

# SAYT NEWSLETTER

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## Basketball Boys

*A short tale of our involvement with one group of young men over the last 6 months.*

One cold, dark Monday night, whilst doing detached work on Greatness estate, we met a small group of bored young people at the Shell garage. We got talking to them and suggested that they might like to enter one of Kent County Council's sports events - they jumped at the chance of the basketball heats. Mobile phone numbers were exchanged and arrangements made.

The day of the local heats arrived and we were off in our borrowed minibus to Swanley. Having successfully negotiated our way through the heats, (we were the only basketball team there!) we made arrangements to compete in the finals for the whole of Kent.

At 8.30am one Sunday in May we set off! This time we did have teams to compete against, several of them. Amazingly, our fantastic team won! They were really chuffed and got medals and certificates as well as their photo in the Sevenoaks Focus and Chronicle. Good on you lads!

We continue to see them regularly on Monday nights and at our lunchtime Drop-In at Wildernesse school on Tuesdays. We discussed with them the possibility of starting up a basketball club, negotiations with the sports centre have taken place, and we have tracked down a coach. By the time you read this the club should be meeting on Friday nights between 6-7pm at Wildernesse sports centre.



**Jane and the team**

### **How about that?**

According to new research from Kingston University and the Centre for Youth Ministry ... 'Many Young people in England and Wales have a 'habit of prayer'. Researcher Dr. Sylvie Collins-Mayo summarises 'They are praying at some level and that practice was not dependent on them believing in God. They said that prayer made them feel better and it worked.'



### **Youth Workers at Wildernesse School**

Rob Marsh, SAYT Chairman, recently received a letter from Mr Daly, Headteacher at Wildernesse School regarding the weekly Drop In that Jane and Judith provide. Here is part of that letter ..

'Their facility has proved popular among the boys and they have provided a range of activities including informal counselling opportunities. Their contact with boys at school has linked with their out-reach work in the local area and this has had an impact on the behaviour and social attitude of a number of our pupils. I believe that the facility provided by Judith and Jane has been beneficial to individuals and to the school community as a whole.'

*Please keep on praying for this work*

