

# The P.A.Y.P. GAZETTE

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Your local magazine that lets you know what's happening in your area and at your youth clubs

## Cool by the Pool

Well it's here again COOL BY THE POOL. Lots of things are happening.... Games, food, drinks, meeting friends, fun and chatting with all your local Youth Workers... and all this is happening in the glorious sun. "Have a cool time by the pool" Saturday 20 July. Batchley 12pm..

## We're searching for volunteers

Batchley Support Group are looking for young volunteers to help out with our summer play scheme which will take place at the HDA Social Club during the summer holidays.

If you feel that you are a hard working individual and have the time to contribute or you have any questions or queries regarding volunteering please contact one of the staff on:  
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## Club News! The big cook up no. 2



On 24 May the young people at The Cabin Youth Club- Sandycroft Centre had a great time cooking in the kitchen. All the group got involved and cooked a hot mutton curry with chocolate cake for dessert - It went down well. The curry was HOT and we were glad there were soft drinks at hand. The next curry is going to be a mild one!

The young people had a good idea - on the next big cook up we'll invite all the other clubs so that the young people and youth workers can all meet each other. We will keep you posted.

## Do you know what Swishing is?

Swishing is when you bring the old clothes you no longer wear and swap them for other peoples clothes that you want to wear.

You receive tokens for the clothes you bring and you can use those tokens to purchase the clothes you want.

When: July 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 - 10am to 2pm

Where: Oakenshaw Community Centre  
B98 7YB

All ages, free entry, drinks and snacks available. You must bring at least one unwanted item from your wardrobe.

See Carol-Anne Klatt (who will be at Cool by the Pool) for more details.

They also need volunteers - contact: [RedditchSwish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:RedditchSwish@hotmail.co.uk)

## Day out at The Leisure Box



On Saturday 29 June all the clubs went to The Leisure Box ice skating rink and bowling alley. It was a day out in Birmingham, with a surprise visit to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. A nice time was had by all. Here are a few comments from the young people and staff:

Jane Klatt's from The Cabin Club - Sandycroft Centre reporting:

"On Saturday 29 June The Cabin and other youth clubs went on an amazing trip to Birmingham. Not only was going ice-skating and bowling enough, but to top it all off Dave surprised us with a visit to the Birmingham Museum. During our time at the museum we found out something fabulously interesting, Dave had worked on an ace project about Birmingham and how it has changed. It's called 'Your Birmingham' and you should check it out. At ice skating we had an epic time and lunch was great I had Pringles, hotdogs and not forgetting the yummy chocolate popcorn! Bowling was brill and we were placed in groups. In my group was Dave, Emma, Tamara, kaliegh and finally me. We called ourselves "the dream team" and came second. Finally it was time to say goodbye to the Leisure Box and Birmingham. Overall I really, really enjoyed myself and would like to thank all the adults that made this wonderful

trip possible. It's safe to say time does fly when you are having fun!"

A word from Jen and Rich on what our clubs are about:

Jen: "All the clubs are interesting and varied, at Batchley we do a range of activities from quiz games, boxing and the all time favourite - making fruit kebabs with chocolate. We have about 18-20 young people who come to the youth centre to have fun, chill out, meet up with friends and make new friends. The young people can choose to volunteer and run the coffee bar and take the door entrance money. All the clubs have game consoles, pool and other activities. We have had visits from the councillors who are impressed with what we are doing and also Community Safety Officer Gemma who came to the youth centre to see what was happening in her local area. The young people love to eat fruit, so we have a fruit kebab with chocolate, which is a hit because they are eating fruit which some have not even tried before and it also hits your five a day! The skating and bowling trip was great. Connor and Chris from our club thought it was fantastic. It was the first time Chris ever tried ice skating - he was even speed skating with fellow youth worker Dave. They were trying to beat the clock - it was great to see. Connor, who has recovered from a brain tumor couldn't do the ice skating but he helped in supporting his friend and loved ten pin bowling. It was nice getting all the young people to meet up and everyone had a fun day.

We encourage young people to share what they would like to do, to motivate them in volunteering which will give them a sense of responsibility but also

enable all young people to have a voice in making a difference at their youth centre and taking ownership.”

Rich: “At the Oakenshaw Community Centre we run a positive activities group on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8.45pm. This group is accessible to all young people of all abilities, aged between 13 and 19 years old. The qualified staff supporting this session are dedicated to the promotion of wellbeing and social awareness, alongside providing positive activities for young people. A tuck shop is available to the attendants and we try not to restrict ourselves to the confines of the building (Staff and weather permitting) Staff have been eager to engage with the young people of Oakenshaw and can often be seen building relationships with them out in the local parks and fields. Building trust through outreach work has been a vital part of supporting young people so when they feel comfortable entering into the centre some relationships have already been built.”

## Oakenshaws outreach work is going well

Rich and Kurt visited The Ditch youth club and got a great response. Rich dropped some tunes on the guitar and some of the young people got a free guitar lesson, the young people and David dropped some tunes on the karaoke and Kurt got famously thrashed at table-tennis.

Nicola’s outreach work is going well at Community House. She even found time to come down to The Cabin – at Sandycroft to get involved with a little music video.

## Making music at the Cabin

Last Friday 12 July at The Cabin we did a fun video and acted and sang along with Bruno Mars! It was great fun and the young person in the directors seat was Jane Klatt – a new member at The Cabin. It was not just all the young people who were in front of the camera... The Youth Workers David, Nicola and Emma busted some dance moves as well.

## Boxing at the Youth Club



Charles the Boxer comes to the Youth Clubs every other week. The young people learn all about boxing techniques, exercise and self defence. Not only do the young people have fun, they get a cardio vascular workout as well.

## Coming soon for young people to get involved in...

At Sandycroft there are workshops and talks on healthy eating. Also discussions and workshops about bullying.



# Come along to our clubs in Redditch - age range 13 to 19.

## The clubs are:

**Batchley Youth Club** - Cherry Tree Walk, Batchley B97 6PD.  
Tuesdays 6pm - 9pm and Thursdays 7pm - 10pm.

**The Cabin Club** - Sandycroft Centre, West Avenue B98 7DH.  
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.

**Community House** - 103 Eastmore Road B98 8EY.  
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.

**Oakenshaw Community Centre** - Castleditch Lane B98 7YB.  
Fridays 6pm - 9pm.



Come along and meet your workers: David, Emma, Jen, Kurt, Nicola, Pat, Rich, Vicky and some great Volunteers.

## It's your club. It's your area.

A big thank you to Paul Woolcock; Community Development Manager for Batchley Support Group, all of the BSG Trustees, all the Youth Workers and all the people that make our clubs possible.

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