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Dear Friends,

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We look back on the past year's camping with gratitude to God for all his faithfulness. We had nine residential camps with 350 campers and one day visits by 350 people, making a total of 700 who came to the campsite, much more than last year, but well short of normal numbers. We know of some who committed their lives to the Lord Jesus, and others were helped in their Christian life. It was sad to hear of some groups needing to cancel their visits this year but we very much look forward to welcoming them back in 2022!

The camping season started late due to Covid-19 restrictions but we received a further £10,000 from the Government as a start-up payment and support grant.

We have exciting news to bring to you. After quite a lot of talking and negotiating we are pleased to welcome CYM (Christian Youth Ministries) to our campsite. They work with many schools in the Ipswich area, and will now be using our campsite during term times, and filling up many mid-week days when we ourselves will not be using the campsite. This will utilise the campsite to a very good capacity. Please pray that this arrangement will work out very happily for all concerned.

We have now completed all the outside paintwork that needed to be done, and contractors have removed the old swimming pool rubber floor covering ready for a new one to be put down before camp starts again in 2022. The temperature of the swimming pool water was further increased as a result of replacing the pool cover with a solar gain one. In summer we saw water temperatures of 30 degrees centigrade. We are applying to the local Council for permission to use the campsite during our closed season for day events for small groups, for training and some church away days. These will be non-residential days. We also had some repairs done to the marquee and some panels replaced.

In January Ivan Fenning went to be with his Lord and Saviour. We really miss Ivan but we have so much to thank him for and the campsite is a lasting memory of his generosity. Ivan loved to talk to people when they visited the farm and campsite and was thrilled to hear when people committed their lives to the Lord Jesus. We are very thankful to all the groups and individuals who gave us gifts in memory of Ivan.

This will be my last annual letter to you, our dear supporters, as I am retiring from being chairman and a trustee. I feel the time is right for me to step down, as I shall be 86 years old next year. I have enjoyed the time and have seen God do great things for us. It is truly amazing how all our financial needs have been wonderfully met. What God has done for us in the past I am sure he will continue to do in the future.

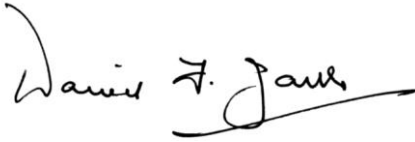
I conclude this letter by thanking all of our volunteers who give great support for the work. These include our volunteer site coordinators who are there to help groups during their stay. This year they were: Aubrey, Tina & Steve, Pete & Sandy, Carol and Andrew, Lois & Gavin, Mary & Ben and Andrew. Jamie Wyncoll helped

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Andrew with some repairs to the cabins earlier in the year. We thank Andrew Vellacott for helping in so many practical ways, including keeping the hedges cut and grass cutting around buildings with the help of Mike Woods too. We thank Penny Edgar once again for independently inspecting our accounts and John Edgar for his advice and practical help. Finally, thank you to Gerald Woods for fixing a few electrical items for us.

Yours in Our Lord Jesus,



David F Jack



Swimming pool cover



Ivan Fenning

