



R.A.W

Hello



Welcome to the autumn R.A.W newsletter.

This year on the day of the RAW event, we had glorious sunshine. This was the first year we had no rain!!!

The RAW team arrived early at the venue and worked hard to set up for the day, they had all contributed towards the posters which were bright, colourful and informative and had worked hard planning the event.

This year's RAW stand was temporary tattoos and face painting, and was very popular throughout the day, and led to lots of young people having brightly coloured faces

We had great support for the day from lots of agencies including, National Youth Advocacy Service, Spurgeons Independent Visiting Service, Funkee Munkee & PUKE, Mid and North Beds Borough Councils. NACRO provided the sports and the Fire Service came along with their engine.

This year we had a new attraction, the mobile climbing wall which was great fun and went down very well with all the young people.

Our resident DJ Adrian held a very good Karaoke competition.

Maz held a great dance workshop which was enjoyed by all who took part.



On the day we celebrated Sams 18th birthday. Sam is a RAW member who really worked hard on the day.



Aaron a RAW member doing a back flip.



What We Did at Randall's Farm This Summer 2008

Sharon and the team arranged a number of activity days at Randall's Farm throughout the summer. These days were aimed at young people aged between 8 & 12 years old.

This years Randall's farm was a hit, and there were a lot of new faces.

Throughout the summer the Randall's farm team with Sharon and the helpers had arranged many different activities for each day which included pond dipping, mini beast hunting, orienteering, water catapults, bow and arrows, forest skills, playing games and much more.

If you would like to get involved in days like these please contact Sharon Buckley Participation Officer 01234 276768.

Kerrie

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Activity days at Kempston Outdoor Centre

During the holidays Sharon booked 4 days at Kempston Outdoors Centre for the young people she works with.

For the first time this year we did an activity called crate stacking it was great fun but very hard. We also did an activity called the spider web which I had never done before this was a great team building experience.

During the different days we did many activities which included climbing the high wall, balancing on the high beams and also canoeing. After canoeing we were given the choice to jump into the river !! The best part of the day I think are the team building activities.

These days were brilliant because it's not just a day out it's a day where you get to have fun and meet other people, you also get to meet our lovely team which includes Sharon, Kerrie, Mark & Amanda, and many many more great people.

At these days out you will have loads of Glorious Fun !!!!!



Vickie



How it feels to be working alongside the team

To be able to work beside Sharon and her team is a great feeling because as a helper you get to help with the team and you also get to be involved with the activities at Randall's Farm and also the Kempston Outdoors Centre. The feeling when you are helping a child is so rewarding, I really don't know how to explain it but you suddenly get this warm feeling that begins to flow around your body, it is just amazing.

When I was a little girl I use to go to Randall's Farm and also to Kempston Outdoor Centre with Sharon. I used to think it was brilliant fun back then but now I work for her it's still as brilliant as I thought when I was a young girl. The thing I still remember from Randall's Farm when I tried to push Lawrie into the little pond but I slipped before I could push Lawrie and I slid down into the pond and I remember shouting "yuck" but now that I am a lot older I look back and laugh.

The best thing about working for Sharon is that I get to help her organise days out for children. I also love getting involved with helping the children at Randall's Farm with the pond dipping and the bug catching. I also love helping her at Kempston Outdoors because I get involved and help the children figure a way of getting thought the spider web without touching the web, and also when we are canoeing the team I'm with always wants to capsize the canoe which is not a good idea when you haven't got a change of clothes!!!!

Would you like to have your voice heard?

Would you like to be part of a team?

Would you like support other young people?

If your answer is yes to any of these, Sharon would love to hear from you, she is always on the lookout for young people who want to become involved.

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