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President's ponderings

Doing things differently.....

There is no doubt that we have all had to learn 'How to do things differently' over the course of the Pandemic, we have found new ways of doing things in ways that we had not previously imagined.

From learning how to communicate using new technology, to speaking while wearing face masks, and greeting each other with elbow bumps rather than shaking hands, we have had to learn to do things differently.

The same is true for church life. Finding ways of worshipping and being community without singing or without meeting in person have all been challenges which we have coped with and continue to cope with!

Indeed, the churches that I am involved with are exploring which of these new ways of doing things we want to keep in the future, as not all of them have been bad!

Attending meetings by Zoom for example has allowed more people to participate without having to travel on dark winter nights or contribute to CO² emissions !!

Doing things differently is at the heart of the Christian Faith. Jesus calls on us to live in ways that are very different to the ways that the world is used to.

He instructs us to 'turn the other cheek', to walk the extra mile. He tells us to forgive, not just once but seventy times seven.

Changing the way we do things is challenging and often difficult for us to get used to.

But, as we face the challenge of doing things differently, we need to be aware that we do not face these challenges unaided! It is through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are given the courage, strength and confidence to hold on to what is good about the past and the present while striving to do what is right in the future.

Perhaps the best image of encouragement that we can hold on to is the account in John's gospel of Jesus instructing the disciples to throw their fishing nets over the other side of the boat.

By doing things differently, as instructed by Jesus, they had their most successful catch ever!

Different is not always bad! It is through doing things differently we grow in understanding and confidence

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MEMBERS CORRESPONDENCE

Thanks for the latest Newsletter! I guess the Y's Retired of the UK is a dying organisation hence condolences, obituaries and yet another one to add to our gatherings (Cambridge Reunions) conversation, our favourite game, "Do you remember ?????!"

I visit (now by telephone) one of my late wife Eve's friends aged 96 who 8 years ago asked me to read a lesson at her funeral, she couldn't give me a date! She is still going strong and when visiting says, "It won't be long Jim"! Her humour never diminishes! Mind you I have to share she is a true Christian!

LIKEWISE! A certain elderly lady, wife of a Tutor of a Theological College who on her deathbed being visited by a group of theologians asked to what did she attribute her lifelong 'faith' responded by opening her old family bible and pointed to the opening verse of Genesis quoted, "In the beginning God"!

Amen (So be it). **Jim (Lamb)**

Hello David,
Thank you for sending the newsletter and 2020 Annual Report. I noted that the board has voted to send £500 to Secours Speciaux. That is Terrific! Please pass on my thanks.
The program has had a very busy year, because of COVID and because the committee - with John Naylor's great help - has moved the program's promotion forward, especially on the WAY website.

I wish you a blessed Easter and a happy spring.

Bonnie (Mairs)

PS I remember visiting caged living spaces in old tenements in Hong Kong with you. What is going on in Hong Kong now is tragic. I have not heard how the Y is doing. It must be really challenging both now and thinking of the future.

Dear David

Thank you for letting us know about the story of the 5 men who met at the London Central YMCA. We listened to the stories which were very interesting (**BBC Radio 4 on Wednesday 26th May at 13:45** - a programme called Piccadilly).

At West Bromwich YMCA (now known as YMCA Black Country) we had a Refugee from Iraq; he was one of the first residents when the YMCA moved to the Carters Green site in the 1960's. He is now in his 80's and still lives in West Bromwich and we are still in contact with him.

The Indian YMCA in London was the venue for many years for the meeting of the YMCA Movement Trust Fund of which Eric was Chair for many years until it was wound up in 2019.

Many times we stayed at the former YMCA Hostel, now the St. Giles Hotel, and looked into the YMCA Fitness Centre which remains in the building.

Eric and I are still involved at Black Country YMCA as Governance Members. It's over 60 years since we first became members of YMCA in West Bromwich, Eric served on many groups Locally, Regionally and Nationally. He received the Gold Order of the Red Triangle in 1998 for services to YMCA.

We look forward to celebrating our Diamond Wedding Anniversary later this year.

Good wishes to all - **Eric and Brenda (Moore)**

WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP



TIM JOBSON

his photo' which was taken when he was Commodore of Barnt Green Sailing Club and he was organising the racing. Tim wrote - "Sam Johnston occasionally crewed for me there".

