



As stated in our last article, when Lockdown 2.0 arrived, we realised that on this occasion, continuing to remain open was beyond our means both physically and mentally. Having not stopped since Christmas last year, our team needed time to pause and plan for a return to face to face sessions. We have taken November and December off (at least from meeting with the young people) and in effect merged our summer and Christmas holiday together.

We haven't stopped completely though. There have been testing times behind the scenes with the preparations for reopening as changes to the rules for not only restarting youth work but reopening a hall to private hirers keeps us on our toes – the rules, as you can imagine, are not always consistent. Not only that, with some of our team being out of action, our team have done the usual thing of stepping up to cover for them to ensure the club keeps running. Christmas was thus a really welcome break.

Our big achievement at the end of the year was our Christmas Fair which the Fundraising Team so wonderfully changed at short notice from a massive event in the village hall to being fully virtual and what an amazing job they did. With your support they raised more than £800. Not only that, as a community we have been able to support small, local businesses to keep running. Even as I write this, sellers and buyers are still using the platform to get Christmas gifts for loved ones.

On that front, our team spent a good deal of time delivering cards and gifts to our members, something we would normally give them at our Christmas Party, to ensure the festive cheer was shared as usual.

And so we bid farewell to 2020 and keep our fingers crossed for a really exciting and positive 2021 when we can start getting everybody back into the hall once more as one group. The hall has reopened to our private hirers (and hopefully when this edition of the Chronicle is published it still will be) and we are hoping to be able to continue to expand what we offer as the year progresses.

Thank you all for your support during 2020 and here's to the next year.

- Roy Peach, Youth Leader

50:50 Draw Winners November

1st Place – Ball 6 (£39.20)

2nd Place – Ball 10 (£11.20)

3rd Place – Ball 45 (£5.60)

Previous draw winners are announced online at www.kenningtonyouthclub.com. Thank you for your support. We've raised more than £1650 through the draw. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, it really makes a big difference, so please check out the website. You can also shop with us and raise funds for the club. It won't cost you any more.