



## President's ponderings

It seems a long time ago since I wrote my President's Ponderings at the start of the first lockdown with the suggestion that this would be a good moment to tidy the 'sock drawer'!

Yet here we are nearly a year on and in another lockdown and never have those sock drawers been so tidy!

The restrictions that we have faced since I wrote that article, the inability to mix with family and friends, the limited Christmas Celebrations and the inability to share the joys and sadness's of one another's lives have all been painful.

It is interesting to surmise about how this period of history will be recorded or even how quickly it will be forgotten.

Although we have all experienced losses, both great and small, these losses have to be seen in the context of the huge amount of personal sacrifice and dedication that has and continues to be shown by those in the caring services; remembering of course not just the frontline medical staff but the many support staff who work behind the scenes as technicians, porters, caterers, delivery workers and so on.

I hope that when restrictions are eased they will be recognised with more than clapping!

But in recent weeks I have become aware of a new phenomenon! *'The Jab Conversation:'*

It seems almost every conversation that I unwittingly overhear is about *The Jab*. 'Have you had it yet?' 'Has your husband/ wife/ mother/neighbour/ father had a letter?' 'When are you getting yours??'

I love these conversations because they express shared hope, gratitude and optimism as the vaccination programme progresses. Light illuminating the darkness.

However I hope that we will also be 'jabbed' with the ability to appreciate those who are working so hard; I pray that 'the Jabs' of community spirit that we have seen over the past year will not wear off; I pray that there will be 'a jab' of conscience and generosity across the richer nations which will enable all of God's children to know the hope and security that the vaccination against COVID brings by the sharing of vaccine stocks.

So, If you have not had a jab yet..... look forward to it. If you have had your jab.... Celebrate by checking on your sock drawer! And if you were wondering... well, I'm still too young to qualify!!

Greetings and Best Wishes to you all

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## MEMBERS CORRESPONDENCE

Following the extracts from Reg's book in the previous newsletter -

Hello David

Until I read that extract from Reg's memoirs I had no idea he was involved in the Bruneval raid.

This was a daring attempt by brave men of the SBS (Special Boat Service) to capture a German radar unit on the cliff tops. It was brought back to England and analysed. My dad was working on radar at Edison Swan Brimsdown in the Lea Valley and the captured German equipment info came to his team.

They developed the Trigatron; a miniaturisation of a huge and heavy pure signal generator that sent a distinct signal that could be identified as it bounced back from enemy aircraft/boats.

This miniaturisation meant radar could be installed in small aircraft and boats and made a huge difference in the war effort.

Churchill came down to Brimsdown and shook hands with everyone in the factory thanking them. Such was secrecy they had no idea what they had done.

All that was linked with Reg's trophy from the Bruneval raid.

All the times I was with Reg I wish I had known that to tell him the next stage of the story!  
best wishes. **Neil (Sjoberg)**

Dear David,  
Many thanks for your good wishes. It seems a long time ago since I was a member of staff. Back in 1961 I left home to seek my fortune!

First working as an Assistant Warden for BBBF at Park Hill, after 5 years joined the YMCA training Course in London for 12 months. Then to Bolton YMCA for two years, married Edna and became the General Secretary of Neath YMCA, for the next six years.

Then a role change becoming the Nottinghamshire County Organiser for Age Concern Notts. Then stepped up the ladder to become the Head of Community Services for the Elderly for the Borough of Elmbridge in Surrey where I stayed for 20 years retiring at 55!

Then worked for 5 years at RHS Wisley. At 60 became a member of the support team at Walton on Thames Health Centre P/T left at 70 years old. Still in Cobham now 80 years of age. For the last 15 years the Vice-Chairman of the Cobham Conservation & Heritage Trust (see our activity on our website).

So it's a good few years since I left home to seek my fortune! Lots of interesting jobs, but still recall life at Park Hill, and meeting up with young men going in to Farming, these were rewarding times.

Let's pray that the New Year brings health and happiness to all god's children.

**David (Tipping).**



Dear everyone

How has this last year treated us all, we might ask? As if we didn't know the answer! And how have we treated this present year too? As a time to give way to gloom and doom and despondency? Discouragement can grow like weeds can't it? But perhaps we have been on a learning curve and perhaps we have grown towards the sun, like a sunflower! I like to think that we have. I personally have learnt new skills.