FIRST YMCA Contact & date: Sam Johnston at West Bromwich & District YMCA, January 1969

YMCA APPOINTMENTS/INVOLVEMENTS (with Dates if Possible please?):

West Bromwich & District YMCA:-

General Council and Finance Committee – January 1969 to December 2000

Director (on incorporation) – January 2001 to September 2009

Emeritus Director – September 2009 to March 2011

ANY FEATURES (AOS/APS Office/International – National Appointments/responsibilities etc): Occasional talks to other Midlands YMCAs on Directors Responsibilities (organised by David Smith). Otherwise purely West Bromwich related.

Reg Wake 1920- 2020

As most of you know Reg died on 23rd November last, his ashes were interred with Mother's last month, so he was committed into God's care at a lovely service, attended by Liz and me.

It was our intention to hold a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for his long life but with restrictions on large gatherings not lifting until June 21st at the earliest, we have discussed whether this would be appropriate after such a time lapse.

We received so many lovely letters at the time of his death and realise many will be disappointed not to gather, but we have decided that in lieu of a service and 'wake for the Wake' we will make a donation to Secours Speciaux, the organisation so dear to Reg's heart and feel that this would be a fitting memorial for him.

Colin, Jane & Liz (children of Reg and Peggy)



The 2019 South West Gathering

Treloyhan Manor

Dear Friends
Unfortunately this is the end of an era.....sadly there will be no more get togethers at Treloyhan Manor.

Many of you will be aware that out of eleven Methodist Guild Holiday Hotels around the country Treloyhan was the only one remaining but is now in the hands of the Administrator..

As you are all probably aware we were intending to pay our fifteenth and final visit next week but in January of this year we heard through social media that Treloyhan was up for sale so I telephoned and sent emails to Jenny and Alison at Treloyhan. We had an automated reply from them saying the staff were furloughed and then a reply from the Administrators with the hope that a new buyer might honour bookings already made.

However, sadly that is not the case and they have put the hotel on the market for £1.75million.

After all these visits it really is the end but we can look back thankfully remembering our times together and lovely memories of those no longer with us, of the coach trips, the speakers who have inspired us, the quizzes that made us think, the morning and evening prayers, the Friday morning Communion Service and those who led us and accompanied our singing, the films we have watched including those that made us cry, the walks around St Ives and the coast, the cream teas, the pasties we have eaten, the lovely food at Treloyhan and the hosts who have looked after us. Most of all the wonderful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed.

So to you all thank you for your part in the recollections we have. God bless you

Margaret and David (Libby)

Dear Margaret and David

Our heartfelt thanks for such lovely, memorable times which we did so enjoy. We did have such good times, which upbuilt us all. Anyway, we believe that "All things work together for good for those who love the Lord."

What a time of change! and for those of us who are getting older, we could lose our footing, but we are reminded that -

'We have an Anchor that keeps the soul,
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Woodford Methodist church hangs in the balance. Covid has hit below the belt in finance. So it all feels like shifting sands beneath our feet! Then it is good to remember The ROCK!

Our fellowship in belonging to the YMCA won't be any the less enriching. It is a movement which has survived since 1844, founded by a man from the South West, George Williams!

What a privilege to have participated! in times of hard graft and leisurely relaxation. Our love to you all

Mervyn and Beryl (Moorehead)

Dear David and Margaret,
It is with great sadness that your message of finality comes through explaining how we will no longer be able to meet in Treloyhan, St Ives, Cornwall.

We all owe you both a huge debt of gratitude for painlessly organising the annual get together of Y's Retired of the South West - a task that you and David undertook with such vigour and energy over 15 years, even trialling the planning of each Wednesday trip out and taking us to venues to explore which even those that live in the far South West had never been to.

Although our personal attendance was a couple of nights and a "Day" trip each year, we really enjoyed meeting "the crowd" and hearing of the delights of either the content of the film night or Ray's or Elizabeth's quiz questions. These happy times will be sorely missed, but all good things come to an end. It's fitting that our last time as a group together, as with all annual gatherings, ended with Holy Communion.

We all pay our sincere thanks to you both - our love and best wishes -

David and Sue (Smith)

P.S. There's a cream tea waiting for you both in Marazion whenever you venture down this way.

OUR PENTECOST PRAYER

We believe in God the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



A tribute to Lord Judd

It is with great sadness that YMCA learns of the passing of Lord Frank Judd at the age of 86. He was an extraordinary man who achieved significant changes to the injustices he saw around him.

