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FIRM FOUNDATIONS SUCCESS

For the past 6 years each bank holiday The BB has run a festival that offers the very best in Christian Arts, Teaching and Worship. This year the weather was good helping Firm Foundations 1995 be, according to many who were there, the best ever!

It was certainly the busiest. There were more people than ever before and the programme was absolutely packed. With good planning on the site and in the programme, most people felt they had more space despite the increased capacity and activity.

The theme was "Advancing The Kingdom" and those helping guests to explore this were speakers such as J. John, Steve Chalke, Eric Delve, Dennis Pethas, Duncan Banks and Mark Simmons. Artists included festival favourites Eden Burning, The Funky Beehive, The Wades, Pete McCahon and many more.

Many of the 1400+ who attended either met God for the first time or experienced Him in a new way.

Plans are well developed for next year's Firm Foundations 1996, which is being planned in conjunction with Christians in Sport. The theme "Running the Race" reflects the fact that next year is not only an Olympic year but also the European football Championships. At Firm Foundations we will find out about the most important race.....

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AMICUS Appoints New Man!

Nick Rowark is the new AMICUS Project Leader. Interviews were held in May after the job was advertised in The BB Gazette. He took up his new position at Felden Lodge at the beginning of September.

Nick is married to Dawn and currently lives in Woking. Until his appointment with AMICUS, Nick worked as a youth worker for St John's parish church where he had been for four and a half years. Prior to that he was a Mercedes sales executive, member of the Emmanuel church and an officer in the 27th Northampton Company. Nick is a BB training officer and has significant involvement in running events for Christians

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and non-Christians alike which will be very useful experience for his role within Firm Foundations.

He intends to visit all groups before Christmas. Please pray for Nick as he begins his work with The Brigade.

Where is Tension Getters 2?

Remember in the last edition we reviewed the book Tension Getters 2? Not only that, but we promised free copies to all who completed the questionnaire sent out at the same time. The question many of you have is where are they?

The truth is we are not totally sure. They were specially ordered from America. We know they are not in New York, but suspect they may be in Philadelphia. We are assured by our suppliers that they will turn up eventually. We will post them out as soon as they arrive.

After Inverness?

There is some concern that with the various proposals coming forward at Brigade Council this is going to cause AMICUS problems. We are happy to dispel this worry. With AMICUS being a UK pilot project it will continue to prosper after September.

AMICUS Logo

The AMICUS group in Wallasey at Liskard URC have decided on a casual form of identity. They wear the shirts that form the basic uniform of the Danish FDF/FPF. What they need now is to have the AMICUS logo woven onto the shirts. Therefore if you have already had sweatshirts or jumpers woven can you contact John Fidler (see address list) with details of where you had your items manufactured. Thank you.

The New National Project

After the success of the first year project on homelessness, plans are well developed for the new project. The subject will be sex! An issue some may think is controversial but never the less lies at the very heart of human existence. It will cover a whole variety of areas and will be available in the Autumn.

AMICUS Closure

It is with regret that we report the closure of the AMICUS group at Thornaby on Tees Baptist Church.

Pay Up.....or else!

Everyone agrees that membership of AMICUS Resource Club is great value at £25.00 per year. In the last twelve months members have received dozens of AMICUS activity cards, books including The Serendipity Youth Manual, Participation Games, Simulation Games, Outdoor Activities and lots of other useful material.

Now the bad news; it's subscription time again. Please make your cheque for £25.00 (that's right, no increase for '95/'96) to The Boys' Brigade, and send it to Nick Rowark at Headquarters.

AMICUS man moves on

Stepping down as Project Leader, Gary Smith left the full-time staff of The BB at the beginning of August. After six years he's looking forward to a fresh challenge working for a new charitable trust called BIG IDEAS. He will be "exploring relevant ways of communicating the Christian faith" with Nigel James. They will both retain their involvement in Firm Foundations and will be involved with presenting the gospel to BB companies in a variety of ways. To find out more about Big Ideas write to:

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