



OFF THE WALL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015

TAG Youth Club for Disabled Young People is an independent organisation which relies on grants and donations to continue its work in supporting young people with disabilities, who either live, learn or earn in the Royal Borough of Kingston. Our thanks go to the Royal Borough of Kingston for their continued financial assistance.

The club also receives support from Achieving for Children and has a service level agreement with the youth service relating to facilities and staffing arrangements.



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UPON THAMES

Welcome to our latest newsletter showcasing our many adventures during the last term.

Some activities have gone better than expected and it has been enjoyable being able to take part in some of those activities including the It's A Knockout and the dolphin racing!

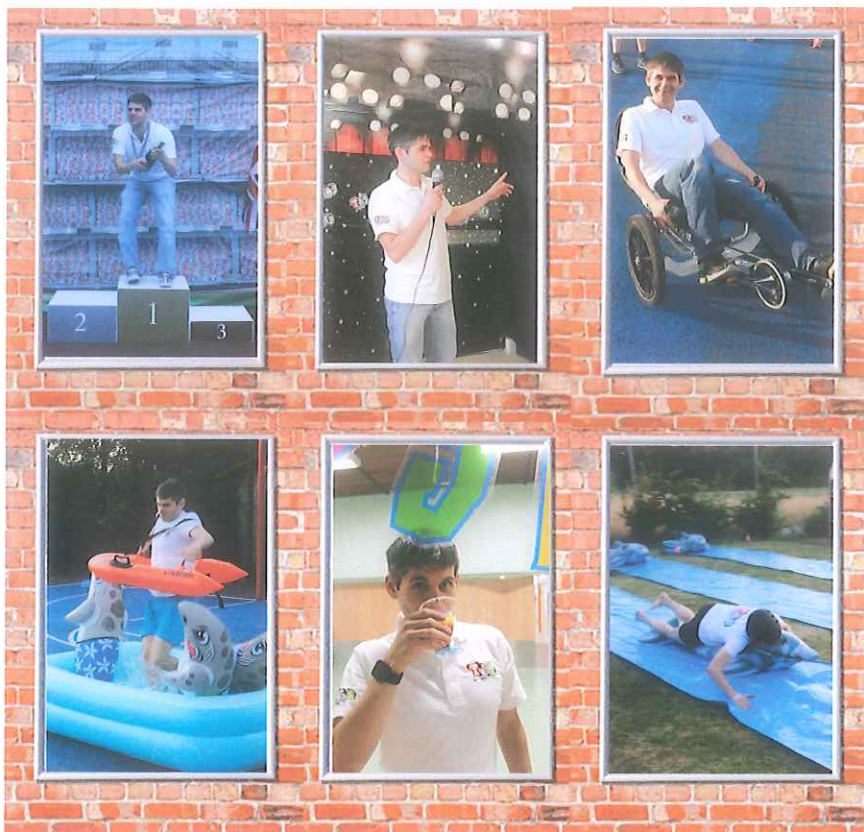
Our biggest achievement this term must have been our celebration event which was held in July marking 15 fabulous years of the youth club. It was nice seeing so many members with their parents and carer; we also welcomed some special guests including past members.

I thought I would include some of my favourite moments from the last few months.

Giles Hobart
Lead Youth Worker

WELCOME

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR LATEST EDITION OF OFF THE WALL



CLOWNING AROUND

Clowning Around saw members trying out various circus skills activities. We had pedal goes, stilts, spinning plates, lots of different types of juggling and more. Towards the end of the evening we could really see a difference as everyone had improved with practice and determination.

Some young people also dressed up in clown fancy dress while others had their faces painted. Everyone received a clown's red nose to wear and take home.



