

Connect (FOY) Planning Meeting 17.9.18

Darren Noller, Tim and Esther Cordle, Ben Wright, Michael Lawrence, Andy Sampson

Darren read 1 Peter 3.

New name: Connect

Suffolk FOY organises several activities throughout the year for young people. Many of them are evangelistic but we are becoming increasingly aware of little pocketsets of young Christians dotted around in small groups. We would like to make sure that they know about opportunities to meet with other young Christians locally. FOY sounds quite dated. We have used Connect for previous events. We will use this more often as a replacement for FOY. Is there anything else that young people at your church need? Do you know of anything else we could promote?

Review of events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
16.6.18	Beach Day at Lowestoft	New people came including one lady who invited her non-Christian friend. Quite sandy. A good time was had by all.
7.7.18	Foundations at Red House Farm	Well attended especially considering England were playing Sweden. Good facilities. A good time was had by all.
27.8.18	Forest Day at Thetford	Enjoyed getting to know the new people who came. Quite woody. A good time was had by all.
28.9.18	Challenge Night at Red House Farm	Attended by about 37 young people from Stowmarket, Mickfield and Kesgrave. A good time was had by all.

Future Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT AND VENUE
16.11.18, 7.45-9.30pm	Unihoc at Horham
3.12.18, 7.45pm	Planning meeting at Cauldwell Hall Road, 7.45pm
1.2.19, 7.45-9.30pm	Volleyball at Cauldwell Hall Road
15-17 Feb 19	Rejuvenate Weekend run by Faith Mission at Red House Farm. More details from stephen.walker@faithmission.org
15.3.19, 7.45-9.30pm	Quizzer and Chips at Stowmarket
29.6.19	Connect at Foundations
6.7.19, 11am-5pm	Connect at Lowestoft Beach
26.8.19, 11am-6pm	Connect in the Forest

Further Details

16.11.18 (7.45-9.30pm) Unihoc at Horham

Horham will sort organisation and speaker.

Darren will sort out trophies.

3.12.18 (7.45pm) Planning meeting at Cauldwell Hall Road, 7.45pm

This planning meeting is normally in January but it has been moved to December so that it can coincide with the Foundations planning meeting so that joint decisions can be made more easily.

1.2.19 (7.45-9.30pm) Volleyball at Cauldwell Hall Road

Speaker to be sorted.

15.3.19 (7.45-9.30pm)

Quizzer and Chips at Stowmarket

Speaker, food and quiz will be sorted by Stowmarket

29.6.19: Connect at Foundations

- Family camping on Friday evening.
- This is our main attempt at providing discipleship for young people in the year. Other events are mostly evangelistic.

- We need to ask around to find out what would work well for leaders and young people. We have previously talked about organising a youth weekend to coincide with Foundations. However it was decided that we would not organise a full weekend this year, but something to consider in future.
- Would a Saturday night sleep-over be useful for building connections?
- Organise sessions for young people (11-14?) to attend at the same time as the four main meetings but encourage older ones (15+?) to attend the adult meetings. Hopefully we can use the barn with the table tennis, snooker and air hockey tables.
- Saturday evening programme for people young at heart (up to 25ish?)
- Michael Lawrence has a format that has worked well at a similar WEC event.
- It would be good if several people could offer to do a slot so that we can share the responsibility.
- How can we encourage and include older young people to take on responsibility?
- Ask around for thoughts and discuss further at the next meeting.

If we were to provide more for young Christians at next year's Foundations meetings (formerly the tent meetings) on 29th June, which of these options would suit best?

- Meet Friday night at 7.30, sleep-over at Red House Farm, then join in with Foundations meetings on the Saturday
- Saturday follow on from Foundations meetings, (4.30-9.30pm)
- Saturday follow on from Foundations meetings, from about 4.30, sleep-over at Red House Farm and have a Sunday morning service.

Publicity

We are really grateful to Jane Cordle for creating publicity for FOY events for many years. Due to ill health, Jane would be quite happy to continue, but even happier to pass this on to someone else. Andy will take over.

Bank account

Some people paid for Letton twice because the bank made a mistake processing some of the cheques. If anyone knows of any problems, please contact Darren Noller.

Guidelines for speakers

- Choose a Bible verse or passage you are going to explain
- Have a point or a subject to focus on e.g. faith, forgiveness, temptation
- Have something to make it personal, relevant or memorable
- Aim to talk for 10-15 minutes.

Youth group updates:

Stowmarket: Epic (A week of events of teenagers during the summer hols) was really encouraging. A slow start to Friday nights so far this term.

Mickfield and Great Blakenham: Older group meets at Mickfield and younger groups meets at Great Blakenham on Friday nights.

Grunsdisburgh: Only three girls aged 5-7 coming at the moment but they are very keen.