Two of our family have been considered vulnerable. Daughter Ruth confined because she broke her leg; being on steroids for 45 years contributed to that, and Mervyn at nearly 93 years old as the good Lord created him with one kidney which was formed with two arteries instead of the customary one. That one he retained and the other one has sustained Ruth for the past 45 years!

John has one kidney too, and he skypes every Saturday, and never fails to lift our spirits. He is currently so enthusiastic about the latest research that they are doing in collaboration with York university into the treatment of Pilon fractures of the ankle joint.

In the world of technology we so look forward to twice a week when we zoom! It sounds like we are roller skating into our computer screen. At the press of a couple of buttons we are, with our friends in their living rooms, and we are inter-acting!

Our Minister Rev Darren Middleton has worked hard at weekly "shed" talks. In all, I think his ministry has increased a hundredfold! One talk on 'resilience' I publicised to America (my gran's descendants) and there were over 2,000 ticks! This modern world is often very complex and confusing, and often we benefit when we take time to retreat. How refreshing it is to watch TV documentaries like for example 'The Yorkshire Shepherdess'. It takes us into a world where time stands still and I for one pause and reflect.

I like to knit and a friend from church left me some sock wool on the doorstep. Before long I was able to provide another friend with much needed warmth on her feet. She has plantar fasciitis and lives on a Spartan diet if she is to be able to pay for warmth in her home, during the winter months! I speculated as the names of the sheep were inside the ball band and gave a silent prayer of thanks for 'sister sheep' the Shepherd, the Shearers, the dyers, and the farmers! Now she is asking for fingerless gloves!. Might do a pair of earmuffs as well while I am at it!

Well, I diverge! Ruth's boys are young men and I might have to rely on them to teach me how to do a short video clip, as we are requested to wish everyone a Happy Christmas online!

Be Blessed

**Beryl and Mervyn (Moorehead), Ruth, Phillip and James!**

**Second group of extracts includes a wedding and the Queen Emma sailing to “foreign parts” and the role of HMS Bruiser (photographed in previous newsletter) - (Editor)**



**From Reg's book entitled  
“A Journey, Wake's Progress”**

The romance had developed through correspondence and weekend leave, all sufficient to consolidate mutual feelings to a point when marriage was mooted and agreed. The event to take place when the “exigencies of the Service” permitted. September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1942 was to be the wedding date. Peggy and her family coped with the details and necessary arrangements, even with the bride having to shop for her own wedding ring. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, my parents were unable to be present.

The scene at Willowfield Parish Church (with Peggy's brother Sammy as Best Man) was a bit overwhelming. The church was packed. As Peggy and I stood together and exchanged our vows, all else seemed to be of little account!

Then came the time for our departure for honeymoon – all four days of it – in Port Stewart. There was a glorious ‘Indian Summer’ that year and however briefly, life was good. War was far from our thoughts. All too soon came the timing of parting. We had lived life to the full and with the future uncertainties unspoken.

The foreign parts turned out to be the West Coast of Africa and South Atlantic. A German surface raider had been active south of Freetown. She was reputed to be speedy and well-armed. We were sent to search for her – complete with our two twelve pounders.

After six months, we were homeward bound calling at the Canaries en route. It was during this leave we made good a promise to take the first opportunity to visit my parents in Epsom. This first meeting of the bride could have been strained. It was my father (Pop) never given to overstatement, who quietly expressed warm approval of his daughter in law and warned me that if I valued his good opinion, I had better take care of her.

With leave ending we travelled to Glasgow to rendezvous with the lads at our favourite haunt “His Lordship's Larder” close by St Enoch's station. Then Peggy set off by train to Dumfries, while awaiting the Stranraer boat train from London.

Late June - to Portsmouth; more dummy runs than the real thing. We set down landing craft off the French Coast. They were carrying No 4 Commando and the target was Dieppe. The main force were Canadians and in terms of their casualties, the operation was a tragic fiasco. Our commandos did their stuff as planned, but the landing craft lads had a very rough time, eventually making their own way back to Newhaven before being picked up by “mother.”

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942, we were part of a massive task force which sailed by a circuitous route to Arseu on the North African route. Our arrival marked the beginning of “Operation Torch” the first major involvement of American troops. Because of the French attitude towards the British (Navy in particular) after the Oran business when British ships fired on Vichy French ships with a heavy loss of life, we masqueraded as Americans or at least the Commando's did, wearing US emblems on their combat jackets.

