

The last 30 years.

- 1975 Service of Dedication
- 1976 Camp site developed
- 1977 Squash Courts repaired.
- 1978 Sports barn built by Job Creation. Repairs to cottages.
- 1979 1000 trees planted.
- 1980 5 May Thanksgiving service
- 1981 Don & Heather Gee left to take up ministry at Isleham. Mike & Janet Stafford also Peter & Patsy Jackson appointed as managers.
- 1982 Full Maintenance lease signed.
- 1983 Dining Room extended & courtyard cottages re-roofed. Peter & Patsy called to Baptist Church in Leiston.
- 1984 10yr. celebrations 1000 visitors
- 1985 New water softener
- 1986 Fourth cottage turned into games area.
- 1987 Mike & Janet called to work for Torch Trust. Paul & Carol Golding are appointed as managers.
- 1988 Two house parties cancelled because of snow.
- 1989 Children's play area installed.
- 1990 New conference room chairs purchased.
- 1991 Missionary bungalow refurbished. Roger & Wendy Mills appointed as support to Paul & Carol.
- 1992 New carpet to dining room, new boiler fitted, new mains water supply.
- 1993 Missionary Bungalow fitted with central heating.
- 1994 Lovejoy filming at Sizewell.
- 1995 New 21yr. Lease negotiated.
- 1996 Lease signed. New Lounge carpet. Started to replace the beds with new.
- 1997 New fencing to tennis courts.
- 1998 Quote obtained to replace the central heating.
- 1999 New heating system completed.
- 2000 Roger & Wendy retire to Kelsale. Peter & Lynne Warnock appointed as Assistant Managers.
- 2001 New Audio visual equipment purchased.
- 2002 Filming of the Lost Prince. Commence Block paving car park.
- 2003 Website up and running.
- 2004 African Village built.
- 2005 30 yr celebration.



Thirty years at Sizewell Hall – a time to say ‘Thank you.’

It is hard to believe that 30 years have now passed since we took possession of Sizewell Hall and used it as a Christian Conference and Camping Centre. During those 3 decades some 150,000 people have stayed in the Hall and on the Camp site. Wherever we go we meet people who spontaneously tell us that in this place they met with our risen Lord. They speak of the way in which their lives were transformed, their faith strengthened and their call to Christian service confirmed. As we reflect on all that has been achieved, we very much want to say thank you to our Heavenly Father and a number of other people.

A time to thank our heavenly Father. God's faithfulness in helping us to start this Centre and in enabling us to continue to use it, is a cause for constant praise. From the very first moment when the lease was signed with just £40 in the bank, all our financial commitments have been met in spite of the huge capital expenses we have incurred. The words of the Psalmist sum up how we all feel; 'Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.' (Psalm 115.1)

A time to thank the Council. God provided not only the finance for the work, but a wonderful team of people for the Council of Management, who have given of their time and expertise in order to ensure that the Centre is run efficiently. In over 90 committee meetings there has not been a discordant note. There has been total unity throughout the 30 years of working together.

A time to thank the Managers. God has also provided some quality people to serve as managers, who have viewed the work at Sizewell as a calling rather than a job. At just the right time in the providence of God the right people became available to use their gifts and creative skills to make the Hall the excellent Centre it is today. All of them have been prepared to work long hours and to give freely of their time and energy to ensure the well being of our guests.

A time to thank Group Leaders. We greatly appreciate the willingness of leaders in churches and youth groups for the time they have given to organize and lead house parties in the Hall and camps on the camp site. Many have come year after year and now regard Sizewell as their second home. A large number of people have helped to make the house parties a success.

A time to thank Givers and Prayers. We value enormously that unseen army of people who have given financially to the work and prayed regularly for the work at Sizewell over these 30 years. We will never know how much we owe to those faithful intercessors and generous givers, as well as those who have left money in their wills for this important work.



To everyone, we want to say a warm and sincere "Thank you," 'for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.' (Phil 1.5)
Victor and Meg Jack.



African Village Project Report CYM

Imagine that you had just been parachuted in to a deserted African village. Your task is to discover why the inhabitants have left and to prepare the way for their return.

What follows is a mixture of adventure, discovery, problem solving and education as the children map the area, locate and analyse water sources, clear mine fields, hunt for food and sleep overnight in the African huts.

They will learn how to construct overnight shelters, build rafts to cross a river(!), mountain bike over rough terrain and shoot bows and arrows. Successful

completion of projects will win them lengths of guttering and these will be used to construct a water supply for the village.

One of the great challenges facing Christians today is that of ensuring children don't grow up thinking God was someone we used to believe in.

Our vision is to be educationally excellent whilst at the same time being distinctively Christian. For 5 days the pupils will live in a community led by Christians and based on Christian principles and values. Of course staff will take every opportunity to assist schools to fulfil their mandate as moral and spiritual

educators. There will be evening stories, thought for the day slots as well as group interaction that will make each day an adventure.

It's not going to be an easy task and we will no doubt 'learn as we go'. The exciting thing at this stage is that the teachers and Heads who have visited the site are as enthusiastic as we are about what is being proposed. Already three schools are booked in and several others are showing interest.