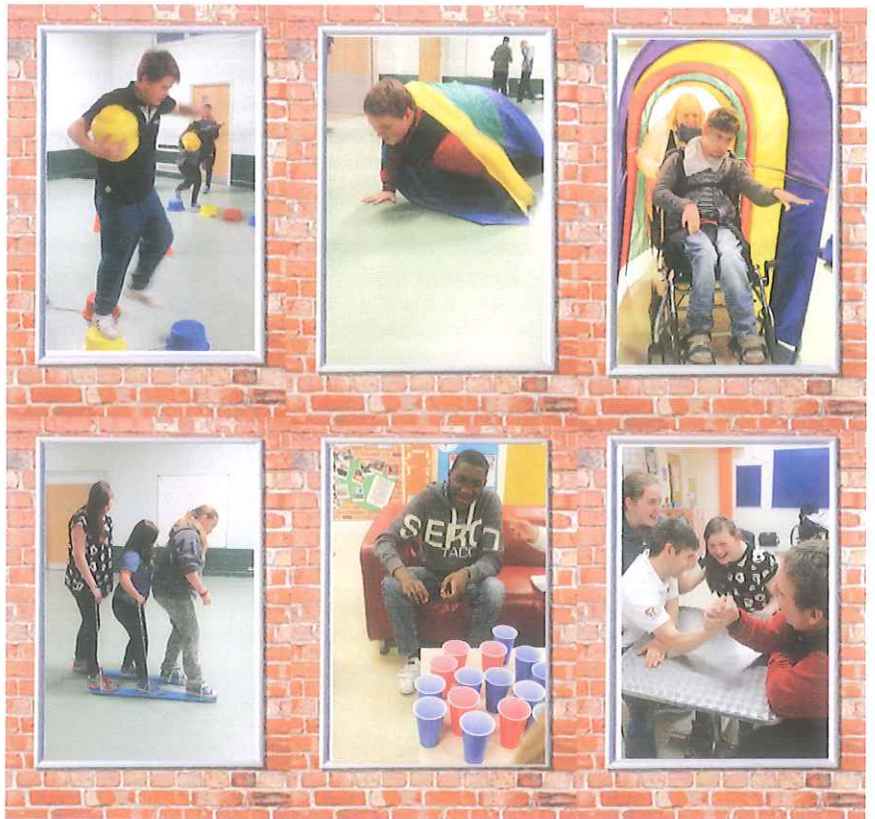
BOYS VS GIRLS

The term continued with new activities as we took part in various challenges and team building exercises.

The boys' and girls' teams took part in an obstacle course, giant sack race and team walker. Smaller groups took part in the ping pong cup challenge.

It wasn't the battle we expected as most of the boys gave up each activity early on in the contest.

The evening finished with an arm wrestling competition where the boys managed to claw back some dignity.



Ready Steady Cook returned after a long absence from our programme and it returned in style. This revamped session provided each team with their own aprons and branded bag full of ingredients. We even had improved green pepper and red pepper voting cards.

Young people joined teams which were then broken down into individual teams of two, then the contest began. Each group was given pizzas which required cooking and various toppings. The competition wasn't just about the cooking as presentation was the key to success.

Once everyone completed the cooking, everyone grouped together for the vote.

Young people also decorated plates with faces printed on them with a selection of fresh ingredients.

READY STEADY COOK



FULL THROTTLE

With a certain motoring television programme off the air, it was time for a replacement and what came along was TAG's Full Throttle.

The track was set, the go kart tyres were pumped and the lights flashing. The timed laps were fast and furious with young people wanting to beat their opponents.

We also had a obstacle course where young people had to stop at a zebra crossing and wait while someone crossed with their walking frame, around the road works, over the speed hump and finish in the parking space.



ADVENTURE GOLF

The May half term arrived and as with past year's this only meant one thing: it was time for our annual golf tournament.

As we held up members of the public with our extended putting skills, members enjoyed the jurassic scenery; we had the occasional cheer when someone finally putted the ball in the hole.

Youth workers and young people entertained each other while waiting to move onto the next hole.

Eventually we all finished with time to award the winners with their trophy, prize and certificate.



TAG DERBY

The course was clear, the jumps in place, it was time for our annual TAG Derby.

Young people had their picture taken with our photo board on arrival, then chose their colours and climbed into their horses.

While the participants made their way to the start line, bets were being taken by our bookie. As usual we used our Bank of TAG Youth Club money as our currency. The bookie read out the names and gave each runner their odds.

Once all bets had been placed the race started firstly with various straights and finishing with a pole jump and hedge jump.

Young people were given a talk about the dangers of gambling.

As usual we held our prize giving at the end of the races with rosettes, certificates and carrot shaped sweet bags for the winners. Certificates were also given to runners-up.

The Voice

This new activity followed the same principle as the television programme.

While each performer performed, the judges had their backs to them, and as soon as they had heard enough and wanted to coach the performer they swiveled their chair around.

GOING POTTY



Going Potty was a new idea for this year. Young people decorated porcelain flower pots with specialist paint pens; some also decorated plastic plant pots with stickers and ribbons. Each young person was invited to take home a plant which had been donated by a royal palace garden.

Young people also enjoyed the opportunity to try out a number of adapted bikes outside in the sunshine. This was the first time that we have tried companion cycling.



TAG CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was the last week of June, the weather wasn't the best, the champers (well sparkling grape juice) was chilled, strawberries and cream were fresh, which could only mean one thing... it was Wimbledon.

We set up our very own centre court outside and members had a go playing tennis in singles and doubles. We had lots of fun shouting out terminology that we clearly didn't know. The only thing missing was our 'Robinsons' half way through each match.



ANNIVERSARY BASH

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our 15th anniversary so special. You for attending, your parents and carers for donating items for our buffet, AFC Wimbledon, the bands and DJ.

