pitch has been a massive highlight.

We have all benefitted from developing discipline, we have learned and continue learning on how to respect each other and treat people with grace and this has rubbed onto the parents who also now encourage their kids to turn up on time to training and games. Not only have the team and coaches gained from not having to figure out lifts each week, but also the community as they now have a place to watch kids play football. The parents have come out more in numbers now as they can just walk to games.



Cage Football St. Machar - A big highlight was getting the cage football into St. Machar Academy on a regular basis. It's been fantastic getting the cage into the school as it has really blessed hundreds of young people, it has also given teachers and kids more awareness of YFC who we are and what we do and we have also accelerated in building up relationships through football.

Riverbank TLG Project - Another great highlight was the response from the Riverbank head teacher after working with my pupil through the TLG Project. It's been so encouraging to know that we have made a difference in this one person's life and that the school have recognised that, which has strengthened our relationship with them and their trust in us.



Lighthouse Soccer School - Another real positive was running the lighthouse soccer school for the first time ever in

Tillydrone. Because of our existing relationships with the young people in the Tillydrone area it was a lot easier to get them along to attend the week's session. Every single person benefitted from this, the kids in learning more about football and also about Jesus, the coaches and the parents who also attended the final day where an ex pro spoke about his faith which really impacted many of them.

Social Media - It has been good to have an NESYFC page as well as the Riverbank Football page. We will continue to develop these as a really good way to let everyone know what we are doing.

24/1 Prayer - In 2016, we took part in 24 hours of continuous prayer at The Mission, a special time of thanks, reflection and quiet time with the Lord. In line with BYFC, there will be particular emphasis on prayer in 2017. "...pray without ceasing..." (1 Thes 5:17)

Every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year,
Curtis.

Stop press - funding

Please pray! As the newsletter goes to print, we have just received news that one of our biggest regular funders has had to reduce their contribution by £300 a month, due to the ongoing downturn in the oil industry. This could seriously affect our ability to fund the work, and we will be working hard to make up this shortfall. We were however very grateful to receive a large one-off donation from an individual this year which has put back "crisis point" until around July 2017. We would appreciate your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance, and trust that 'nothing is too hard for Him'.

The NESYFC Steering Group

Volunteers Appeal



Our target for 2017...

Another 6 volunteers for the Cage football and relational team. Male or female. Just a few hours a week. Contact Curtis curtisnesyfc@gmail.com

Another 3 volunteers to help with the 'behind the scenes' work at NESYFC, for whatever time you can give, any age. Contact office@nesyfc.org.uk

The Lord is calling you! Are you saying 'Here I am Lord'? *Then come and join us!*