

Hello,

"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19.

Landsend to John O'Groats

I did it! A once in a lifetime achievement – cycling 1,063 miles in 15 days.



Day 1 - Yours truly at Landsend Cornwall



Day 3 – Crossing Dartmoor by viaduct

Myself, son Dan and two friends were all booked in for the mammoth cycle ride for June but COVID spoiled all that, so we took a chance and rebooked all the hotels for September immediately after the end of the school holidays.



Day 4 – Shute Shelve tunnel Somerset



Day 6 – Entering Shropshire

We were really blessed by the weather 13 days out of 15 were dry and sunny and the first week was also warm – a real Indian summer.



Day 8 – Entering Lancashire



Day 9 – Ambleside in the Lake District

We managed to get through Lancashire before it locked-down once again, great timing. Then the English Lake District and I've never travelled from one end to other without a cloud in the sky – what a blessing.



Day 11 – High in the Scottish Borders

The warm sunny weather couldn't last forever and in came the cold and rain as soon as we crossed the border into Scotland. Later that day – our longest at 90 miles – we were lashed by storm Aidan arriving in the dark and very wet into Dunoon.



Day 12 – Sunrise in Dunoon



Day 12 – Into the Highlands

The next day in Dunoon was sunny again and we had become cycling machines by now. The weather turned back sunny and dry but it started getting nippy.



Day 13 – start of the great glen – Loch Linnhe

Just two more days of 80 miles per day cycling to go; what we didn't know was how windswept the Black Isle is. All the last day we are battling a strong north east wind, but finally we make it to the end of Scotland.



Day 14 – Finishing at Dornoch, just 80 miles left



Day 15 – We did it !

It was a great trip. Thanks to Anne and Marie for driving the support van and providing food and encouragement. Thanks to all of you who sponsored us, and if you didn't you still can here:

<http://kingstrust.org/fundraising/LeJog-2020/index.html>

Oh No – I'm on Facebook

We all know that Facebook is a work of the Devil and Mark Zuckerberg has 666 tattooed somewhere on his person. However despite all that I have now got a Facebook account (reluctantly) due entirely to this current lockdown.

<https://www.facebook.com/tim.jarvis.56232/>

I also have a church YouTube channel and I record my messages for release every Sunday. If you told me I'd be doing this a year ago I'd have laughed at you.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRo-jiCloOcXHn9zlgtpHw/videos>

The Withernsea church has had a Facebook page for some time, but Filey still doesn't.

Church after lockdown

June ended with a loosening of lock down. The two churches still couldn't meet in the buildings we normally rent but we could meet outside up to thirty of us. So starting the first week in July that's what we did first in Glen Gardens Filey and then also in Italian Gardens Withernsea. We met every Sunday outdoors and had our normal service in full public view, come rain come shine.



Gateway Withernsea meeting in Italian Gardens in August 2020



Gateway Filey meeting in Glen Gardens in July 2020

You can see from the picture that the numbers attending are significantly down by almost half of what we would normally see. There was only one service that was seriously affected by the rain – thank You Lord. We were well received by the people in and around the park. As a result we've decided to do predominatly open air meetings next summer, COVID or no-COVID.

Our outdoor services only ended when in September the 'rule of six' was announced.

Gateway Withernsea has now returned to having services in the Meridian Centre albeit with a large number of restrictions. It has not been possible for Gateway Filey to return to the Evron Centre and so we are meeting in the Hunmanby Community Centre at present.

As I write this I'm listening to Prime Minister Boris Johnson's announcement of a November lockdown. Oh well back to online services only once again for now!

What were we doing during lockdown in the spring I hear you ask? All our church activities went online with weekly communion service and prayer meeting via Zoom. From July we started videoing the ministry of the word in our services and putting these videos out on YouTube. We are still running all these online services to this day as not everyone has returned to face to face meeting. <http://gateway.uk.net/Filey/c-on/index.html>

There is also my comprehensive bible-study in Revelation that I compiled during lockdown. It represents many, many days of work; please take a look it makes sobering reading for our times <http://gateway.uk.net/Filey/c-on/Revelation/index.html>
Perhaps with this new second lockdown starting next week I will have the time to finish the final chapters of Revelation!

Rev David Bartle retires

David Bartle has dedicated a large part of his life to Withernsea and its people first in Withernsea URC church and then at Bethsaida Christian Fellowship and lastly his six-year tenure at Gateway Withernsea. The 6th of September was Dave's final service as pastor. We all wish Dave well in his retirement.





- 1 - Dave Bartle
- 2 - Dave with Annabel Hayton
- 3 - Dave with archbishop John Sentamu
- 4 - Dave baptising his daughter Charlie



Kingstrust closes both of its charity shops

As you know from our April newsletter we closed our Withernsea shop at the beginning of this year and converted the premises into a community hub. We have been so successful in attracting funding for the hub that we are better funded now than we ever were with the shops. Accordingly the trustees decided to offer up the lease of our Filey shop. To our amazement it was quickly taken and we closed the shop and released the lease on 30 September.



Gateway shop Filey being stripped clean



The shop is replaced by a new shop "Simply Rustic"

We want to do the same now in Filey and open a community hub, however the Filey population is predominantly elderly. Therefore we may have to wait until after COVID until we open a hub because the elder are much more 'at risk' and therefore less likely to use a community hub at this time. We would also like to lease a building that we can share with the church and use for church activities including Sunday service. So far however we just can't find a suitable place in Filey. Please pray for us that suitable premises will come our way soon.

Personal News

Breaking 11/11/2020 : Melissa our daughter has just been diagnosed with Coronavirus. She is not well at all. Please pray for Mel, husband Trevor and family. Thanks.

Other than cycling the LeJog I also finished restoring my ancient HiFi system comprising two early 1960s Leak TL50 valve amps, a 1968 Quad preamp and a 1980 Michell Synchro turntable all wrapped up in 1940s Bush gramophone cabinet. So now I can listen to my huge collection of vinyl records. Bless.



Now there's only my 1966 BSA motorcycle to get back on the road (I sold my 1976 Lotus Elite unrestored).

Lastly I am on-course to be 'tea-total' by the end of this year. My whisky collection has gone and we only now have one bottle of wine left in stock. There is mostly non-alcoholic beer in my fridge now. It's not we have an alcohol problem, rather that we are ministering daily to people who do. We regularly have some of them around to our house and having alcohol on view was pricking my conscience. I love alcohol but giving it up is a small price to pay if it helps others get free from their addiction. From 2021 I will only be drinking beer away from home when we're on holiday.

Thank You

To all of you who prayed for Annette and I and our ministry, especially after the personal testimony I gave in our last newsletter in April. Everything changed for all of us due to COVID, but it's been a good time for me to reset and do a little less. We have more responsibility now as we're leading two churches since David Bartle retired from leading Gateway church in Withernsea.

Thanks for reading our newsletter, for praying for us and for giving into this ministry. If you know anyone who would like to receive our newsletters then get them to email me tim@gateway.uk.net to let me know.

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Thank you for all your support.

Bless you,



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