Caldwell Hall Road: Encouraged with younger teenagers (10-13) group. This came from Holiday Bible Club

Other events we could publicise:

- After Eight at Stowmarket (Second Sunday in every month) More details from Scott Pipe-Wolferstan stg.haven@googlemail.com
- The Garage at Horham
- Caldwell Hall Road youth services. More details from Darren Noller darrennoller.design@gmail.com
- Wetheringsett Junior Camp. More details from Lois Sampson sampsonlois@hotmail.com
- Wetheringsett Senior Camp. More details from Esther Hart estherhart100@yahoo.co.uk
- Hunstanton Beach Mission More details from Colin Grimwood colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk
- Faith Mission camps. More details from stephen.walker@faithmission.org
 - o Teen Camp: 28.7.19 – 2.8.19
 - o Junior Camp: 5.8.19 – 9.8.19



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Unihoc Tournament

(6-a-side)

Horham Baptist Church

Chapel Ln, Horham IP21 5ER

Friday 16th November 2018

7.45 - 9pm

£1 per person

For anyone in Year 8 - 13

Please text Darren Noller on 07504 659690 if your group will be attending.

There is a limit of 12 teams for this event.

Photography is not permitted.

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Volleyball Tournament

(6-a-side)

Cauldwell Hall Road Baptist Church

35 Cauldwell Hall Rd, Ipswich IP4 4QG

Friday 1st February 2019

7.45 - 9pm

£1 per person

For anyone in Year 8 - 13

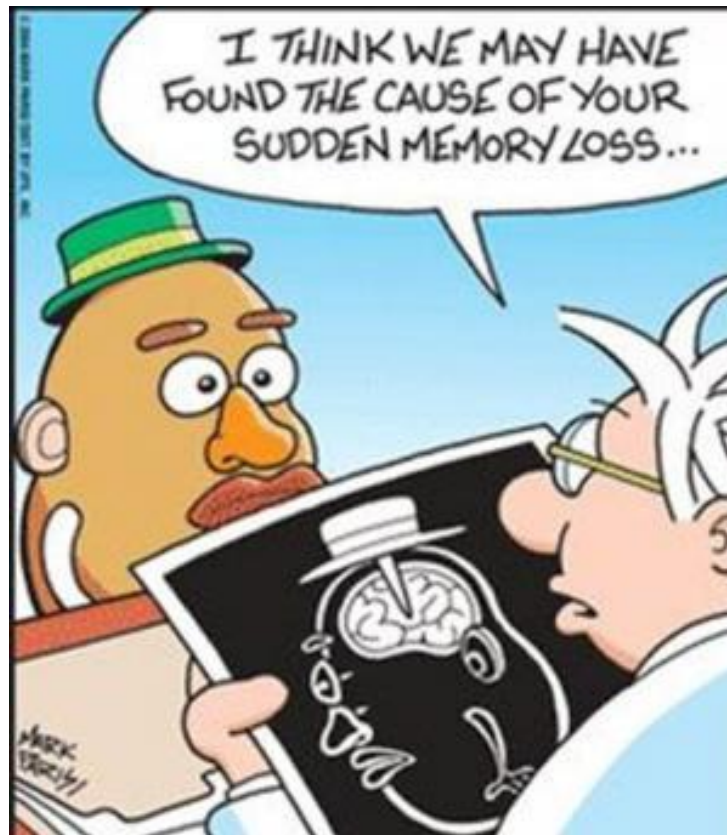
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Quizzer and Chips

Stowmarket Baptist Church

Bury St, Stowmarket IP14 1HF

Friday 15th March 2019

7.45 - 9pm

£1 per person

For anyone in Year 8 - 13

Further details and to be added to the emailing list: Andy Sampson asampson@gorseland.net

For a rapid response and coherent conversation: Lois Sampson 07774 563 460

If you are thinking of coming, let us know and we will look out for you.

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Camping at Foundations

Pitch your tent, enjoy the sunset, cook your breakfast, attend the tent meetings where there will be a creche, children's and young people's meetings.

Red House Farm

Fen Lane, Stowmarket IP14 5EG

Friday 29th June 2019

Arrive about 6pm onwards... or earlier...

If you enjoy sleeping in a tent and spending time with other Christians in a field, come along. We want to encourage fellowship between churches for people of all ages but especially children for whom we would like to create more opportunities to make friends from Christian families.

For any age

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Day out at the beach

Depending on who turns up and with what equipment, we could organise activities, like a sandcastle competition, volleyball, kite flying, Frisbee competition or something else not thought of yet. If you can bring something to help with this, please do.

Lowestoft Beach

Somewhere on the beach south of Claremont Pier.

There is free parking in Kensington Road next to the bowling green (NR33 OHY), from which you can walk down the ramp at the top of the cliff to the beach.

Saturday 6th July 2019

We will be there from approx. 11am-5pm but arrive as late or leave as early as you like.

If you enjoy sitting on a beach, playing a few games and spending time with other Christians, come along. We want to encourage fellowship between churches for people of all ages but especially children for whom we would like to create more opportunities to make friends from Christian families.

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