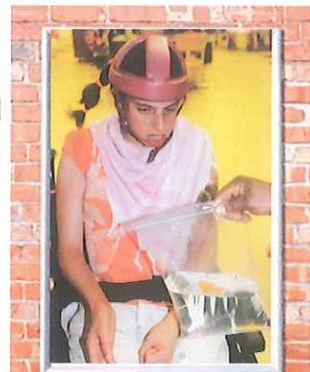


FUNFAIR FLAIR

Roll up, roll up and have a go! Young people enjoyed taking part in our various activities including: tin can alley, feed the clown, splat the rat, welly throwing and hook-a-duck to name but a few. Members also had the opportunity to have their face painted.

The evening finished with a sensory story about a day at the fun fair.

All participants received a goldfish to take home!



IT'S A KNOCKOUT

It was crazy, wacky and outrageous, it was our It's A Knockout.

Young people gathered into teams of three. Our first race saw our teams grab a surf board and start on the beach with our extra large crabs, paddle past the sharks in two separate oceans, back to shore and racing back in their camper van while being water blasted.

Our other races included the water cup helmet race and the water balloon popping & inflatable grab chase.

The evening finished with a water fight and parachute games.



SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

We were expecting you! Shaken Not Stirred was an updated version of our cocktail night. Attendees were able to invent and produce their own mocktails, all served via our special tropical themed bar.

Young people enjoyed sipping their mocktails which were decorated with various straws and novelties in our colourful lounge area. Light snacks were also provided.

Included in the evening was limbo dancing and prizes were awarded to the best dancers.



FUN IN THE SUN

With the sun deciding to make a reappearance, it was definitely time for our Fun In The Sun evening.

We had giant games including noughts & crosses and jenga, while garden games included lawn darts and skittles.

Our most participated garden game was swing ball.

But, our most popular activity was in fact inside, with members bouncing around on the bouncy castle.

The most tiring activity for the youth workers was trying to fold the bouncy castle away at the end of the session!



SPLASH & DASH

Splash & Dash was another new and exciting activity for this year.

We enjoyed our activities on the lawn area outside the main entrance. We had water slides and bucket loads of water!

We tried dolphin racing, an idea taken from the television programme The Hotel. Young people paired up with one mounting an inflatable dolphin and the other pulling and winding up a rope attached. The dolphin then slid along a soapy course.

The evening also gave us the opportunity to try out our go pro camera.



WET 'N' WILD

Throughout the day we had cloudy weather and downpours of rain, which cleared just in time for us to get soaked! It was back, Wet 'n' Wild, an evening full of wet activities.

Young people took part in individual and relay races involving inflatable sharks, some wet games involving water bombs and sponges.

Our new range of super soaker water pistols were put to good use in our massive water fight which concluded the evening's activities. Some young people enjoyed a warm drink after getting changed.



BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Beside The Seaside was held towards the end of the summer programme, young people took part in a new activity - human fruit machine. This involves one young person pulling the fruit machine's lever and another three young people acting as the machine by holding up a piece of fruit, which they have selected. If all three lift the same item of produce, the contestant wins a prize. It's as easy as that, you might think. We will leave that to your imagination!

Young people also played beach games, built sand castles, sat in deck chairs and dangled their feet in the sand. To end the evening young people enjoyed a seaside themed sensory story.



THE HUB



The Hub continues to provide young people with the opportunity to purchase and sell refreshments during club sessions enabling new skills to be learnt or improving current ones.

YPB



The Young People's Board has continued to meet monthly.

If you have any ideas for the programme or any suggestions about the running of the club, please speak to one of the board members.

CLUB RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone you sold and bought our anniversary raffle tickets.

We raised a whopping £1,067.00.

Well done to everyone.

STAGE APPEAL



We're busy fundraising for the purchase of a portable stage.

It's hoped that the stage will enhance current and future activities in performing arts.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out our weekly albums and keep up to date with what's going on at the Club.

You can find our page @

Tag YouthClub








SPREAD THE WORD

Please continue to tell your friends about our club and what we do. Why not invite your friends and bring them along to one of our sessions.

You could give this newsletter to your friends once you have finished with it, to show them what we do.



AUTUMN TERM ACTIVITIES

<p>04 September</p>  <p>Around The World In 80 Minutes</p>	<p>11 September</p>  <p>Dragons Den</p>	<p>18 September</p>  <p>Game Show Marathon</p>	<p>25 September</p>  <p>Come Dancing</p>	
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<p>06 November</p>  <p>Explosive November</p>	<p>13 November</p>  <p>Best of British</p>	<p>20 November</p>  <p>TAG Factor</p>	<p>27 November</p>  <p>Get Me out Of Here!</p>	
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<p>04 December</p>  <p>Christmas Cheer</p>	<p>11 December</p>  <p>Festive Fun</p>	<p>18 December</p>  <p>Oh Yes It Is</p>	<p>25 December</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	
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