As the First Army (British and American) moved eastward to meet the Eight Army around Tunis, our runs along the coast were also extended, the buzz hinted at Sicily or Italy as the next arena. “Queen Emma” did in fact go to Sicily where she was badly mauled by bombs at Augusta. Back in Algiers came another “draft chit.” I was to leave “Queen Emma,” this time to join “HMS Claymore” whatever and wherever she was. It was now May 1943.

A slow passage back to UK in the battleship “Rodney” for leave followed by a training course in London. Then once more to the Clyde, but this time to board RMS “Queen Mary” bound for Halifax NS.

The passenger list included Winston Churchill and lots of top brass on their way to meet US President Roosevelt. HMS Claymore was renamed “HMS Highway” and so it was that for Christmas 1943 the ship spent its time in the Red Sea followed by a trip through the Mediterranean as we sailed for South East Asia.

From Bombay to Chittagong for operations on the Arakan coast with Akyab and Ramree Islands as the favoured ventures. “Highway” was then ordered back to the Med but a letter from the Admiralty had arrived in Bombay, confirming that I was commissioned as Sub Lieutenant RNR and appointed to “HMS Bruiser.” I eventually joined “Bruiser” in Malta May 1944. The news from UK was of course full of the D Day Landings of June 1944 and the progress or otherwise of the armies in France.

HMS Bruiser sailed into Liverpool where Peggy was able to come with other Officers wives. At last we made it through dense fog and the separation of some eighteen months ended. However we had to break to our partners that “Bruiser” was to return almost at once to the Med.

It was to Greece “Bruiser” was ordered to render assistance to refugees in Prevesa. We loaded some 1500 souls and left for Corfu and on Christmas Eve 1944 at 23:30 the ships doctor delivered “Rosemary Sarula Patroli” to her refugee mother (named Rosemary after the doctor's wife).

After the very happy arrival of son Colin and the war exploits coming to an end the time had come, in the time honoured phrase, “to swallow the anchor.”

**Next newsletter ‘discovery’ extracts relate directly to the ‘YMCA Journey’ – Editor.**

**Forwarded through the good offices of Denise Hatton, CEO of YMCA England and Wales**

**Received early December 2020**

To Whom it May Concern - A former employee of yours - Margaret Peebles is 99 on the 13<sup>th</sup> December this year. Margaret and her late husband Frank worked for the YMCA for many years.

They started just after the war in the late 1940s. Frank started as a warden and Margaret as a cook. Frank was responsible for opening up camps for displaced people from Europe. He trained city boys for farm work in YMCA centres from Yorkshire to Somerset. Frank was secretary for the YMCA in Birmingham, Grimsby and the North East. Margaret always worked along beside him.

Frank died 15 years ago and Margaret managed in her own home for many years but latterly she suffered ill health and has been in a home ever since. She is quite poorly now.

I am her niece and have enjoyed hearing their many stories of their working life over the years. It is her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday next week and I know she would love receiving a card from you in appreciation of her many years of service!

Her address is:-  
Margaret Peebles, Evergreen Care Home, Station Road, FORESTHALL, Newcastle-on Tyne NE12 9BQ

**Yours sincerely, Gill Laurence**

**(With this information a number of YMCA colleagues who knew Frank and Margaret well, were alerted and cards were sent!! - Editor)**

A little story:- Last week two guys came to fit the glass balustrade to the new ramp at the church- apparently from Brighton. I commented on this but the younger guy said he had come from Eastbourne. For some reason I mentioned I had looked after Eastbourne YMCA when I was Regional Secretary. Then he told me that he had lived in the hostel in the Old Town there and they had really helped him sort himself out! I'm in doubt that he had been born when I worked on that project, but it's good to know our labours were not in vain!

**Graham (Clarke)**



**Dear all Y's Retirees,  
May Almighty God bless you for all your good works you are doing. Don't give up – the Lord is with you.  
Amen**

**From the family of Ghana YMCA Retiree  
Jonathan Quayefio-Mexico  
PO Box MP 767  
MAMPROBI – ACCRA - GHANA**

Dear David,

We seem to be having a busy time again, with Stephen being asked to clean three NHS units this week.

We were busy with Verger duties in our Church with two Crib Services on Christmas Eve in the afternoon and Midnight Mass at 11pm. On Christmas Day we have a Communion Service at 8am and an All Age Service at 9.30am.

