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### NEWS from EAST JERUSALEM.

Y's Retired Website:- [www.ysretired.co.uk](http://www.ysretired.co.uk)

Dear Graham, Vic & Colleagues,  
Please see below the promised reply from Peter Nasir CEO of East Jerusalem YMCA and de facto the whole of Palestine but not Gaza.

I have spoken with Denise at YMCA England who has been brilliant. They will circulate his reply to the movement and claim the gift aid etc.

They have already committed 50,000 US dollars to YMCA Global Fund .

I will ring Peter to encourage him and alert him to this opportunity. I should be back in Jerusalem early in the new year. Thank you for keeping us all in the loop.

John.

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Dear John,

It was very good to speak with you the other day. I write to you a brief report on our situation. The situation is very difficult for us. Our sense of security has been taken away. We are constantly under attack and treated viciously in the Jerusalem and the West Bank. To add to that, our heart aches and suffers while we watch the death of innocents in Gaza and the drive of civilians from area to area trying to shelter from the brutal and relentless bombings.

We feel helpless, yet we feel hope. It is our Christian faith that helps us to look for the good in people and hope that God's grace will fill the hearts of the people to look to change the future for the better. Our mission at the East Jerusalem Y has never been more in need by our community and we are busy answering calls and helping where we can. We are alleviating the immediate effects through counselling and emergency food aid and planning to resume our work in full once a ceasefire is finally declared.

Our youth have always felt isolated from the world and never more is that true today. While they are inspired by the millions of people who took to the street to protest the injustice against the Palestinian people, they are very disappointed with the hypocrisy of the international order and the double standards applied to the Palestinian people. We have been in close touch with our friends from around the world to ensure that our youth don't forget the many friends they have around the world and to ensure that our exchange programs and visits continue as soon as the situation allows for it. Here my dear John, we also ask you to resume your trips, whenever the hostilities cease, to the Holyland to get to know the people of land and become friends and bring more people to bare witness to the longest injustice of the modern era and pray for its peaceful end soon.

Best, **Peter Nasir** | **بيتر كميل ناصر**  
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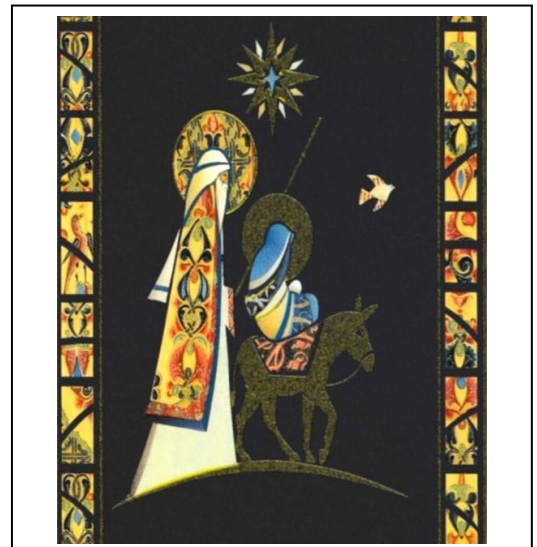
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### NEW Y'S RETIRED OF THE UK WEB SITE ADDRESS.

Andy Winter assisted by Arran Hall (who worked behind the scenes for David Smith) have already been busy. The New address is at the top of the page. Did you notice?  
There is now "S" between the Y & R.

### THE LONG ROAD to BETHLEHEM

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all at Ys Retired





It is with incredible sadness that we report the passing of Jim Thomson at the age of 100. There is a fitting Obituary on the WORLD YMCA WEBSITE, we ask you to read it there rather than re-producing it here.

**JIM's MEMORIAL SERVICE – COMRIE, PERTSHIRE. 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024.**

Dear Colleagues & friends, The time has still to be confirmed. If anyone would like assistance with transportation to Comrie, or accommodation, please let me know.

Warm regards **Kerry Reilly** Chief Executive – National General Secretary – Scotland.

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We also share with you that colleague Roger Hunt is mourning the loss of his beloved wife Elaine who has passed away following a battle with Liver Cancer.

Our Prayers and deep condolences to Jim's family and Roger and his family for their loss.

# Navigating the YMCA Archive catalogue

The YMCA archive catalogue comprises over 9,000 individual entries. These records provide the necessary scope and content for researchers to determine whether they wish to visit the University of Birmingham and view the original materials. The catalogue is fully searchable via [www.calmview.bham.ac.uk](http://www.calmview.bham.ac.uk).

