



## JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Charity registration number is 1164148

# Newsletter—Spring Term 2023

### Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the new spring term and 2023. We have lots of great activities lined up for the children to enjoy.

### Thanks to Brian

Brian Leach, one of our longest-serving volunteers has stepped down after over 20 years. He has been magnificent in every respect helping regularly on Youth Club nights, running marathons to raise money, running the club in the Co-ordinators absence and sitting on the Management Committee where he undertook the roles of Treasurer and Chair. He will be greatly missed by the children and staff alike.

Thank You Brian.



### Help

Brian was a brilliant and at engaging with the children when we ran events in the hall— Parties, Themed evening's, Tilehurst's Got Talent, Karaoke, Disco's where its not just a case of playing the music. So we are going to miss him a lot. He was a volunteer and gave his time freely. So the question is could you or do you know somebody who could fill his shoes when we run those kind of events? If so would be delighted to hear from you.



### Reading Half Marathon

Peter is running in the Reading Half Marathon this year to raise money for the Youth Club. You can donate by clicking on this link : <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3060521>

We have just lost a regular source of funding which is serious and will have an impact on the club if we cant replace it. So we need to raise a £1000 from Peter's run. So we really need parents and the community to get behind us. We realise times are hard but if you can donate what you can afford it would be a huge help in securing our future.

So we also want to involve the children— Peter will be wearing a running top to promote the youth club during the marathon; we want the children to draw a design that we can print onto this. We will give a prize for the winner. The design needs to be on a white background, kept flat, and bold so as to be clearly. Please use no more than 4 colours. Please submit your entry on any Friday night by Friday 3rd Feb.

### Christmas Gifts

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or anything else that is new then would you consider donating them to us so we can use them for our next Tombola in the spring. It would be a huge help and much appreciated. Please ask for Gemma.

### Mobile Phones

Not all parents are happy for their child's photograph to be taken therefore, children must not use their camera phones at the Youth Club to take still pictures or videos of other children or volunteers. If they are seen doing this then their phone may be confiscated the end of the night to allow the parents to delete this images. Please speak to your child about this.



Please consider us when shopping online especially when booking your summer holiday. If you purchase via Easyfundraising or AmazonSmile the club receive much needed donations. Click on the links for more information. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tilehurstjyc/>  
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1164148-0>

# Information for Parents

## Photographs

We wish to include photographs of children taking part in activities when publicising the club. Please complete the consent box on your child's membership form to confirm whether you will give us your permission to include your child. No surnames will be disclosed.

## Valuables

The Youth Club is used by many people during the course of the week and items left behind on a Friday may not be there the next time you come and if damaged we cannot accept responsibility. Please ensure that your child takes care of their belongings.

## Collecting Your Child

Children will not be allowed to leave the building before 9.30pm. If you need to pick them up early let us know. Normally the front door is secured until the end of each session.



## Instagram

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[www.instagram.com/tilehurstjuniorclub/](http://www.instagram.com/tilehurstjuniorclub/)  
for our latest updates from our Junior Leader Team.



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## Parents Annual Meeting

At our AGM in December no parents attended. This is the second occasion we have tried to hold the AGM without any parents turning up. It is quite deflating for all the volunteers who put in so much effort. Without a committee we cannot operate. The existing Trustees will continue but without new people coming through we will eventually have to close; it's your youth club so that decision is in your hands.

We know that parents are interested because when we asked for testimonials for our application for a Queens Voluntary Services Award quite a few parents stepped forward at short notice. So what are we doing wrong with regard to the AGM?

We will try once more in the better weather to see if we can get some parents along to our AGM. You don't have to join the committee if you attend but just showing that the current team are valued would be incredibly helpful. We know that we have had a pandemic and that life is very busy for families but we believe the Youth Club is a very important community facility and we want to hear if you feel the same at our next meeting.

Peter Capel was elected as chair. His can be contacted by email:- [tjyc\\_committee@yahoo.com](mailto:tjyc_committee@yahoo.com)

Dennis Morgan is the Coordinator and can be contacted by email: [tilehurstjuniorclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tilehurstjuniorclub@yahoo.co.uk)

## Christmas Raffle

We raised the fantastic amount of £630 in our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to everyone who bought / sold tickets and to our fundraising committee for their effort. **Prize Winners** 1st prize, . £100 Yolandie Richardson; 2nd Prize £40 Prezzo Voucher Stuart Jay; 3rd prize 2 Premier Enclosure Tickets—Newbury Racecourse—Ruth Dalfson. A list of the other prize winners is available on request.

A very big thanks to Clive Taylor for donating the first prize.

# Activities Spring 2023

## January

6th Dodge Ball, Paper Boats  
13th Bowling, Table Tennis, Painting  
20th Hungry Hippo's. Darts, Door Hangers  
27th Benchball, Hama Beads

## February

3rd Karaoke, Shrinkles, Making Key Rings  
10th Valentines Cards  
17th **Closed—School Holidays**  
24th Making Pancakes, Scratch Art

## March

3rd Football, Parachute  
10th Cooking, Foam Collage  
17th Quiz Night, Pom Poms  
24th Karaoke, Crafts  
31st Egg & Spoon Races, Easter Baskets

## April

7th **Closed—School Holidays**  
14st **Closed—School Holidays**  
21st Benchball, Cooking, Bell Sticks  
28th Pizza's and Painting

and much more!