Earlier in the year we hoped to attend our annual retired YMCA colleagues' get-together at St Ives, Cornwall which sadly was cancelled.

In September we managed to get away for a holiday week in Lancashire visiting some interesting villages along the northern section of Morecombe Bay. The tides at this time of year are extra high and low and we could actually watch the tides coming in or going out at quite a speed. It is also an area known for its quick sands.

We had a very enjoyable walk on the sunniest day of the week along the Lancaster Branch Canal following a canal boat from Thurnham Mill to Galgate which went through six locks in 2 miles and we were able to help at each of the locks!

Our usual annual Reunions which we organise for the Salisbury Cathedral School Association and the British Boys for British Farms Training Scheme, which run from 1932 to 1968, had unfortunately to be cancelled this year. We hope for a better New Year 2021.

We wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year 2021.

**Stephen and Hanna (Milner)**



**Can you see the Reflection?**

Eternal God,  
In these times of difficulty and change,  
give us the renewed hope and confidence  
we need.  
Help us to seek justice, mercy, and to walk  
humbly in your presence.  
Help us to build a future in which all may  
prosper and share.  
Give us light.  
Give us hope.  
Give us spirit.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Amen.**

Dear Friends,

Starting a new year provides a moment to look back, take stock of our collective achievements and to think positively about this year. In many ways, 2020 was one of the most challenging I have experienced in my career but it was also a year where I experienced YMCA excelling, both in their response and innovation for the people and communities we serve and the support and collaboration we have seen within our YMCA family.

We have said goodbye to valued and loved colleagues, faced exceptional challenges across the Federation and for some, we have sadly lost loved ones. At each stage of the past twelve months, YMCAs has been presented with uncertainty and placed under pressure. However, as with the many, many times this great charity has been in similar positions, we have overcome these obstacles and found ourselves once more as the beacon of hope for those we serve.

2020 started so positively. YMCA made the headlines with our youth services research, exposing the disastrous levels of cuts which had taken place over the past decade. This was followed up by a national campaign which, for the first time, saw our brand and campaigning work on billboards and bus stops across the country. More than 30,000 people signed our petition and we continue to engage with the Government on properly funding positive activities for young people. And then from nowhere, COVID struck. In a flash we were socially distanced from one another. Forced to rethink our ways of working and also how we could continue to reach those who need us the most.

When many organisations closed up during lockdown YMCA continued to stay open. When local charities or services were unable to reach across their communities, it was YMCA that stepped into the breach. We have an abundance of stories, videos and testimonials from the last ten months which speak to the selflessness and heroic work of YMCA staff across the country. Frontline workers coming in day after day, putting themselves at risk to ensure our communities remained supported.

Our history and heritage remains true to this day - YMCA was built for crises. We know how to battle through the difficult days and into the long nights. Our strength is our resilience. It should come as a surprise to no one how incredible our response to the pandemic has been.

When I reflect on the past year, it is not just about the YMCAs response to the pandemic but the public's response to YMCA. Our social channels have been flooded with positive messages and our emergency appeal was hugely successful in bringing in funds to support the Federation's work. I was touched by one story in particular of four-year-old Poppy, who cycled 26 miles in a week to raise funds for YMCA. We talk frequently about ourselves as a charity which supports young people but during this truly awful tragedy a young girl stepped up and rather than us support her, she wanted to support us. What could be a more perfect example of the spirit which lives within the young lives that YMCAs touch?

In ordinary times your colleagues from the National Council would have visited many YMCAs, last year robbed us of this opportunity to meet face-to-face and explore how we can work better together. It is the personal element of our work which I miss the most. As we look ahead to 2021, this is the most exciting part of our future. YMCAs coming together, debating, discussing, solving the problems of the present and planning out pathways for the future. What gives us strength is our collective sense of purpose. It is being YMCA.

As we start the 2021, I reflected on John 1:9-10.

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.*

This crisis will continue long into 2021 and our young people and communities will continue to need our help. YMCA must be their light through the darkness and while not always recognised, those that seek us out will find us with open arms and ready to serve them.

