



As the end of October loomed, we completed our youth-led evaluations of youth work and making our plans for the future and played some slightly wacky games that involved pegs and a pool noodle. Trust me, it's more fun than it sounds.

We decided to have a shift of meeting times and instead of taking half-term off, we met during it for our annual Halloween party. Lots of young people arrived dressed in some scary outfits and there were games (and sweets) aplenty. From a Nightmare strategy challenge to traditional 'doughnuts (not) on a string'. We say not on a string because we couldn't find any anywhere so reverted to plates on the floor, which worked equally as well. We made sherbert and played pin the spider on the web. The hall was decorated as amazingly as it always is and thanks go to those who helped with this and the running of the two back to back parties. It made for a long day but was worth it.

Due to meeting during half term, we took the opportunity the following week to hold a long overdue committee meeting. It is an interesting time for youth club. Our committee have been on the go since the start of the year and continued to provide an essential service weekly and sometimes twice-weekly throughout lockdown, our fundraising team have been slowly and steadily raising some essential funds to keep us afloat and it's looking promising for the future, but it's none of this has been without its challenges, including personal and health issues. We have had to have a slight governance restructure as a result, and we are still calling out for a Secretary. If you know somebody who could write minutes of meetings a few times a year, we'd love to hear from you.

When the government called another lockdown, we realised that this time, continuing to remain open was currently beyond our means both physically and mentally, and our team needed time to pause and plan for a return to face to face sessions, so that is what we have been doing. It was somewhat sad that having only had the hall open to hirers for a couple of months that we had to close again, but it does mean we have a clear run of time in which to do some essential maintenance works so we're not having a complete break. In essence we're having our summer holiday now.

Having said that, as I write, we are but days away from our Christmas Fair. Originally planned for the village centre, our team have been so clever in moving it online and we already have nearly 20 stallholders and more than 315 people buying and selling. It's very exciting.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire team at Kennington Youth Club, to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

- Roy Peach, Youth Leader

50:50 Draw Winners November

1st Place – Ball 61 (£36.40)

2nd Place – Ball 57 (£10.40)

3rd Place – Ball 35 (£5.20)

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