



It's been a really busy time for us. Regular readers of the Chronicle will know we haven't stopped despite lockdown. Our Virtual Youth Club was well received, however, we worked our socks off and reached a point where we had all our necessary paperwork in place and were confident in our abilities to meet face to face again, so as we headed into the summer holidays that's exactly what we did.

We started off with a few walk-arounds of the village where any young people could meet up with us and have a chat. It was great meeting up with you, as well as several parents who were keen to know more about the services we provide. This then increased to running sessions at Forest Side on a weekly, sometimes twice weekly basis. We have played so many socially distanced games that it's surprising what can be achieved when you set your mind to it. We enjoyed some photography, a nature hunt, and origami too. We've still had to go through the usual measures of masks, hand sanitising, and temperature checking, but to be able to interact together rather than through a computer screen has made all the difference.

With the excellent team we have in place we were quickly in a position to adapt and meet indoors which meant when the weather became overcast mid-August, we had an alternative option. Our first session was cooking and we made soups, learning essential life skills, and we'll continue with skills sessions and/or outdoors sessions with small groups for the foreseeable future. If you are interested, let us know.

We had a really positive AGM and thank you to those that could attend. Your support was really appreciated. We're grateful for Cath's hard work as our outgoing Secretary and pleased to welcome Maria Chaundy as our new Secretary.

Normally we'd been sorting out membership at the moment, however, the global pandemic has changed things. We're also in the middle of a big provision review anyway, so we're looking at what we offer and how we offer it, therefore, no details here I'm afraid, but keep an eye on the website and our new Facebook page (@kenningtonyc) as things will be updated there. You can also link in with us on Instagram (youthclubkennington).

With youth club returning to the hall, we reopened to private hirers at the start of August and it's great to be able to walk into the place and it have life again as it's felt pretty soulless. Exciting to see some new groups showing interest in using our space.

Our fundraising team have raised a substantial amount of funding keeping our future secure for a while longer and there are events coming up too. As we move forward, the usual cry for adult support comes your way. We currently don't need people to be available regularly because we're not running at regular times but we do need more adults with a First Aid certificate in order that we can actually open the doors so if you can help in that way, we'd love to hear from you.

### **50:50 Draw Winners**

All draw winners are announced online at [www.kenningtonyouthclub.com](http://www.kenningtonyouthclub.com) as we're limited on space this time. Thank you for your support. We've raised about £1500 through the draw.