**Every blessing,  
Denise**

**Denise Hatton  
National Secretary & CEO  
YMCA England & Wales**

## **MESSAGE FROM A Y's RETIRED COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND FROM JAPAN YMCA**

Dear Friends

I want to send you one of the oldest bell choir's concert in Japan. The Kobe YMCA Bell Choir was established 40 years ago, organized by Nozomi Abe. This choir got the first prize many times at the World Convention. If you are interested in listening to the music, please click below the highlighted blue address.  
Please enjoy.

Yukio Yamasaki

**From:** 阿部 望 <[noz@mue.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:noz@mue.biglobe.ne.jp)>  
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ますます、不安を覚える日々となって来ましたが、早い収束が望まれますね。  
神戸YMCAベルクワイアーの40周年記念演奏を配信中です。第一回、第二回に続き第三回配信を開始しました。

<https://nozandringers.com> です。

**once on site – tap the youtube sign in red.**

**I have had the great pleasure of listening to much of the exquisite and very technical bell ringing music from this Kobe YMCA concert and as you may have time on your hands during Covid, I strongly suggest you consider doing the same – you will be amazed and certainly not disappointed. (Editor)**

## Your invitation to Aarhus 2022 WFYR Seventh World Conference



### Venue

**City of Aarhus, Denmark, July 3-9, 2022, in conjunction with the 20th World Council Meeting**

### Introduction

The WFYR Seventh World Conference will be held in July 2022 in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> World Council Meeting of the World Alliance of YMCAs, in the beautiful city of Aarhus, the second largest in the country of Denmark.

This conference will be historic and will enable us to gather in fellowship within the context of the global movement, providing ample opportunities to connect with its current leadership, to share, celebrate, learn, and build strong and lasting relationships.

It will be one week of joyful experiences, gathering with old friends and making new ones, learning from others, and sharing our experience while showing the movement that retirees are still active and care deeply about the YMCA and its mission.

Perhaps you may feel that it is a little early for this announcement? You will be surprised to know that we already have 51 colleagues who have requested to participate, and the target for this event is only 60 places.

Regardless of your future ability to participate, we would like to encourage you to pre-register as soon as possible, with no future obligations. This will facilitate the process for the organizing committee to revisit our original target and to prepare for you a meaningful and joyful experience. Moreover, your name in the pre-registration list will motivate others to join this unique event. We would love to see you there!

### About the city of Aarhus

Aarhus is the second-largest city in Denmark and the seat of Aarhus municipality. It is located on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula, in the geographical centre of Denmark, 187 kilometers northwest of Copenhagen and 289 kilometers north of Hamburg, Germany. The inner urban area contains 280,534 inhabitants and the municipal population is 349,983. Aarhus is the central city in Business Region Aarhus and in the East Jutland metropolitan area, which had a total population of 1.378.000 in 2018.

About Aarhus, Jutland's cultural heart. Aarhus is an exuberant university town with a perfectly preserved old town and a recreated historic village, Den Gamle By. The top draw is the Moesgard Museum of Prehistory, showcasing exhibits from the Stone Age to Viking days and home to the city's most famous citizen, the 2000-year-old Grauballe Man.

### WFYR participants

We anticipate that the World Council attendance will be around 1500. For the WFYR Seventh World Conference we have secured 60 places for retirees from the World Alliance. We expect to have a well-balanced geographical representation, which is why we encourage you to pre-register as soon as possible by sending an email expressing your intention to participate in this great and unique conference. Eligible to participate are any YMCA retirees and spouses from around the world.

### Pre-Registration

Early bird registration started on December 8, 2020 and will continue through January 31, 2022. WFYR participants will benefit from an attractive, reduced cost.

As soon we reach the target audience of 60 WFYR participants, we will no longer be able to maintain these special registration fees for WFYR participants.

The registration fee entitles everyone to full participation as an official delegate to the 20<sup>th</sup> World Council Meeting and the WFYR Seventh World Conference. It also includes access to all the plenary sessions, workshops, special events, airport transfers and conference packages.

### How to pre-register?

It is extremely easy! You confirm your intention to participate with no future obligation via e-mail to [jerrypradoshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrypradoshaw@hotmail.com) and in return you will receive brief and clear information on how to proceed. Of course, the sooner the better, as, space is limited.

### Accommodation

This information will be available after July 2021. Ideally, it is desirable that all retirees stay in the same location, in double occupancy rooms due to availability. We encourage this.

