

Youth News

Wheaton Aston Senior Youth Club

If you are not already a member of the youth club, please accept this as an invitation to come and join us especially during the winter months when there is little to do after school has finished. The youth club has recently been refurbished and members have been successful in applying for funding to buy resources and equipment. Come and get involved!! **Senior Youth Club takes place on Thursday 6.30pm – 9pm and is open to any young person aged 12 – 18 years. Membership is £1 per year and 30p a week subs.**

The New Friday Night Club

Wheaton Aston Youth Club has now opened on Friday evenings for young people aged 11 – 14 years. They have a packed programme of activities up until Christmas including a visit from the Animal Man who will bring in his array of creatures (tarantula's snakes etc) for the members to hold and learn more about. As this is a new club night the youth workers will be keen to involve young people in making decisions about how the club runs. **Inters Youth Club takes place on Friday 6.30pm – 9pm. Membership is £1 a year and 30p a week subs.**

Internet Café

At last the youth club has its own Internet Café which has been a huge hit among the members. We have four computers that are available for young people to surf the web and they are a fantastic resource for youth club projects. If you are already a member of the library and have a pin number for school you can use the same number at the youth club or we will help you register for one at the club.

Stockport Skate Park

A number of youth club members recently attended Stockport indoor skate park where they had exclusive use of the skate park for the evening and returned home at 2.30am. The BMX'ers and skateboarders had the opportunity to practice their stunts and tricks and are keen to organise another visit in the near future.

Youth Forum Stuff

The youth forum had a fairly quiet summer as they were involved in the Summer Activity Programme; however they still found time to put together a Youth Bank Bid for a training and recruitment residential trip to London, during which they are hoping to meet with David Kidney MP to raise local issues for young people. The bid was successful and they are now in the process of organising the trip planned for March 2010. The youth forum is also keen to recruit new member's particularly young women who are under represented. **If you are interested in becoming a member of the youth forum speak to Julie.**

Youth Capital Bid/Rampmental

By far the biggest news has got to be the successful application that members of the youth forum put forward to Youth Capital Funding for the development of a Skate Park on the Marston Road field. A lot of work and gathering of evidence was put into the bid and the young people gave up their own time to work on it. They applied for £46,000 and we were over the moon when we found out we had been awarded the full amount against some strong competition. The young people will be meeting with Rampmental to design the skate park and work should begin in the near future including moving the youth shelter to the area that the skate park will be built. There has been input from a lot of youth club members regarding the skate park however special thanks should go to Oliver White, Tom Eaton and Alex Bowen who gave a presentation to the parish council, have attended meetings of the Play Strategy Working Group and put together the Youth Capital bid. Well done to everyone who has got involved, all your hard work has been worth it and will benefit the wider community for years to come!!

Presentation Evening

The youth club will be holding a presentation evening at the end of November to celebrate the achievements of its members. Members will be presented with certificates and recognised for their involvement in youth club activities.

Wheaton Aston Junior Youth Club News

If you are not already a member of the junior club please come and join us. We run on Monday evenings from 5.45pm – 8.15pm for all young people aged 7 – 12 years old.

The recent purchase of a camera and a karaoke machine has proved to be a very good investment. Members use the camera every week creating a permanent record of club activities for all to see.

New style membership cards are a success and we now issue members with laminated membership cards with a list of club rules on the back. These rules were made and agreed by junior club members making them particularly relevant.

Talent shows happen frequently on club nights – and we really do have some talent!! Parents were invited and Cllr Barbara Cox presented certificates of achievement at one of these sessions. We hope to have a repeat performance before Christmas.

The Halloween party was a big hit with many members

coming in fancy dress. Molly Pinsen made Halloween cakes and the evening ended with a few ghost stories. A good time was had by all.

Various workshops have taken place including circus skills, balloon modelling and origami – they were well attended by the members who learnt lots of new skills.

Cadbury's World

This year our planned Christmas outing will be to Cadbury's World. The visit will take place on Saturday 28th November and promises to be a fun day out for all.

Celebration of Junior Youth Work Event

Plans are going ahead for the event which takes place on the 5th December and involves members from Wheaton Aston, Brewood and Doxey Junior Clubs coming together to make new friends and celebrate achievements. There is a packed day of activities with a buffet lunch and a presentation at the end of the day including a trophy for 'member of the year 2009'. Congratulations to Chloe Anderson who designed the superb winning poster to publicise the event.