**National Council of YMCA's administration. Ref YMCA/1**  
Committee minutes, governance papers, annual reports, finance, legal and property papers, and staff papers of the National Council of YMCAs.

**Local YMCA Associations, Divisional Unions and Regions, and Council records. Ref YMCA/2**  
Records and printed materials from local YMCA Associations in England and Wales, including minutes, scrapbooks, prospectuses, programmes, and annual reports. Also includes records and printed material from Divisional Unions and Regions and the records of the National Council of YMCAs of Wales.

**YMCA programmes. Ref YMCA/3**  
Papers and printed material for YMCA youth, training, Christian, education, recreational activities, and health programmes, including British Boys for British Farms, Y Training Services, Dunford House, hostels, camps and holiday centres.

**YMCA and the Armed Forces. Ref YMCA/4**  
Photographs, scrapbooks, printed material and papers regarding the YMCA's work with the armed forces from territorial camps in 1890, the First and Second World Wars, and with the British Army on the Rhine. Includes the YMCA 'Green Books' a series of over 4000 photographs depicting the work of the YMCA during the First World War.

**Events, public affairs, and fundraising. Ref YMCA/5**  
Correspondence, papers and printed material regarding YMCA events, including anniversaries and conferences. Also includes newspaper cuttings and fundraising material.

**Publications. Ref YMCA/6**  
YMCA's serial magazines, including the First

World War Red Triangle, newsheets and newsletters, and directories and annuals. Also includes YMCA information leaflets and brochures.

**Photographs and negatives. Ref YMCA/7**  
Photographs of the activities of the YMCA, including their national, youth, and training programmes, work with the armed forces and local YMCA association work. Also includes photographs of events, people, premises and local YMCA association work. In addition to a large sequence of photographs organised by topic.

**Slides. Ref YMCA/8**  
Various slides regarding the work of the YMCA, primarily of the First World War and YMCA international work.

**Audio-visual material. Ref YMCA/9**  
Contains VHS and other visual formats regarding YMCA's work, including local association activities, national, youth and training programmes, and work with the armed forces. Also include sound recordings.

**Objects and textiles. Ref YMCA/10**  
Various YMCA badges, ceramics, cups, flags, medals, awards, signs, fundraising items, and uniforms.

**History of the YMCA. Ref YMCA/11**  
Correspondence, printed material and papers regarding the early history of the YMCA, including membership tickets. Also includes articles, publications and notes on the history of the YMCA.

**Special Collections. Ref YMCA/12**  
Contains correspondence, papers, photographs and objects belonging to individuals who worked for the YMCA or were closely associated, including Sir George

Williams, William. H. Mills, William Hind Smith, and Cicely Whittington.

**YMCA Women's Auxiliary. Ref YMCA/13**  
Committee minutes, reports, papers and photographs of the national, and local, YMCA Women's Auxiliaries. Also includes papers of members of the Women's Auxiliary.

**Association of Secretaries of Great Britain and Ireland. Ref YMCA/14**  
Association of Secretaries annual conference programmes and papers, governance and finance papers, publications and magazines, and papers of the World and European Association of YMCA Secretaries.

**World Alliance of YMCAs. Ref YMCA/15**  
Minutes, reports and publications of the World Alliance of YMCAs, area committees, and international YMCA associations.

**Y Care International. Ref YMCA/16**  
Published and printed material from Y Care international, the humanitarian aid movement of the YMCA.

**Other CRL collections**  
CRL holds the records of the London Central YMCA Association (ref CYMCA) and the George Williams College (ref YMCA/ACC116). Deposits of material from individuals who worked for, or were closely associated with, the YMCA are held in YMCA/ACC.

**Other repositories holding YMCA collections**  
Prominent collections include the Scottish National Council of YMCAs archive are held at the National Archives of Scotland and The YMCA of USA archive at the University of Minnesota. Papers of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) are held at the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry.

**ZOOM DATES for first 6 months of 2024**  
**Coffee Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am**

**AGM March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am**

**Afternoon Tea Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm**

**Link - Meeting ID 838 2103 8035**  
**Passcode YMCA.**

**LUNCHES in 2024.**

**Pop them in your diary - calendars for next year.**

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**CAMBRIDGE**  
**Girton Golf Club**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

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**TAUNTON**  
**Dulverton YMCA's**  
**Great Western Hotel.**  
**Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Hope to see you at one or both. in 2024.**

