

Westbury Youth Club's Report for Westbury's Annual Parish Meeting on 11 April 2018

Westbury Youth Club has had a successful 12 months, with 40+ children regularly in attendance during the warmer months and a faithful group during the colder, darker months. The Club has run nearly every Wednesday evening during term time in the Village Hall, as well as some other off-site activities. These were:

Puppet Workshop, July 2017

During a weekend in July, Cheryl hosted a puppet making workshop in her Art Studio in the County Rewinds Building.

Quadmania, September 2017

This was run on a Wednesday and was a lovely evening, despite the damp conditions. The decision was made to limit the numbers to 40 and tickets were handed out the week before to our most regular attendees.

Towcester Swimming Pool, October 2017

This was run on a Saturday evening and was an exclusive hire open to all Youth Club children.

During October 2017 Paul Winks stepped down as the Youth Club Leader due to other commitments, which resulted in Suzie Walton and Claire Battersby stepping up to join Jan Howartson and Clinton Osborne as Co Leaders. They wish to thank Paul for all his efforts in establishing our Youth Club and his hard work in providing fun activities during his time in charge.

The above Quadmania and Swimming events were paid for using grant money secured by Paul and Clinton. The remainder of which was spent on a Zorbing evening at Youth Club on a September evening. This was hugely successful with over 60 children in attendance. It was this popularity which lead us to limit the numbers for our Quadmania event.

Clinton also secured funding for a Theatre School to be run each week at Youth Club during the Autumn term providing some great drama skills. This resulted with a brilliant performance by our Children in December, which was watched by their parents and the other children at Youth Club who had decided not to participate in the drama group.

Our first week back in January saw a visit from PC Briggenshaw to talk to the children about e-safety. This was arranged following a suggestion from one of our regular parent helpers. The children all listened well and hopefully took on board the lessons to be learnt.

During January Jan Howartson decided to step down from being a Co Leader. Jan had been involved since the beginning and we wish to thank her for her valuable input. Clinton has also struggled to attend many sessions, due to increased work commitments, so three new Co Leaders have been recruited. These are Sam Hawtin, Les Lindsay and Jen Heir.

Hopefully later this year we shall have an outside table tennis table and basketball hoop to utilise thanks to Sue Barrett applying to the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme on our behalf. Much thanks and appreciation to Sue.

We're also looking at providing a variety of activities for the year ahead. If anyone would like to become involved in Youth Club please pop along and see us one Wednesday evening between 6 and 8pm.