

Youth Club Report for AGM May 2011

The Youth Club is thriving. There is a regular attendance at the Senior Club of 20 -30 young people over the age of 11.

The Junior Youth Club for children age between 8 and 11 has been very successful with a regular attendance of between 20 and 30 each week.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has 1 person who was presented with his Gold Award by the Duke of Edinburgh in 2010 and 4 members who have achieved their Silver and have now all but completed their Gold Award and 10 new members have started working towards a Bronze Award.

Other activities which have taken place include World Cup/Football activities; Barbecues; Indoor Sports tournament; Night Hikes; Arts and Crafts; Discos; Cooking projects; Xmas events; Guitar tuition; Walking Challenge Days; A First Aid course in which 6 young people achieved an emergency first aid certificate which is valid for 3 years; A 24 hour Big Brother event; Kayaking; Photography skills and Camping. They are involved in Fund raising events and running the Tuck Shop. We also have young people who have become volunteers who are involved in mentoring the younger members.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations were launched in March with several events planned during 2011. It is hoped that the community will support the youth club by attending the events which are open to everyone and will be publicised around the village.

The Club premises have recently been redecorated with the help of Chris Jacobs, Dave Hodgson and 2 young members, Adam Douglas and Patrick Tomlinson.

A recent Health & Safety Inspection commented on how clean the premises were and the club passed the inspection with very few minor comments which can easily be addressed.

The committee, leaders and young people continue to work hard towards promoting the youth club as an essential part of the community and we have been grateful for the support and donations we have received from people and local companies. However, now that BP, our biggest benefactor, is about to leave the village, and the cuts in funding opportunities from elsewhere have reduced the funding and donations, we are concerned about the amount of funding we will be able to receive during the coming year.

The Youth Club has no income and relies solely on donations and fund raising for the maintenance and upkeep of the club premises, including all utility bills and insurances, even before any money is spent on activities or equipment for the members.