



# Cookham Youth Project

Registered Charity No. 292103

## NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2008

**PARTY TIME Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1998 to 2008**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 at Cookham Dean Cricket Club**

**The Youth Club itself is celebrating their own party on 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

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**The Cookham Youth Project** was set up in 1998 after several young people had spoken on Cookham Summer FM asking for more facilities to be provided for them in Cookham

The Cookham Youth Project is a registered charity and is run by a Management Committee. The Cookham Parish Council has a nominated representative on the committee, as do Cookham Dean Cricket Club. We are always needing helpers also committee members for new ideas either once in a while or on a more regular basis, do come and help, it is fun. Contact Liz on 01628 525130.



All Youth Workers are CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) checked.

The Youth Project is totally funded by donations and we would like to thank the many people and organizations in and around Cookham who have supported us over the years. These include: The Cookham Nomads, Maidenhead Advertiser Charitable Trust, Val Rice and Friends, Timmy Mallett, the Fabulous Shirtlifters, The Kaffirs of Cookham Dean, the Cookham Christmas Charity Society, the King's Hall Trust, Cookham Dean Village Fete, Cookham Dean Tennis & Croquet Group, Cookham Fire Brigade, RBWM, the Windsor and Maidenhead Volunteer Bureau, Cookham Social Club, Holy Trinity PCC, Rotoract, Probus and Rotary plus many individuals who have given not only donations, but their time and also their experience. Without this sort of support the Cookham Youth Project could not exist.

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**Monday Night Youth Club** Every Monday during school term time, the Cookham Youth Project runs a Youth Club for 11 to 14 year olds. We meet at Cookham Dean Cricket Club, just off Whyteladies Lane, between 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

The evening is very relaxed, providing the young people with an opportunity to meet up with their friends. This has proved to be particularly valuable for those youngsters who at the age of 11 find themselves moving on to schools that are different to those of their close friends, having a regular meeting time seems to help with this transition.

Most of the time they like just to chat and listen to music.

We do have table tennis, darts, basketball, air hockey, table football and a Playstation2, plus various games should they feel the need for some entertainment. We have visits to the Club with quizzes, special evenings organised by BACYP, make-up for the girls and drawing and painting.

Activities planned for the Autumn 2008 term include: Cookery classes, swimming at Coral Reef, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, Dodge Ball, Halloween party, bowling, ice skating at Windsor and a Christmas Party - so there is plenty going on!!

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We very much need people to help with the Tuck shop on a Monday Evening, even if you can only make it once a year, no experience necessary and just one hour of your time. Also if you would like to show the young people any activity, sport, acting, nail painting or anything at all they would love it. Phone 01628 525130 for more information.

## OUR MOST RECENT ACTIVITIES:

### CAMPING IN HENLEY September 2008



After the successful camping trip last year the Cookham Youth Club decided to have a repeat trip this year. Again the rain made it all look a bit miserable but on Friday 16 September everyone gathered at the Cricket Club for the trip to Swiss Farm Camping at Henley-on-Thames.

Everyone made their way to Henley by car, with some coming a little later. On arrival it was discovered that the actual camping area was wet, very wet. In fact so wet one of the cars got stuck and had to be pushed out of the mud. This did not deter anyone and the tents were laid out.

There were three tents one for the girls one for the Youth Workers and one for the boys. There were a few problems in actually putting them up which did take quite a while.

After an hour or so the tents were up although there did seem to be a problem on heights somehow with it seemed missing poles and groundsheet, but it can always be sorted out tomorrow as it was getting dark. A trip by the girls to Tesco's meant that there was breakfast for everyone.

The camp site has excellent facilities particularly the washing area. Also there was a bar and area where there were pool tables and a large plasma television with Sky.

There was a swimming pool but unfortunately it was closed for the winter the day we arrived, which was sad as the weather was excellent and everyone could have done [with a little cooling off](#).

Everyone agreed that Swiss Farm was a good place to visit although September may not be the best month. We had tried to book for August but they had suggested September would be better.

It was decided to go camping again in 2009 and possibly go to Wellington Park on the way to Basingstoke.



Kayaking at Hurley - June 2008

## Membership

There is a once off joining fee of £1.00 for each young person, there is also an attendance charge of £1 per evening. If you know of anyone who would like to join please ask them to contact Liz (01628 525130) or e-mail: [youthproject@cookham.com](mailto:youthproject@cookham.com).

