Youth Club report for Parish AGM – May 2025

The Kirtlington youth club was restarted in 2010 and is fifteen years old this week. The youth club continues to flourish and we currently have 37 young members between the ages of ten and sixteen. Most of our members are from Kirtlington village but we also have some members from Weston on the Green, Woodstock, and Kidlington. Club nights are run by a paid youth leader plus some dedicated volunteers and members parents.

Our club night on Tuesdays is open in term time and regularly attracts over twenty young people, who participate in the normal youth club activities such as table tennis, pool plus some theme nights. We also have special nights out such as Ten Pin bowling, Ice Skating and Wall Climbing.

Financially the youth club operates on a tight budget, our running costs are £6,900 a year. Whilst our members pay an annual membership of £10 and then a club night fee of £1, we are then fully dependent on raising the rest of the running costs ourselves. The Youth Club hold fund raising events such as Pizza Nite, Annual BBQ and our very successful Christmas Fayre. We also apply to some external funding sources and we also get donations from the village fete (not guaranteed) and pledges from a small number of villagers on a regular basis. The youth club is very grateful to the fete committee and the villagers who support our fund raising events as well as those who make donations.

The youth club is an integral part of Kirtlington village and provides a centre where the young people of the village can call their own. We have a dedicated committee and a small number of volunteers who are vital to the running of the club. As always, we need more volunteers and more money, if you could provide either or both, please contact a club committee member.

Tony Brett

YC Chair