### Subsidies

Partial subsidies will be available for WFYR participants from Africa, South Asia, Middle East, Latin America & the Caribbean. Due the limited funds available, subsidies will be granted based on need; requests must be made before December 15, 2021 via e-mail to Jerry Prado Shaw.

### Let's keep in touch!

As always, it is great to be connected, especially in this special time of pandemic, let us look to the future with faith, hope and uncontainable joy, thanking God for all the blessings we are receiving, and asking that He continues giving us opportunities to serve others. Warmly, and grateful for your friendship,

*Phillip Joseph Dwyer*  
WFYR Chair 2018-2022



**Service date: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 21-11am**  
**Service from Barnsley Crematorium**

**Website:**  
<https://www.obitus.com/>  
**Username: Leve6543**  
**Password: 968808**

Webcast – Live webcast  
 Please note: -only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time.

### **BOB SADLER**

Bob passed away peacefully on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. He had been in hospital for a few days but was allowed home for his last few days. He watched Leeds V Crawley on catch up on the Monday and passed away not long after. He had seen all family members over the Christmas period.

From YMCA College in 1970 Bob was General Secretary in Bedlington YMCA. He then became a detached Youth Worker in Maidstone YMCA on two tough estates. He then went to work with Vic Hills at Reading YMCA after a spell at Tunbridge YMCA. He was described by Vic as a rock – steady and reliable.

He leaves behind four children - John, Robert, David and Elizabeth along with his wife, Jo, who can be contacted via email: [jomasadler@gmail.com](mailto:jomasadler@gmail.com) or home address:

Mrs J Sadler, 230 Wombwell Lane, Barnsley South Yorks S73 8EJ.

### **FRED DALDRY**

Fred Daldry Ex Bournemouth YMCA CEO for 20 years passed away at the grand age of 97.5 years on the 11<sup>th</sup> January in Bournemouth hospital after being tested for Covid -19.

Notification of Fred's passing came from his daughter Maggie Foster.

Fred was known by his many friends as a humble, true Christian gentleman.



Maggie shares that her intention is to hold a service to celebrate the life of Fred later in the year. Should you wish to send your condolences, please contact Maggie Foster at 19 Lampreys Lane, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5DU or via her email at - [catz@fosteronline.me.uk](mailto:catz@fosteronline.me.uk). Fred's funeral was on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. It was said Fred wanted to have his "wake" before he went so he could see who went. Born 17<sup>th</sup> June 1927 to a father who was also involved in the early life of Bournemouth YMCA. In the navy supporting Atlantic convoys, then onto the Med. Fred never took a driving test. When Assistant Manager at Bournemouth YMCA he took a liking to one of the volunteers and married her. August 1949 Cheltenham YMCA then onto Kingston on Thames, then back to Bournemouth, where he finished added to the overall building.

Retired 1980s. Many rambling and holidays abroad and in Wales. In 2002 Fred lost his wife. He was a man of little patience, but quietly proud of his achievements.

Dear David  
 So sorry to hear the news about Bob and Fred. I remember them both very well. Two fine Christians, who were a credit to the Movement. I can understand Vic describing Bob as a rock. He was always reliable, and I never saw him ruffled.

Fred was part of the Bournemouth YMCA heritage. My father's first appointment with the Movement was at Bournemouth, when Fred's father was the General secretary with a formidable reputation. Our Fred was a wonderful caring Christian gentleman, always willing to help. In sadness but celebrating two lives well lived.

**John (Naylor)**

Hi David,  
 Thanks for the sad news of the passing of Fred and Bob. They both gave sterling service to the YMCA. My personal contact was brief given years of their service but none the less a happy experience.

I recall Fred taking morning prayers at one of the two National Y's Retired of the UK Conferences Residentials held at Cadbury Court Quaker Centre, Birmingham and appreciating his depth of faith as a Christian colleague.

Likewise Bob was an evangelical colleague. Unique was the fact that Fred belonged to the Plymouth Brethren, I believe Bob was C of E but both ecumenical as indicated by their service with the YMCA. My prayerful thoughts are with their respective families.

Warm regards. **Jim (Lamb)**

Hi David,  
 Thank you for the information about the passing of Fred Daldry and Bob Sadler. They were lovely people and gave good service to the YMCA.

