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NEWS

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Welcome to Ignition News...

If you are reading this for the first time, 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

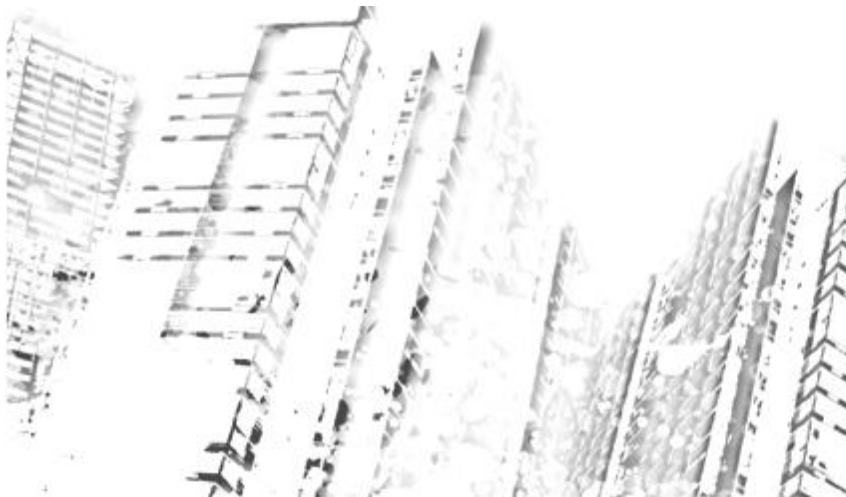
Construction Begins

As you can't have failed to notice construction is now firmly under way on our Phase 1 extension. This is inevitably going to lead to some inconvenience, the obvious issue being the reduced amount of car parking space. For the duration of the building works it is best if we can leave what limited parking there is to those who really need it - and during times when the builders are at work avoid using the car park altogether. The

new set of double doors is now installed and this will act as the main entrance to the church until the extension is complete. We've needed to check out the practical aspects of the door threshold and have taken steps to improve the operation of it.

Soon we will have up an explanatory notice giving some information about the contractors and some details of the rationale behind the building programme so that members of the public will understand what we're up to. Quite a few have already been asking, and one lady, so we're told, has been along there every afternoon taking photographs so that she has a full record of progress!

Our building contractors are a family company operating out of Leven. Brian Fell is the Father in the family and there are two sons, Andy and Richard. Andy started the job off for us but is emigrating to Australia in a few weeks' time and his twin brother, Richard, will be taking charge of our job when Andy leaves. They're not quite identical twins, but, very nearly!



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“Outcomes” Group

As Phase 1 is now beginning to become a reality our thoughts have been refocussed on how we are going to utilise it when complete in accordance with our business plan. An “Outcomes” group has formed to look at the use of our enhanced facilities by community groups. After their initial meeting the group are enthusiastic about how many opportunities we will have to explore through organisations such as “CAP” and “U3A”. We'd welcome any suggestions from anyone who has any bright ideas about new ventures we might try to encourage folk from the Community to make use of our new facilities.

Fundraising Group

The fundraising group have been busy and are looking to develop an active programme of events through 2014. The next items for your diary are:

The Safari Meal

Saturday 18th May

Jazz Concert

Saturday 29th June

The Smugglers" gig on 27 April was a huge success. Apart from raising more than £500, over 100 people enjoyed a really super night of folk music. Watch out for news of the next visit by "The Smugglers"; especially if you missed out this time! Our grateful thanks are due to "The Smugglers" who donated all the proceeds of the evening to Ignition.

External Funds

Now we are under contract with our funders and we are very grateful for the contribution they have made. If you visit the Ignition page on our website you will see an acknowledgment of all the external funders that have supported Ignition. In the case of some of the major funders you may also see their logos appearing in Ignition communications too. The experience of our external fundraiser John Hallaway has been invaluable in securing these grants and during our morning service of 19th May we will be expressing our thanks to John and his assistant Margaret for the work they have put in to get Phase 1 funded.



Progress Reports

In between editions of "Ignition News" we're planning to keep everyone up to date on progress by means of spoken reports at Church services. We'll try to focus on a different, hopefully interesting, feature each time we do a mini-presentation. Please feel free to ask any member of the Executive if there are bits of detail you're curious about that we haven't explained.

