

## A trip to Canterbury!

5 long years of hard work has paid off, not only in the fact that I now have a BA HONS degree in Community Development and Informal Education, but I also got to celebrate my success at graduation in January in an amazing venue.

Phil Dew, Martin Ladds (my soon to be husband) and myself all met in Canterbury on a very sunny January afternoon. I was overwhelmed by the venue and the whole day.

I was so pleased as I worked so hard and didn't give up, so I could enjoy the day. It was worth the long nights writing assignments and reading millions of books!

This is a massive Thank You to everyone who has willed me along the way, proof read assignments, prayed for me and offered me words of encouragement.



Yvette & Phil



Martin, Yvette & Phil

Yvette

## News from DJ

I have had a really good start to 2012 with my clubs in the Kirkby Stephen and Brough area. Each club has been running now for 2/4 years and I could spend a week sharing stories of what we have been up to, about the young people and all the good as well as the not so good stories. In this report I will share with you a couple of success stories with their challenges!

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**Life in Stereo** - is our monthly Christian youth event held at Kirkby Stephen Methodist church. The event has been going for over 10 years and has seen many volunteers running the event who have done a fantastic job. It is an evangelistic Christian event for young people who may, or may not, believe or follow the Christian faith. The event is an ideal opportunity for young people to gather together to have fun, food, games and live music all geared around a safe and comfortable environment for them to explore more about the Christian faith and to express their own walk and journey with God.

Over the past two years the event has had its low points with low attendance and we have also had to pull in other youth groups to lead a program and worship, because we didn't have our own youth band and had a lack of confidence in running our own program. In the past year the Life in Stereo team have been fantastic in planning, leading and delivering a great program with Talks, games, interviews, sketches and have been prepared to pray with young people. All of these things have stretched us and taken us out of our comfort zones but God has blessed us, and the event, with higher attendance, new young people attending and our own in-house youth band 'Clueless?' who lead worship at each event. We can see young people positively and confidently expressing their own beliefs and faith at the event which encourages everyone!



**Bible Basix** - every Tuesday after school a small group of young people meet together for a Bible study. Over the past year we have been journeying through the Gospels; learning from Jesus' teaching through his parables and through the things he did during his time here on Earth. The group have been creating their own sketches on some of the parables to help us understand them better.

We have now finished the Gospels and are looking at the life of David, going through some of the things David did; from being a shepherd, servant, king and how God worked through his life. We are currently looking at David being Armour bearer for King Saul and tying in the Spiritual Armour, which will lead us to looking at the battles David fought in. We are having great fun in this project and it is great to see the group growing in their understanding of the Bible.

## The summer is on its way.....

....well so we keep being told!



DJ and I are very much looking forward to the summer as we have been busy planning it during the long winter months.

This year along with the annual events including community BBQs and a trip to Soul Survivor, in partnership with Cumbria Constabulary we are running a Soul Action project. This project is aimed at giving something back to the communities of Kirkby Stephen and Appleby. The young people will hopefully be planting bulbs, litter picking, cleaning up graffiti and much more followed by 2 nights away on a survival camp and activity weekend.

If you have any ideas about how the young people and staff can give something back to your community or if you would like to get involved please do get in touch.

Yvette

## Studying

As you may know myself and Yvette's posts have both been training posts and we have both been studying on the YMCA George Williams Informal Education in Youth and Community course.

I would like to congratulate Yvette on completing her studies and Graduating.

I have also finished studying on the course voluntarily after struggling academically with the assignments, however I am now studying on the North West Partnership Ministry training course in Leyland

I started the course in September 2011 and I am loving it. It is a Biblical course and over the year we have been studying a Bible overview, going through each book learning the stories and how God has been working through people, as well as learning techniques on how to look for things in passages and pulling out the true meaning of what it is saying.

Since starting on this course my knowledge and understanding of the Bible has increased so much and this has helped and developed the way I prepare material for clubs and talks. The course has also opened my eyes so much more to who God is and what he has been doing right through history and up to today, as well as what he has been doing in my life.

I will complete my studies in July 2012 and I am hoping to progress to year 2.

I feel more confident in how I prepare material, in my delivery and in my own walk of faith with God.

DJ

*"I like coming to Bible Basix because its fun playing pool and learning more of the Bible"*



## An exciting new chapter.

For those of you who don't know; something very exciting is going to be happening in my personal life in the next couple of weeks.

On 21<sup>st</sup> April I will be getting married at Saint Lawrence's Church, Appleby to my fiancé Martin Ladds and I will become Mrs Yvette Ladds.

We would appreciate your prayers as we begin our lives together as a married couple.

Many Thanks

Yvette and Martin



### Pizza Praise

“I like coming here because I can get my questions answered about Christianity and I also get out of doing house work! “

### Yvette's What's On

**Monday:** Team day, club planning and admin day

**Tuesday:** Day in Kirkby Stephen Upper Eden team meeting, KSGS lunch club and Bible Basix

**Wednesday:** Lunch club AGS, Bo Jangles youth café, Detached work

**Thursday:** AGS lunch club, Detox and Mobile youth clubs

**Friday:** Priceless girls ministry

**Saturday:** Day off **Sunday:** Life in stereo, Circuit service, Pizza Praise

### DJ's What's On

**Monday** - Brough drop-in sessions 3:45 - 5.00pm

**Tuesday** - Kirkby Stephen Grammar School Lunch club 1:15 - 2:15pm  
Bible Basix 4.00-5.00pm at Kirkby Stephen Methodist church.

**Wednesday** - Music Project 5:30-7:30pm (at Kirkby Stephen Methodist church)

**Thursday** - Ministry training day Leyland  
Hub Club fortnightly - 7:30 - 9.00pm at Kirkby Stephen Methodist church.

**Friday** - Boxercise project 4.00-6.00pm venue TBC starts Friday 4th May.  
Chofhs Youth Club Brough 7:30 - 9.00pm at Brough Chofhs youth centre.

**Sunday** - Life in Stereo Youth Event 7:45 - 9.00pm every first Sunday evening of the month.

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