

ARC Summer gathering 3rd - 10th August 2019

Theme: "All the believers were one in heart and mind, no-one claimed anything as their own but shared everything they had" ACTS 4:32

Venue: Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre at Pateley Bridge HG3 5JB

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well; we are looking forward to seeing you in August. This letter includes things that are new for this year and some general information as a reminder and for people joining us for the first time. There will be a series of emails/postings relating to various topics of importance coming out at different times. Could you please keep an eye out for these so that we can all know what's going on and be involved.

You may notice that this year's theme is the same as last years. This isn't an accident. As always it came through prayer and the Holy Spirit. Our sense is that it is less about material sharing. So we can all ponder what this is (we the team don't have the answers). As always when we gather it'll be whatever it's meant to be.

The ARC prayer day is Wednesday. If you can please consider using some of your prayer time on this day every week to hold the ARC community, all its members and the team. In particular prayers for protection are vitally important.

Thank you to all those who have already offered to lead groups/take on other roles; we'll be in touch soon. If anyone would like or feels led by the Lord to offer any workshops, run any groups and/or to lead a service of any kind please let us know by April.

We are short of leaders for the children's groups. *Please look out for an email about this*

We need to sort this out quickly so that we have time to process DBS checks and complete safeguarding training.

If you have an idea for a group or workshop or anything else but are unsure, please contact us as we can support you with this. We can only offer what people share. In recent years some things that used to be regularly on offer have not been, not because there is no demand but because no one has offered to run them. We would like to encourage you all to think outside the

box of what we usually offer, to think what you would like to share together as a community and offer it. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

The electronic booking form worked really well for us last year. It made the whole booking process easier to keep track of and also meant we could share the jobs between the team much better. However without making the form (and therefore the spreadsheet it feeds into) impossibly long, there are still a couple of limitations. If you are booking for more than 6 people you will need to complete more than one booking form, this just makes our spreadsheet more manageable; please could you use a separate contact person on subsequent forms so we don't count you twice. In addition if you are booking different people in the same party into different accommodation options, please use a separate booking form.

Please return a completed booking form **by clicking the link in the email. Only the link will work.** If you try to fill in the form in the body of the email then the form will not submit. We will need a 10% deposit by the **20th of March** in order to pay our deposit to the centre by April 1st. **Final payment by 16th June please.**

NB Cheques payable to: **ARC Renewal Community** and posted to the address below.

Bank transfer: Lloyds sort 30 15 52 Acc 00240438

(Please label your transaction with your last name *and* initial *and* the words 'camp fees' so we can trace your payment.)

In order to make the most of the residential accommodation we will have half of one dorm for female residents and half for men. Please indicate on your booking form under the special requirements question if you are willing to be in a shared dorm.

For those camping there are lots of very good standard toilets, showers and drying rooms.

Fees:

Camping: £63 per person (over 2) per week or £9 per night

Residential: £159.60 per person (over 2) per week or £22.80 per night

Day Visitor: £12 (suggested)

You will see that the fees have increased, Bewerley still offer us these fees at a reduced rate rather than their normal fees. These fees *do not* include a Conference Fee. All fees quoted for camping and residential accommodation go directly to Bewerley Park.

In ARC we are all about being inclusive and welcoming of all, whether people are in a position to pay/pay in full or not. If anyone finds the fees unachievable please give me a ring (in confidence) or send an email and we can discuss a donation which would be affordable to you. Also if you know anyone who would like to come for the first time who is not in a position to pay, please encourage them to give me a ring or or ring me on their behalf and we will sort everything out before we get to Bewerley. Following last years community meetings **Martin Fenlon is going to contact everyone about finding ways of making costs more accessible, please look out for his email.**

In keeping with the ethos of being the body of Christ and making ARC available to all we want to be able to pay for the things we need and support anyone who has difficulty attending for any reason. We are asking that you think about what you can give now in the collection at camp, so you can, if possible, save up for it during the year. We rely on the Lord to provide (through each other). In this way those of us who are able to give more at this time can do so and those who need to give less can. "They sold their goods and possessions and distributed the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed" (Acts 2:45).

Total estimated cost for the week £4,500.00. This figure does not include the usual fee paid directly to Bewerley Park. **We need to raise the £4,500.00 through donations and in the collection at camp**, so that we cover in total what we need to pay Bewerley for the cost of the facilities we use and to balance our books at the end of the year.

You will also find attached to this email, the camp guidelines and a poster *.Please read them and print the poster for display.* It would be useful to write your name above mine on the poster, as someone in the parish/area who could talk about the week as a first point of contact.

I will email the Camp review and Community meeting notes later. These will also be posted on the website together with the safeguarding policy and privacy policy.

Florence McCudden will be contacting the children's group leaders regarding DBS certificates. I will send out another letter plus Bewerley Park requirements later in the year.

Upcoming Events

- 12th - 15th April. Seahouses weekend. We will be gathering at Seahouses Youth Hostel over the weekend of Palm Sunday. All are welcome. Please contact David Smith for more information deacondavidsmith@gmail.com

Keep in touch and up to date with the ARC website www.arcrenewalcommunity.org or the Facebook group (anyone wanting to join this group please contact me for details of how to join).

God Bless

Chris and the team

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Useful Information

Arrival time Saturday 3rd August after 12 mid-day. Residential accommodation will be accessible after 2pm.

Bewerley Park offers good general facilities including a common room with pool tables and a drink/snack machine. A public pool, cash machine and village shops are available in Pateley Bridge which is 5 minutes away. There is lots of space on site for children to play and a well equipped play park in Pateley Bridge.

Residential accommodation: There are single rooms, twin/four bedded rooms and small dormitories which may be ideal for families or groups who would like to share. Whilst not all of the rooms are en-suite the toilet/bathroom facilities are close to the rooms. Bedding is provided but *not* towels. There is a room equipped for disability (twin bed en suite). The walking distance between the accommodation and function rooms is short although it is a little further to the camping area and community tent.