

Oasis:

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Have you noticed the banner towards the back of the church near the library? Or do you remember the story behind it? It has been hanging there for around 25 years - and is still in good shape unlike some of us!

Back in the day (Mid 1990's and early 2000's), Lis and Peter Pilgrim, Karen and Alex Millgate along with Joe Hassett ran the youth group called Oasis. We were named Oasis as it was a group that found refreshment from life through getting to know Jesus.

We met on Sunday evenings after the Bethany evening service and studied God's word as well as having fun.

Eggs were thrown - one even made it over our roof! We played games like Fizz Buzz and the Scissor Game. We went on a quest to find the best chippy in Newport and finding the group leaders hidden around the town.

One weekend we hiked to Ford Farm, which Don and Margaret Piper and Spot the dog kindly allowed us to use as a base. The banner depicts that occasion.

We sat on hay bales around a camp fire and Phil Edwards joined us and played his guitar. We saw an owl fly by, toasted marshmallows, sang choruses, played games in the barn and even had sleeping bag races down the stairs in the middle of the night! The International Director from OM, Peter Maiden, came and gave us a talk.

Oasis was a very special time in our lives; it was a privilege to sow God's seed and learn from the young people too. It is encouraging to see and know that so many of the members of Oasis are now going on with the Lord, claiming Christ as their Saviour.