

## Future + Hope

*Future Hope works with young people in Hertford, especially with those who have drug and alcohol problems. All Saints supports Future Hope with a gift of £500 a year.*

### What's Happening

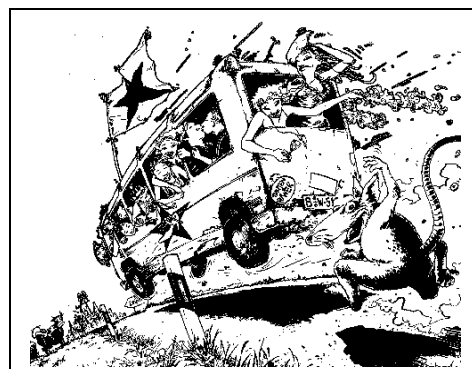
Our Summer Soiree on 6th July was a great Mobile Youth Centre and Premises success. We had a fantastic time at Elberts celebrating our work and raised more than £300 in monthly standing orders which exceeded our target by £100. The total of one off donations though was £1,500 which just covered our costs so we are still about £5,000 short for the bus.

Real Life 10 group has finished, having spent 20 weeks together working through issues including addiction, forgiveness, self respect and broken relationships, as well as making plans for the future. We saw some big changes in everyone. Future hope is now supporting nearly 10 people one-to-one in a variety of different situations including those struggling with mental health problems, drugs and alcohol, debt and spiritual issues, and we are beginning to work with families too. We also developed a proper DJ course and ran our first one at Longmore Education Support Centre, each participant recording their own CD. Finally on 7th September Cathie Bunoti from Uganda joined us as a Careforce volunteer for one year, enabling us to help even more people in crisis gain hope and a future.

### Mobile Youth Centre and Premises

After a lot of discussion and searching for a venue for our late night drop-in, we decided to buy a double-decker bus to serve as a mobile youth centre instead and look for a separate office and meeting room. We can then go wherever the young people are and not just in Hertford. The metro bus formerly used for tours of London, is being refurbished and we hope to be using it by the time you read this. The top deck is nearly finished

(don't worry the seats will be a different colour) and the outside will be re-decorated too. We also have an offer of premises for our office needs which we hope to move in soon.



### The Team

Most of our existing volunteers are now actively involved doing detached work or mentoring and we hope to put the rest to work by the end of the year. We plan to do another Real life group soon and with our new youth bus there will be plenty more opportunities, so we are training another batch of volunteers to be ready for action in the Autumn.

### What People Say

Some comments from the Real Life 10 group's evaluation forms. "I've learnt that I am actually an important person, especially in God's eyes." "I am happier after dealing with problems instead of ignoring them via drinking."

### Final Word

As you can see so far this year has been really good for FutureHope. We have consolidated on the success of our official launch and our work is now firmly established in the local community. Now is a time for giving thanks and reflecting on what has happened, but also a time of preparation as we get ready to expand with new people, new premises and new ventures.

If you would like to support Future Hope in any way please contact Mark Wood, telephone 01992 509002 or mobile 07986 640840.