

Atworth Youth Club report to parish assembly 2012

We have had another fun packed year thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers. We currently have 66 young members with an exact split of 33 girls and 33 boys ranging from 10-17 year olds. We are running two sessions a week, juniors Tuesdays 6.30-8.30 and seniors Thursdays 7.30-9.30. During winter we ran a craft night on Wednesdays for specific projects. We have 3 paid staff and 5 volunteers running the sessions. We have a management committee consisting of 4 volunteers 8 parents and a Parish council representative.

We are able to offer a range of activities at our sessions which include football, hockey, basketball, table tennis, rounders, pool and wii sports.

As well as this we have been to splashdown water park and kayaking on Corsham lake. Our girls have an activities day at malborough leisure centre and our boys have taken part in a 5aside football tournament. We have been carol singing, bowling, have had Beauty nights, disco's, quizzes, pancake races, Halloween parties and Christmas parties.

Recently a group of our members put together a presentation and secured a grant from the area board to run a two day drama workshop which culminated in a performance about anti-social behaviour. They were brilliant.

We have Bronze and silver duke of Edinburgh groups running alongside our Thursday sessions. Our bronze

group passed their expedition section and our silver group are training for their canoeing expedition. Our staff have been busy attending training courses in safeguarding, first aid, positive behaviour and food safety.

We are hoping this year to develop our kitchen area. We have a new cooker and water heater and are looking to replace our sink, wall units, cupboards and worktops so that we can run some cookery sessions.

We have purchased a heavy duty pool table and have also replaced much of the outside woodwork. We are planning to re-decorate the toilets and are just trying to decide if we are brave enough to let the kids do it! We are very grateful of the support we receive from you the parish council. We have also been very grateful for the kind donations we have received from the WI and the White Hart.

We have raised money ourselves by running stalls at the school fetes and the WI Autumn fayre also we have had chocolate bingo and skittles nights and a summer BBQ.

We are now looking forward to the year ahead and have lots more activities planned.