We would value your prayers because although the building phase is over there is still lots to do before we host our first school.
Dave Pepper. CYM



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It is hoped that this issue will be the first of many news letters, to keep you informed of what is happening at Sizewell Hall.

If you have accounts of how God has blessed you or your group and you feel these would be of interest to others please feel free to send them to us at the Hall then we will be able to include them in future publications. **Editor**

The beginning of my spiritual life and all the excitement since, can be squarely blamed on CYM! Up until my encounter with Jesus at a CYM Sizewell week when I was eighteen, I was content to warm a pew and stay ignorant of God's plan in my life.

When I got back from Sizewell I felt that God had called me into full time Christian service.

Since then I haven't looked back, I've served God in Austria, Nepal, India, Chile, the USA and New Zealand and I've visited Bangladesh, Pakistan, Singapore, Myanmar, Malaysia and this year I'm off to Cambodia. **AT.**

"There is something very special about this place Sizewell Hall"
(Lost Prince Film Crew)

I would like to thank CYM for a fantastic life changing experience for my friends and me. I hope to have many more special times at Sizewell and in my life with God. **C.B. Age 12.**



Ashley (age 15)
I became a Christian in my tent at Sizewell Camp after a week of challenging sessions. Sizewell camps are great fun and you always learn something new about God."

'Darren (aged 19) from St. Mary's Church, Cheadle and Karen (aged 15) from Emmanuel Church, Cheadle Hulme met at Sizewell Hall on a Covenanter house party in 1989. The following year we started going out and attended the same house party as a couple. In 1995 we were married and then over the next few years we attended the same house party as leaders. We now plan to return to Sizewell Hall in the next few years with our twins Isaac and Abigail (born February 2004). God has very much blessed us through Sizewell Hall.

The time at Sizewell that sticks in my mind the most was last year in November. It was the 14 - 18's weekend. The weekend was wonderful and I made loads of new friends. The reason that it sticks in my mind though is because it really helped my faith. I was particularly struggling with my faith. Also I have never really experienced God, but that weekend, he touched, I'd say, every single person there including me. **Beth.**

I became a Christian at Sizewell Junior camp in 1997. I sat with the speaker after one particularly moving session, and he helped me into God's family. **Matthew (age 18)**

Facing the future

In the future we are open for God to direct us into new ways of using the Hall and its grounds, while at the same time we are sure that many of the present very successful house parties and conferences for people of all ages, will continue for many more years to come. A recent exciting development has been the construction of an African Village in the woods, in conjunction with Ipswich Christian Youth Ministries, which will bring many school children for an African adventure and instruction in Christian teaching.



Pointers for Prayer for the future

Lift for disabled people. In the very near future we may have to install a lift in the hall in order to conform to the Disability Act. This could prove very costly and lead to many other alterations in the Hall. Pray that we will be clearly guided in the planning stages and have sufficient funds for this major project. A new disabled toilet on the ground floor will be constructed this year.

New members for the Council of Management. Some of us who have served on the Council for the last 3 decades will need to make way for younger people who can carry the work forward. Pray that God will lead us to suitable people for this important task.

New Lease The present lease runs out in 2016. Pray that the new lease will be workable and that the revised rent review will be reasonable. A large increase could price us out of the market.

African Village Please remember this new venture in your prayers and all those who will be responsible for running it, as well as the safety of the many children and staff who will be visiting it.

Our many guests We long that all those who visit Sizewell Hall in its idyllic situation in woodlands on the sea front, will experience the blessing of God and return home spiritually refreshed and ready to serve Him with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.



Victor Jack

Those who have a story to tell

Six conversions: all young people aged between 12 and 17, four young men & two young ladies.

Two applications for baptism: one man in his thirties and a lady of 83!

Three applications for Church membership.

At least six Christians re-dedicating their lives to the Lord.

Deeper fellowship between all.

Thanksgiving for those that had the vision and faith to open Sizewell Hall. **G.F.**

In the last year I buried a young man near Hanover. He was my friend. He was an active member of our church in Munster.

He was only 30 years old. He was one of the group, with which we stood at Sizewell Hall and in Bury in 1987. The last half year I attended him and his wife. He died very faithful, because he was born again in Jesus. In his last days he told me, that one of his first steps to born again in Jesus Christ was in Sizewell Hall. I wept for joy.

Matthias Wittkämper Munster



Sizewell gave us the opportunity to spend lots of time forming some wonderful friendships which have lasted into adulthood. I met Ian, my husband at a Celebration but I remember that it was during a summer Sizewell where he came to my particular attention in the hairy chest competition on the beach.

C.S. (now married!)

From **Fatulla** and **Louiza** who are now serving God with their husbands in an Arab church in Jerusalem.

"Staying at Sizewell Hall was one of the greatest events that ever happened in our lives. We had just taken a step of faith to accept the Lord Jesus, but we didn't know that He wanted the commitment of our whole lives. When Victor and Meg brought us to Sizewell for the Easter week, the Lord taught us such great things through the example of the other young people there. We learnt to love the Lord with all our hearts and to live only for Him. We were Arab girls but our 'togetherness' with the English Christians was wonderful, and it was all because of Jesus."

"We will never forget Sizewell Hall. It was a life changing experience for us both." **Fatulla and Louiza.**