

## COOKHAM YOUTH PROJECT ACTIVITIES August - December 2006

The Monday Night Club continues to be particularly active. We have had various activities during the Autumn term, such as cookery, aerobics, a Dodge Ball evening, which was particularly enjoyable, glass decorating and street dance, in addition we took them ten pin bowling, on a cinema trip and also had a Christmas Party.



We have lost one of our youth workers, as her new job does not allow her the time to continue with the Youth Club as well. Finding people is a problem and we are always looking for people, so hopefully we will be able to replace her.

The young people have been involved in the Cookham Plan and suggestions for the development of Cookham up to 2026. Some suggestions were banning cars from Cookham and building a mosque.

Liz Kwantes was asked to do the keynote talk at the Rural Communities Conference in October about the Cookham Youth Project. This was held at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park and organised by Windsor and Maidenhead Voluntary Action.



We are planning some outside activities, which include ice hockey, wall climbing and horse riding. We are also looking at the possibility of an away weekend and of taking the young people on an army assault course, although this may be being over ambitious.



The young people are also becoming involved with the Cookham Festival and will be making a short film showing our activities. The actual film will be edited for us by a professional production company who have offered their services for free.

We are in discussions with the Parish Council on a Graffiti Wall. This idea has worked well in other countries in Europe and we are looking to see if we can talk to others who have done this already and see if this would be a good idea or not.