Chairman's Report 2018-2019

Another successful year with an ongoing watchful eye on session numbers which has been stated before fluctuates with seasonal differences, pressures on members availability due to homework and other school activities and also peer group pressures. We have varied the admission rules regarding year 6 and changed the Monday hours to an earlier start of 18:30 to allow for the younger members and we will continue to monitor the numbers to ensure we remain a valid and proactive Youth Club to the community.

The facilities in the school are maintained well and provide us with a secure and safe place to run our club and although this forms a large relative cost to the club it is appreciated by all.

Funding remains an issue with the club very much dependant on the parish council and local committees, we remain determined to not increase our admission charges which would put an additional burden on the parents and members themselves as we need to attract as many from the local community as we can, cost control remains a priority. Thankfully we have had some small donations from other groups which have aided our finances.

We have continued throughout the year to run occasional off-site activities which have attracted decent numbers and warranted the organisation and support of our youth staff.

As always, a heartfelt thanks are offered to our dedicated youth team workers for the extra support and assistance they provide in our club with not only member support but also their dedication in helping the trustees and management committee carry out their duties.

My personal thanks go to both Peter and Maggie for the support they have provided in the administrative work that goes on behind the scenes and whom without we could not function.

The compliance to the rules and regulations applied to youth clubs is constantly reviewed, updated and amended as are the assessments required within the youth club itself, we appreciate the assistance in particular of Gill Gelder for her contribution throughout the year.

Simon Mitcham

Chairman of Wheldrake Youth Club

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