



The Campaigners
ENGLAND & WALES
Preparing for Life

CEW Friends Letter

This year, 2014, we are reminded of the events of World War (1914 – 18) as it is the centenary.

I can only relate to memories of World War 2 (1939 – 45) as I experienced them during my childhood and I had relatives that took part in action abroad. Obviously, we have more archive material also.

Recently it was recorded in the press and TV of the death of a dear



Jewish Lady, Alice Herz-Sommer, at the age of 110 years. In a previous interview, she told how she owed her life to her gift of music and still played the piano every day. She recalled her personal horrors of the holocaust years where she lost many close

family members and friends. The Germans realised her great potential in music. She was saved from the gas chambers so she could organise musical concerts to fit in with the German culture.

Alice said (in a pronounced Jewish accent) that all music was BEAUTIFUL. She added that all life was beautiful. A strange word to use, so I referred to the dictionary—"Fair, with qualities that give delight to the senses of the mind, eye, ear and taste."

Music was her focus in life. I wonder what are the most important things in our lives.

Spring 2014

After the recent floods, a huge crater had appeared outside someone's house and the owner had 10 minutes to retrieve items before the house collapsed. I remember his mobile was one item.

My precious items would be –

- My address and telephone book
- Two cross stitched pictures that took me 6 years to work
- My coffee percolator. (NB. No computer. No mobile phone.)

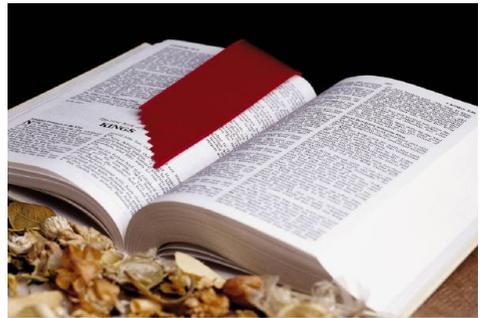
As a Christian the most precious thing to me is The Word.

We see in the first chapter of John's gospel,

V1 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God and the Word was God."* (KJV)

V14 *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*(KJV)

The word of God is my bible, which is truly BEAUTIFUL in every sense.



As one ages and hopefully becomes wiser, certain bible passages are recalled as being important stepping stones in life.

I would like to share some of these key scriptures (often from childhood and Campaigners) with Campaigner Friends, as this will be my last letter before I retire from the post of secretary.

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life".* (KJV)

We should feel so proud that this verse was chosen as the foundation of our movement.

On my first night as a girl Juno recruit, I was given the reference to take home, to find in my bible and learn for next week. My Dad found this blue covered bible for me and tried to find the verse.

Unfortunately, he found the letter of 1 John so we were completely confused. Eventually he found St John's gospel, as the bible was an unknown book to us.

Isaiah 40:30, 31 *“Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fail:
But they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk and not faint”.* (KJV)

I remember my Mum struggling to sew those flimsy bits of blue and white “wings” on my uniform to gain flights. Yes, “mount up” was the Juno's password.

Hebrews 12

1 *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”.* (KJV)

As a Craftsmen Chief, I remember teaching this to clansmen. Do you remember ‘Clan Idealism’ in the recruit work?

Junos had to learn this whole chapter and be able to understand it. I don't think I ever learnt all this and I certainly didn't understand it.

I remember one of the Chiefs trying to help me. It was only a few years back that I attended her funeral, as she had remained a faithful Campaigner Friend to the end.

I want to include other scriptures.

Luke 2: 29 – 32

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel”. (NIV)

I was spiritually in a bad way in the year 2000 when the late, then Bishop of Coventry, Colin Bennetts, visited Christ Church Coventry. He preached on Simeon’s song and spent some time with me. He used to be a boy Juno at Clapham. After this session, it was as though my pilot light for the Lord had been fanned into a roaring fire!

Psalm 139

“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me...For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place...How precious to me are your thoughts, O God...And lead me in the way of everlasting”. (NIV)

Sometimes you cannot find the right words to express thoughts. The scriptures do it perfectly.

Isaiah 53

1 *“Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*

2 *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

3 *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

4 *Surely, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

5 *But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes, we are healed.*

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgement: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out this soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors". (KJV)

Sheila Payne, Friends Secretary

Beauty CSSM Chorus 301

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

All his wondrous compassion and purity,

O thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine,

Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

NB. I am sure this beauty is seen in all practising Campaigner Leaders as they show their love for God when they show love to the young people they work with.