**Ray (Allen)**

Dear David,  
 It was very sad to learn that Bob Sadler and Fred Daldry had died. In fact our paths rarely crossed, although I do recall that Fred had at one point been General Secretary at Cheltenham YMCA, which is where I served for nine years. Thank you once again for keeping everyone in touch. Best wishes, **Roger (Hunt)**

Dear David  
 Mervyn remembers well his friend Bob. He met him first in Cambridge before he trained for the YMCA. That must have been in 1962. Mervyn got the Reverend David Watson to be the main speaker at Skegness and Bob went along too. Bob drove David back to York in his car.

Bob was a keen Christian, always eager to share his faith and Mervyn remembers him becoming a detached youth worker. We will miss his annual contact at Christmas for the past 40 years. Bless you. **Beryl and Mervyn (Moorehead)**

Thank you David for letting us know.  
 It is sad to hear of our colleagues passing. Fred was my first "boss" in the YMCA when I started in Bournemouth in 1975. I learned so much from him and I'm pleased he had such a long life, despite my giving him more grey hairs than he deserved.

**Andrew (Jenkins)**

## VISITORS TO SOUTH WEST CORNWALL

The G7 (the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the USA and the EU) will be joined by the leaders of Australia, India and South Korea for the event which is to be held from 11-13 June at the Carbis Bay Estate with delegates also staying at the Tregenna Castle Resort and other locations in neighbouring St Ives.

For those of us that live down the road in Marazion, we look forward to sharing our part of the world with those who make major decisions about the lives of all mankind.

### (Editor)

Dear David,  
I came across the Y's Retired of UK newsletters and website entirely by chance.

From 1978 to 1984 I worked for the "Training for Life" project. TFL was a scheme that was conceived by Graeme Angus and his then boss Bob Hall in the North West region of YMCA's. It launched in 1978 and I was the first worker employed. They had offices adjacent to a large YMCA residential unit in Whalley range, Manchester. When I first knew him (1977/78) Graeme was Bob's deputy and when Bob became head of YMCA Special Programmes, Graeme became the North West Regional Secretary.

Training for life was an idea that Graeme and Bob hatched together. It became one of the largest youth training schemes in the country (we had around 500 trainees at any one time nationally (possibly more) and affected the lives of hundreds of young people who through it received the coaching, mentoring and development training they needed to find their way in what for many of them was a very difficult life stage.

Graeme was extremely helpful and supportive to TFL staff as the project grew and supported me personally through some difficult circumstances.  
I remember him very fondly, very sad to hear of his passing.

Please pass on my condolences to his family

Sincerely  
**David (Pitts) Cupar, Scotland.**

**We remember before God those who have died  
and we pray that God's love will surround all who  
mourn them, now and always**

Gracious God,  
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,  
surround us and all who mourn with your strong  
compassion.  
Be gentle with us in our grief,  
protect us from despair,  
and give us grace to persevere  
and face the future with hope  
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Message from Editor.

Dear friends,

**Some of you might think that because there is a lag of two months between newsletters and you also receive emailed information sent out to you between newsletters (mostly of those who have sadly passed away), that it is unnecessary for me to duplicate this information again in the newsletter.**

**However, this duplication is required so that those who don't receive any emails will still be able to receive the information about friends and colleagues through the posted newsletters giving them an opportunity to offer their condolences to those they may have had friendships with.**  
**Editor**

Jim Lamb shares his appreciation of engaging with a Lincoln YMCA member (1968) thanks to the Y's Retired of UK website.

Jim writes - Already we have confirmed our links and enjoyed such reconnection after over 50 years. I do not recollect you (editor) being at Lincoln YMCA during Mike's membership. He was a fine member and keen member of the Lincoln YMCA resulting in joining the group I took on the ICEP (International Camper Exchange Programme) from Lincoln to Camp Conrad Weiser in Pennsylvania.

It was arranged through Reg Wake when on the staff at YMCA England and Bonnie Mairs! He also spent some time on the Lakeside staff. I think John Naylor was the CEO at Lakeside at the time.

The Newsletter gathers international recognition!

Warm regards, **Jim (Lamb)**

### **A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR US**

Father God, we give thanks for  
everyone working in Intensive Care Units,  
From the specialised to those drafted in.

We know it's so very difficult at the moment  
With rising Covid cases, falling staff and hugely  
increased demands.

Guide them in the tough  
decisions they have to make  
Be with them as they try to bring comfort  
when hope is failing  
And wrap your protective arms around them  
Especially as they go home to their own families  
and loved ones,

In Jesus name. Amen