Passionate about the potential of young people, he was the President of YMCA England for almost a decade between 1996 and 2005.

The entire YMCA family mourns the life of a wonderful individual who gave so much of himself to support those less fortunate. Lord Judd was a passionate campaigner before entering Parliament and continued this vocation to the end.

He spoke hundreds of times about the need to provide positive intervention in young people's lives, particularly around reforms to the youth justice sector. His legacy will be a more compassionate society for those who have trodden the wrong path in the past but want to build a bright future for themselves tomorrow.

The YMCA sends our love, appreciation and support to his wife, Chris, and their family.

Dear David,
Thinking about great lay people, I was also saddened to read about the death of former National Council President, Lord Judd.

As National Council Chairman, I was with Frank when he asked John Sentamu, then Bishop of Birmingham, to succeed him as President. The Bishop was very open to the idea and told us that the words of St Francis summed up the YMCA: "Preach the Gospel, use words when you have to". This is something Frank himself did wonderfully well - often when presiding over rather lively National Council AGMs!

We thank God for Frank and his service to the YMCA.

David (Bedford)

Dear (Treasurer) Andrew

Thank you and the UK Y's Retirees for the generous contribution to the delegate travel fund for the World Conference in Aarhus. The transaction processing is complete, and the folks this will help will be ever so grateful.

Kurt R. Kaboth
Treasurer. WFYR

I am indebted to Peter Brookes with offering the correction of names in the picture above featured in the May Newsletter – Peter writes:-

I am intrigued to know who inserted the two group photographs in the Newsletter, as I appear in both of them. Unfortunately your original correspondent is obviously due some new spectacles as a number of names are incorrect and one or two are not even present.



Photo No.1 - Taken at the rear of the old London Central building (St. George's Hall I think) and featuring: Eryl Davies, Michael Read, Michael Kent, John Bygate, Alan Read, Paul Harper, Allen Isaac, Jim Black, Peter Brookes, Peter Close, Stewart Page, Derek Machin, Ted Milburn, Hans Wirz, Arthur Bennett, Bill Sargison, plus the photographer Keith Scott. This is the training course of 1960/61 and a proper shower they were too - all seventeen of them.



Photo No 2 - Taken in Scotland on one of our reunions and marks the passage of time by the reduced number of colleagues in attendance: Freda Scot, Barbara Kent, Ted Milburn and Jeannie McKenzie, Peter and Olive Brookes, Allen and Jan Isaac, Stewart and Hilary Page, Paul and Liz Harper.

The reunions were usually hilarious affairs with much ribald humour. Very hard to appreciate that it is 61 years since we all met in the lounge of London Central for the first time. Happy Days.

Best Wishes, **Peter (Brookes)**



BOB BOYCE

Passed away Saturday 17th April 2021

Dear all

The passing of Bob is indeed sad news. He was as we say 'A Character'. I knew him well when I was in Leeds and once spent a whole WEEK sharing a room with him at Lakeside when doing some work for Youth at Work. Also times at Barrowby with Alex Goodall also springs to mind!! A memorable time!!! He was also a victim of 'THE BOX.' In retirement he took up woodturning!

Graham (Clarke)

Dear Colleagues,

Notice of Bob's passing comes via Peter Brookes. Both Bob and Peter did all they could to regularly travel to visit Rodney Stone in his care home and take him out for cream teas.

Bob was a real funny, kind, gifted man with a twinkle in his eye, loved by young people.

When he was with Billy Beaumont it was better than listening to Morecambe and Wise. May Bob rest in Peace.

David (Smith)

Dear David,

Thank you for your e mail informing us of the passing of our dear friend and colleague Bob Boyce. Bob was a great friend and support to me when I became Regional Secretary for the North East and Yorkshire Region.

He was a really kind man, with a great sense of fun and simply loved people. When he retired from Bradford YMCA he helped in the region on a part time basis acting as a pastoral carer to colleagues in YMCAs in the Yorkshire region. This was a role which suited Bob ideally and, I believe, was appreciated by colleagues in the region.

He was a faithful member of the YMCA staff, regularly attending Fraternal, Annual Assemblies, APS conferences. Bob was also a committed Christian and Methodist Lay Preacher, something which he enjoyed enormously.