Douglas Leather MBE (1920 – February 2014)

Countless people will remember Douglas as a legend in his own time. Bolton born and bred, he was a faithful and immensely popular Campaigner District Chief in the Northern Region. Whether as a clan chief originally in St Paul's Deansgate and more latterly at Andrews and St Peter's Halliwell, Bolton, as a Campaigner trainer or Camp CO, his real concern to help children and young people know and grow in the ways of God. This was at the heart of all he did. He gained the respect of all who met him, even becoming a 'surrogate father' to one needy Campaigner youngster who grew up to serve the Lord.

With his dry sense of humour, Douglas was an amazing character whose witness in his daily life served as an example to all. Sunday was Sunday, so TV was selective. He had a love for cricket both as a player and an umpire and he started and organised the Bolton Scripture Union Quiz for more than 50 years.

Words that are a fitting end to this tribute are from another faithful servant of the Lord, Simeon, when we meet Jesus,

*'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation'.
Luke 2:29-30*

Douglas was married to Norah who died in 2004 and they have two sons Philip and David.

Tim Greenhalgh

DR ROGER BUTTERY

Dr Roger Buttery, husband, father, grandfather, Doctor, friend, colleague, mentor, elder, church warden, Regional Chief and so the list could go on for this quiet yet wonderful Christian.

Roger Buttery impacted people's lives in so many different ways.

As former Executive Director of Campaigners, I was privileged to know Roger extremely well, over a lifetime and would like to pay tribute to this man who was so instrumental in Campaigners regionally, nationally and locally.

One of my first memories of meeting Roger was as a young chief when I took a group of East London Campaigner lads to the Abersoch Camp in North Wales. Roger brought his 'clan' from Weston Supermare, and I saw a fun filled man who enjoyed life to the full. He took his lads canoeing, rock climbing and hill walking.

Roger was an inspiration to his clan at Bethesda Chapel, on a challenging estate in Weston, many of 'his' boys came from the George Muller Homes in the area. At the service of thanksgiving held at Fen Ditton Parish Church, Cambridge on 5th November, several former Campaigners were at the service from those early 'Weston' days, some travelling from as far as Scotland and each testifying to Roger's strong Christian teaching, bible knowledge and example.

Campaigners benefitted nationally from Roger's great wisdom, knowledge and experience as a Doctor and Public Health Executive. He was the Movement's first Medical Officer and Advisor. He served on the Executive Council, as Camps Committee Chairman, and Regional Chief for the South West.

We wish his widow God's peace and comfort at this time. Sue, like Roger, has that deep faith in times of trouble. Their two sons were at the service and Rev Nathan Buttery, his eldest son, Vicar of the Round Church Cambridge, took the service, which was attended by around 150 people.

John Radcliffe

Please continue to use our Campaigner Diary 2013 update prayers until the 2014 new edition.

NOW WITH THE LORD

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of all concerned. We also remember those departed faithful Campaigner Friends unnamed. We give thanks for their lives.

DOUGLAS LEATHER MBE (Bolton) Another prominent ex Campaigners Chief who continued to support Campaigners EW to the end (I remember him and his wife fondly and the work they did at the Keswick Craftsmen Camps).

ANNE RAYNER Ex Chief at St Stephens Church Tonbridge and also a missionary in Tanzania. The Campaigners' clan at St. Stephens played a prominent part in her life: she was a Campaigner herself in the 50's before becoming a Chief. Following a spell as a missionary in Tanzania she returned to the UK in 1976 and once again became involved in Campaigner leadership - as the chief of the Craftsmen. She loved taking Craftsmen to camps such as Keswick, Bridgewater and Morfa Nefyn, as well as guiding them through the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

JOAN SMEE (1918 – 2014) Funeral Service held at St Simon's Church, Southsea. A faithful Campaigner Chief. A written tribute will follow later.

JOAN HULLAND (Exmouth)

MURIEL COLLINGWOOD nee Saunders (Cambridge)

EDNA OSBORNE (Luton). A former Campaigner Inter Chief who supported the work of Campaigners with prayer and gifts. She showed a great interest in the Campaigner Camps.

“Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it” - Confucius.