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Bringing you up to date ...



Girl's Football Project

Although our basketball session is open to both sexes it has failed to inspire most of the young women we work with. So it came as a bit of a shock when a group of the Greatness girls got quite excited about entering a football tournament!

The tournament itself was a bit of a shambles, but it has led to us setting up a football project for them. We have had problems finding a coach for the session, but have recently had a very promising lead. Like the basketball, the aim for the project will be to improve the girls' fitness and self-esteem and have fun!

To launch the project we had a 'girlie night', where we watched 'Bend it Like Beckham', cooked popcorn and made fruit smoothies. The evening went down very well and we are being plagued with requests to do it again!



If you know anyone who could help with coaching please get in touch with Judith on 079059 63758

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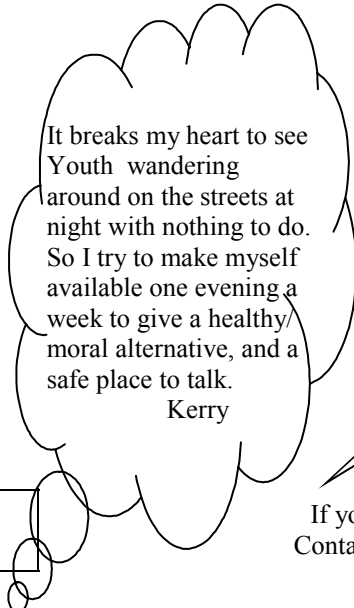
What Stars! Our volunteers brave all weathers to come and support our work.

This involves talking to the young people about anything and everything, joining in with games and activities (anything from Uno to a drugs quiz). When it comes down to it though our volunteers are sharing Jesus' love in a practical way, they really do 'Shine like stars'

This is what they say

I volunteer for SAYT because I believe in the valuable work they do and the teenagers that they help. Two hours a week seems a small amount of time for the big difference it makes. Amy

Voluntary work with SAYT is a unique opportunity to work with local kids in really interesting ways. The Youth Bus especially is a very brave venture, but the challenges are just as enjoyable as seeing the progress some of the kids make when they visit us." Tamsin



It breaks my heart to see Youth wandering around on the streets at night with nothing to do. So I try to make myself available one evening a week to give a healthy/moral alternative, and a safe place to talk.

Kerry

Helping at the drop in at Wildernesse Boys School is part of my Oasis youth leaders course. It can be a struggle to see the benefits — but I believe I am investing in a long term process. This term I have got to know the boys names and have had some good conversions!

Dave



Judith, Cllr Rob Piper, Town Mayor and Jane. November 05

February 2006

If you would like to volunteer Contact: Jane 07905 963759 Or Judith 07905 963758

Otford ... continuing

In our last newsletter I reported that the behaviour of the young people during our session in Otford meant that we were carefully considering the future of our work there. These problems continued until Tony (the KCC worker) and I felt the best option was to stop the sessions until we could find a more constructive way forward.

Since then Tony has decided that at present he could be using his time more constructively elsewhere. Fortunately John (Grey Zebra drugs worker), who I work with on Mondays is keen to work in Otford - so the work can continue..

One of the problems for these young people is that they have so little to do for the rest of the week that one detached session cannot meet their expectations. So a small group of them are going to conduct a consultation throughout Otford (with our help). This will hopefully highlight what is already available, get the opinion of other local residents including other young people and, if they identify any gaps in provision, see whether they can be filled. The young people are aware that there may not be any changes at the end of it all, but are prepared to give it a try.

Please pray that the young people have the tenacity to see the consultation through and that the outcomes will be positive in some way.

Judith



Halls Green...again!

Following on from the success of previous trips to the Activity centre we've been again! This time we took 8 young people from our Greatness detached session, including the young man who went home early last time. We're glad to report that he managed the whole weekend.



The group negotiated a low ropes course, conquered their fears by scaling a climbing wall and went swimming. All of these encouraged the young people to work together and one young man commented

"The teamwork is brilliant, and we've got to know and trust each other better."

We also got the young people involved in the cooking, which they really enjoyed and the washing up, which they didn't!



Once again the whole weekend was a great opportunity for deeper conversations to take place and relationships to develop.

JAZZ SUPPER AND AUCTION In aid of Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust

Saturday 13 May 2006
7.30 for 8.00pm
Carriages at Midnight

Wilderness Golf Club

Tickets £28 per person — includes a reception drink and buffet supper
Tables of 8 -10, smaller groups will be put together

Wine and other drinks available from cash bar

Book your tickets by 1 May 2006

Dress code: Lounge suits

For more information Sue 01732 459075 or
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Diary Dates ...

23 February - Cheese and Wine Open Evening at Sevenoaks Community Centre - everyone welcome Hear all the latest news from Judith and Jane. 7.30 for 8.00 til 9.30pm RSVP Sue Baldwin 01732 459075

19 March - SAYT Annual Service - Thanksgiving for 5 years of SAYT - Vine Baptist Church 6.30pm - followed by birthday cake and refreshments.

13 May - Dinner, Jazz and Auction at Wilderness Golf Club to raise funds for SAYT 7.30 for 8.00pm - see report

13 June - SAYT AGM @ St. Mary's Kippington 7.30 for 8.00pm — dessert and coffee followed by short AGM, latest news and prayer.

With out people like the youth workers we have, we would probably be locked up. We learn lots about drugs from John. Judith and Jane help organise things for us. Amy talks and listen to us and tries talking some sense into us. I am inspired by them because they tell us whats right but we have convisations and debate about things. They are REALLY HARD!!! They should be given a better place for them to talk to us. They shouldn't be given a RUBBISH van.

Prayer Points ...

- The girls football project needs a coach
- The consultation in Otford
- Thanks for positive letters from kids at Greatness!
- Relationships at Wilderness School for Boys as Judith and Jane start working with a new year group.

After years of no obvious feedback—Judith and Jane were encouraged to receive

Amie, Judif, Jane, John and Kerry r good youth workers & they keep us amused!!! (IOI) so we don't go terrarising & and get arrested!!!

Can you help SAYT?

By praying, by giving, by volunteering.
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