What few will know, I suspect, is that when Bob left school he was apprenticed as a pattern maker. He became a skilled craftsman and one of his hobbies was making wooden toys, especially vintage cars.

He was great man and a faithful disciple, may he now rest in peace.

Best wishes, **Michael (King)**

Dear David,

It always comes as a surprise to find how little one knows of a colleague, and this has proved true in the case of Bob. Luckily Bob's wife, Iris has filled me in with some details.

Bob originally worked with the local authority in Cullercoats as a youth worker, but luckily for us he saw the light and took on the work at North Shields YMCA.

His Regional Secretary was Frank Peebles who obviously had a great influence on Bob for he stayed with the Y moving to Bradford, where he came under the beady eye of Alex Goodall and from then his goose was cooked. It is interesting that the third person to influence Bob was Michael King. What is it about Regional Secretaries?

The funeral service was held at Rawdon Crematorium (Leeds) on Friday 7th May, at 11.30 am. Given the current restriction regarding the number of persons permitted to attend, once Bob's family and local friends from his church are counted, sadly there will be little room for others. Hope this is helpful

Best wishes, **Peter (Brookes)**

Agree he was a larger-than-life character, David, and a warm generous person with a lovely family. I had the pleasure of staying with them overnight and being introduced to their fabulous Bradford supermarket Morrisons, then a small Yorkshire chain.

Cheers. **John (Naylor)**

DIVISION OFFICE OF NORTHAMPTON YMCA



This picture was sent to me by my son's father in Law, Alan Stanley, who is interested in researching various buildings in the Northampton Area. He came across this picture. Alan Stanley writes,

"I suspect that the YMCA building in the photo known as the YMCA Divisional Office, was probably built in the 1800s. According to an 1893 street directory, it was occupied by Arthur C Clifton.

The 1891 Census states that Mr Clifton was born in Guisborough (Northants) in 1826 – he was a Physician and Surgeon. His wife Emma was born in Helston, Cornwall.

The occupiers also included a male Groom and two female General Servants.

Reg's story continues:-



The planning of North Camp started to take shape. Applications for grants were made to the Ministry of Education, Carnegie Trust and others were prepared by Jack Francis. I added the "flesh and blood" to our case. Plans were drawn up. The dictates of the Lake District Planning Board put close control over the type of materials to be used. A gift of silver shingles negotiated with the Canadian YMCAs and used for roof and chalet cladding offered some saving and helped with appearance. Contracts were eventually signed and work began in the winter of 1950.

Then when help was need for preparations for the Easter workcamp a real stroke of luck. Stott Farm was repossessed which meant that Bill Hewartson was at a loose end. Previous talks with him revealed that apart from farming, he had been a woodsman, charcoal burner, dry stone builder, with other crafts besides, including bee keeper and deer stalker. With help from Leslie Somerville I was able to offer Bill a job which he readily accepted. Both North and South camps became operational. We bought insulated containers in which to transport main meals cooked in North Camp kitchens. Weather permitting, the hot food was transported mostly by boat, thus adding to the adventure for the lads concerned. The system worked.

Bill masterminded the building of the bridge and jetty both of which stand to this day, alongside a hundred and one jobs; care of toilets, bins, drains, and much else besides.

Bill did not settle well when we left camp. I visited him in Ulverston hospital whilst on leave from Ghana. Whilst the twinkle in his eye was there, he was badly failed. I have since visited his grave in Finsthwaite churchyard and very happy memories of a true and trusted friend have come to mind.

I had become convinced that YMCAs in general were not making the most of the programme possibilities presented by camping and outdoor pursuits, neither were the assets of Lakeside being harnessed in furthering YMCA aims. Ideas for a training scheme for use by YMCAs, culminating in residential courses at Lakeside were taking shape but these would still have to be staged during holiday periods and therefore no real answer to the extension of season goal. There was need to look elsewhere.

At the time, the "YMCA Youth In Industry" scheme, whereby groups of young workers, mainly apprentices, met YMCA tutors in company time and on company premises was in its infancy. I advanced the value of a related

Residential experience. After much 'hard sell' and lobbying we secured a pilot course for apprentices from the Central Electricity Board and another from ICI. Staffed by company training officers and with Lakeside input on the outdoor activities side, the courses gained wider acceptance and became an important part of our 'bread and butter.'

