



Dates for your Diary...

The next "Full Team Meeting"
has yet to be arranged.

Groups 1 & 5 + anyone who is
interested meet on 9th May to
discuss internal fundraising.

"Open Gardens"
16th & 17th June

"Car Rally"
14th July

Progress Update...

If you are reading this for the first time, welcome to Ignition News, this is the Newsletter that keeps the extended church family informed about progress with our **IGNITION** Project!

For more detail about our project please visit the **IGNITION** page on our church website: www.anlabyparkmethodistchurch.com

To Recap...

As you will hopefully be aware if you've heard the updates given in our church services, we are slightly behind where we hoped to be with our progress towards construction. We had an encouraging positive response to our tender specification from several potential builders. All the tenders however came in higher than our anticipated budget. Our architect has been reviewing the tenders and specification to see where savings may be possible. We shall soon be considering his recommendations.

In parallel with the above we are still awaiting some responses on some of the funding bids we have submitted. We obviously can't engage a builder until we have all the funds in place. In this newsletter we try to take a more detailed look at where we hope to get all the money from in an interview with our fundraiser John Hallaway.

Internal Fundraising...

Thus far we have raised an impressive £36,711. Recent fundraising events such as the Brass Band, Safari Meal and the Jazz Night have proved popular and raised significant amounts.

It's important that we maintain an internal fundraising income but it's also important that we fulfill our Mission Statement and be church in all its fullness not just raising money! This can be a difficult balance to strike and our internal fundraising team will be meeting on 9th May to discuss ideas to take this forward. You would be very welcome to join in this discussion – for more information see Steve Saunders or Andrew Chudley.

Live at Home Funding Success...

As reported in previous issues our Live at Home Scheme is now up and running. To operate it requires a level of funding of its own and following the very successful "Launch Day" in February the scheme received a grant of £10,000 from the NHS. Scheme manager Jennie has also bravely entered into the Hull 10k, which she will be running in June to fundraise and would welcome any sponsorship!

External Fundraising With John Hallaway...



Ignition News caught up with John Hallaway our external fundraiser, here John provides an update on the grant applications:

Q. John, we know from our prayer requests that several funding applications have gone in, what can you tell us about who we've applied to?

A. We have applied to WREN and BIFFAward for grants of around £40,000 each. These two organisations are funded from tax on their landfill sites. We have also applied to the Joseph Rank Trust via the York & Hull District. The Rank Trust supports Methodist organisations. On top of those we have applied to another 10 charitable trusts. These normally give smaller grants of between £1,000 and £5,000.

Q. Have you had any feedback on how the applications have been received?

A. WREN have awarded us £31,500 and a couple of the smaller charitable trusts have responded with grants of £7,500 from Garfield Weston and £500 from Gibbs. We are in dialogue with BIFFA and Rank and responding to requests for further information and we have hosted Rank for a site visit. Unfortunately it's impossible to say in advance whether a grant application will be successful or not. All trusts have more applications than they can fund and many are suffering reduced income because of the low interest rates. Once an application is submitted and has got through the administration phase it is usually put before a trustee panel for a decision. Much depends on how many other applications are put to that meeting and how well they fit the trustees' objectives – which is why it's important to write each application individually and not send out blanket letters. Once an application is in, there is really nothing more you can do except pray. We are, however, expecting a response from Rank by mid-June.

Q. When might we hope to hear more?

A. We have had a grant of £1,000 for some time and now the WREN, Garfield Weston and Gibbs grants. For the remainder it's difficult to say, all the trusts are very vague about how long they will take to respond but normally say about three months because that's how often the trustees meet.

Funds from the wider Methodist Family...

In addition to the internal and external funds the Methodist Church corporately are helping us too. We have already received a promise of a grant for £18,000 from the Connexion and will soon be completing our in progress applications to the York & Hull District and the Hull West Circuit.