

May 2018

After a long, wet and snowy spring, May blossom is finally here with all its colour and promise. May is a time of promise of good things to come and so, we trust, is this Update on the work of SWAY. The team have been busy doing various groups, studying, serving young people and families in different ways and in various places across the area. Now is a moment to take stock and fill you in on developments, progress and challenges. One new development in particular is our new logo (as above).

Youth Alpha:

The group of 8 young people who met during January through to April had a very positive experience of exploring questions of faith and truth. Discussions were meaningful and demonstrated a hunger to know more. The group bonded well to the extent that they want to continue to meet and are in the process of deciding when and how often. This has been a rich and valuable experience for all concerned.

South Wight Area Youth Partnership (SWAY), is a partnership between Niton Methodist, Brighstone Anglican Church, Youth for Christ, and Isle of Wight Youth Offer Provision. to provide youth activities across the South Wight Area following the County's withdrawal of county run youth clubs.

Funding:

We thank you all for your continued interest and support in the work of SWAY. As you are aware Council funding came to an end in March and we have been working hard to secure funding for the continuation and growth of SWAY for the coming year.

We have recently secured a £6000 grant from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Fund, in which £3000 will go towards the Young Leaders Course in partnership with Medina Valley Centre. We have also been granted £1000 to become a Strengthening Families Champion working alongside the Isle of Wight Council over 2 years. We have applied for some other grants and await the results of these applications.

Our Pearl Evening: took place last Saturday (12th) and we had a good turnout and a fabulous evening. The Coop were very supportive in this venture, providing welcoming drinks. A presentation of SWAY was given after fine meal provided by the Pearl and we raised £1,890.10 for the charity. We hope to make this an annual occasion. (See website for photo and press release)

Our Dunsbury Football Tournament is due to take place on Sunday, 8th July from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm. We hope this will be a lot of fun and raise the profile of SWAY yet further.

Camps and Trips:

Very soon we shall be getting then tents, canoes and BBQ out for our annual Corfe Camp on 15th-17th June. As part of this, we shall visit Newtown Church and take the service for them. This is always a great opportunity to get young people, not used to church, into a church and do it more relevantly for them.

Later in August we shall be heading for Wales for our annual adventure into the mountains – a great learning experience for the young people. We want to see this trip filled to capacity of 28.

Prayers for:

- Andy & Vlvi as they approach the birth of their second child.
- Andy Evans as he approaches the end of his second year at Moorlands.
- A replacement for Katelyn on the team of SWAY in partnership with YFC.
- Funding of £9000 for this next year.

YFC gap year student:

Don't forget to follow our Gap Year Student Katelyn Collins
If you would like to follow Katelyn, you can either *Like* her Facebook page:
(<https://www.facebook.com/KatelynYFCone/>)
or go to her page on Youth for Christ's website (<https://yfc.uk/katelyn-collins/>) to sign up to monthly newsletters or/and to support me financially.

Events / Activities. 2018/19

- June 16-17 *Corf Camp*
- August Summer holiday day trips TBC
- Wales trip August 22nd-25th
- Dunsbury Beach Football Tournament 8th July

Youth Groups/Drop-ins

Monday's Yfc Rock Solid—Niton Methodist Church 7-8.30

Wednesdays—Chale Youth Community Hut Spanners Close

Thursdays—Roots Niton Methodist Church 7.30-9pm

Fridays—Pulse Brighstone School 5-6.30pm

Attitude—Shorwell 7.15-8.45pm

Thank you to all enormously for your giving and support for the work. This work could not happen without you. Again massive thanks for your help and support. Keep praying for the work for without the young people there will be no church tomorrow

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 8th July 2018

2:30-8pm

Dunsbury Farm, Brook

Suggested Donation:

£2 General Entry | £4 to play

BBQ | Swimming | Music | Chill Out Areas | Mocktail Bar

For more information or to enter a team please contact:

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If you would like to know more about SWAY volunteering opportunities or supporting us financially

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