After protracted consultations, working groups and with much help from Arthur Naylor, then NE Regional Officer, we launched the 'Venturer Scheme.' This called for training as part of a local winter programme, culminating in a testing and award course at "Lakeside." "Star Weeks" developed and followed, leading to Stage 3 Venturers scheme, the testing and training base of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which involved at the time, Ted Ewing. An agreement was reached that qualification in certain elements could apply to both schemes. Sir John Hunt of Mount Everest fame, DofE Award Director, tested the course which culminated with a three day (two nights) expedition, to end at High Dam on the Brows above Lakeside Camp.

A short article in the Manchester Guardian suggested that of their jobs, many fathers were virtually strangers to their sons. This immediately sparked an idea. A letter was composed and signed by Lord Somerville, published in the Guardian suggesting 'Father and Son Camps.' Applications were immediate with the majority coming from mothers. This scheme was followed by "Junior Boys Camps."

In family terms, the brightest jewel in the crown undoubtedly was the committee decision to build a house for us. After some six years of living in the limited space of the central block, with the bitterness of winter cold and the bustle of in season noise, we viewed the plans with great interest. The site was close to the northern boundary was just far enough away from the centre to offer a degree of privacy – luxury indeed. Constructed in timber and Lakeside stone, the final appearance was very attractive.

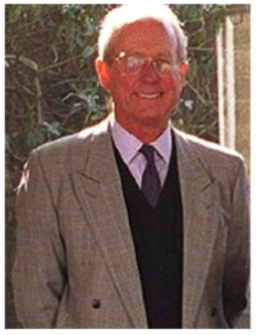


As the Lakeside saga nears its long overdue close, I reflect on the years in terms of family life and conclude that although testing in many ways they were happy times. When we took residency of the camp Colin and Jane were about six and three years respectively, but change was in the offing.

The first hint came in a letter from Sandy Fraser, Overseas Secretary with National Council, stating that he had been invited by the Commonwealth Relations Office to nominate a YMCA person for possible secondment to the Government of Ghana to serve as Youth work Adviser/ Trainer – and would I please allow my name to be put forward. We thought long and hard, but after interview, it seems right to accept – a new chapter awaits!!

More to come in the Sept edition of the Newsletter.....

In remembrance of Bob Boyce



GERALD WARD



TERRY WAITE

Dear David,

The correspondence about Yorkshire TV's John Wilford brought back many memories - not least of the importance of lay people in the YMCA.

I had put the idea of a Royal Celebration of Youth in aid of the YMCA to John and, after lengthy negotiations and much consideration, he came back and said, "Yorkshire TV will produce and broadcast it on one condition - that the Queen comes to Harrogate for the recording on a Sunday evening".

I turned to the then National Council Chairman, Gerald Ward, an equerry to the Queen, who responded: "Completely impossible, the Queen never does anything on a Sunday". A few days later he was on the phone: "Her Majesty will do it. She will stay with the Halifaxes".

Gerald was a great man and, like all good lay people, made wonderful things happen in the YMCA.

One memory from the night itself: Terry Waite, then the Founder Chairman of an emerging Y Care International, had promised to come to introduce one of the young artists. Two nights earlier he had been on the TV news, leaning out of a window in a hostile Lebanon shouting latest information on a mission to release hostages. To fulfil his promise he came to Harrogate direct from Heathrow Airport.

After the show, I found him talking to young ushers far from the galaxy of super stars in the after show reception. I heard him joke about how he looked like a penguin in his DJ and thanking the young people "for all you have done for the YMCA tonight". The commitment he showed that night has lasted and he is still the active President of Y Care International nearly forty years later.

We owe so much to our lay leaders.

David (Bedford)

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

"Heavenly Father and Your Beloved Son Jesus Christ, we thank you for giving us another life; we thank you for another beautiful morning. As we go on through our actions **today**, make us instruments to do good things. Please enlighten our minds and give us the strength to participate in all that today offers."

Amen.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Boyce. Bob and I became friends in the late 70's early eighties. I can't remember whether I was still in Hinckley or my early days in Winchester. I cannot even remember how the friendship began it was probably at Skegness and maybe because we were not part of any YMCA training group as Bob trained at Westhill and I trained at National College in Leicester. It was friendship that has lasted to this day and it was not just Bob but later friendship extended to the whole family.

Bob had a wonderful sense of humour and on one occasion at Skegness he even persuaded me to caddy for him in the golf tournament. I was not a good caddy but we had fun. Not sure other competitors appreciated that!

Bob and Iris and the boys had a few holidays with me in Winchester. It was the ideal place to holiday with three young boys Richard, David and Christopher. My bungalow was in the YMCA grounds so they had the run of the football field and when not in use, the sports hall.

I looked forward to their stay with me; I enjoyed our time together and their fellowship. I also visited them at their home in Bradford on a number of occasions sometimes on my way back from a visit to county Durham thus breaking my journey, and sometimes as a week's holiday so as to catch up with their family. On one occasion I was visiting them at the time of my birthday in April and had to stay an extra three days due to snow-yes snow in April -and roads south closed. We were supposed to be visiting York for the day!



Bob and Iris have also visited me here in Plymouth. My move back to Plymouth meant visits were not so easy, for them or me. In fact, when I last spoke to Bob and Iris there was much catching up with news; Bob had not been well and some of the conversation was about the lack of opportunities to meet because of the distance between Plymouth and Bradford.

Our friendship is one of those friendships which despite long periods of not being in touch the conversation about ourselves, our families our church, was as if it we had spoken the day before and always an element of laughter. I have many fond memories of Bob and I'm lucky to have in my dining room two paintings one of a lighthouse and the other a scene from Whitby which Bob painted for me when he found out I liked coastal scenes. In addition to painting he led a very active life in retirement including Wood Turning; and he was also an Accredited Methodist Local Preacher. More about his life can be found in a book he wrote "Trafalgar Boy" the story of a Brummie.

Hilary (Robins)

Cambridge Reunion Lunch 7th JULY 2021

12 noon for 12.30pm

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Dear colleagues,

I have retained the same time and date as previous years for the Reunion normally convenient to the majority! The date does not conflict with school holidays.

You will appreciate from your own experience the setting of dates and registering numbers is of paramount importance when booking a suitable restaurant venue for meals and ask for your full support in early confirmation of your intention to be present with spouses on this social occasion.

I appreciate problems can arise in my asking for an early response, however as Organiser the assurance of a good number is helpful not least as I have provisionally booked the larger Dining Room!

The invitation is open to all retired members within striking distance or further afield if by car, rail, cycle or 'shanks pony' to Cambridge – a delightful city for a day out! Also copied to David Smith, Newsletter Editor for appropriate publicity.

Suffice it to share that I have been able to make a definite booking with the Girton Golf Club Restaurant, subject to Government pressure. A spacious Car Park awaits you parking for all colleagues to comment "Crikey look what Charles is driving this year – must be on a YMCA Pension!" Expect a warm welcome, always present for visitors to Cambridge!

Cost I have received today a menu from Catering Manager Nick Cooke confirming the price of a meal at the reasonable figure of £17 per head. Drinks are extra and paid for at the bar. Menu etc. I hope to attach our communication for your information.

This is the first occasion we have been able to meet for over 12 months due to 'lockdowns' and I/we hope to enjoy this opportunity to socialise and play our favourite game, "Do you remember so and so?" Noted is the email address above if I should have missed anyone out please forward a copy of this letter to them.

I look forward to meeting you all for yet another special occasion with 'prompt responses' for a smooth administration by an ageing colleague!

WARM REGARDS!

Jim (Lamb)

HOW TO GIVE A GIFT LEGACY TO SECOURS SPECIAUX THROUGH A WILL

A few colleagues have asked recently, what information they might need to leave in their Will in order to make a donation to Secours Speciaux. The information should you require it is as follows:-

Any legacy towards the Secours Speciaux fund should be directed through the Y's Retired of UK Treasurer - presently Andrew Jenkins of :-

33 Amesbury Rd, Penylan
Cardiff
CF23 5DW

Telephone number :- 029 2031 7153

The name of the account and details for receiving such a legacy gift is as follows:-

**Payee Bank Name: Nat West Lincoln, Smiths Bank
Branch, 225 High Street, Lincoln. LN2 1AZ**

Payee Account Name: Ys Retired of UK

Payee Sort Code: 60-13-15

Payee Account Number: 43913105

This is the information which you would need to pass onto your solicitor. Should she/he require any further information, do please let the Treasurer know.

This gift through a Will legacy will be of great assistance to those YMCA colleagues who are in genuine greatest need

HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY ARTHUR



28th May 2021 saw the 98th birthday of grandad Arthur Bennett with his four very proud grandsons.