



# Saturday Sessions

In November, Saturday Sessions had a visit from Cllr Gloria Eveleigh, the Chair of Lancing Parish Council, and Cllr Geoff Patmore.

The two councillors enjoyed their visit and the opportunity to meet the young people.

During the session, Cllr Eveleigh helped out with the 'Sea of Lights' preparation whilst Cllr Patmore gamely had a go on our Parkour equipment, earning him the respect of the young people and volunteers alike. We are pleased to report that luckily no bones were broken in the process and Cllr Patmore was rewarded for his efforts with some home-made vegetarian sausages prepared by the young people.



# YOUTH FORUM

Our Youth Forum members enjoyed a course of archery at Arundown Archery Club in November. Everyone had an amazing time and the fun culminated in a mini tournament where the young people competed for gold, silver and bronze medals.

They all shot brilliantly and a couple of members have expressed interest in signing up for beginners lessons with the club.

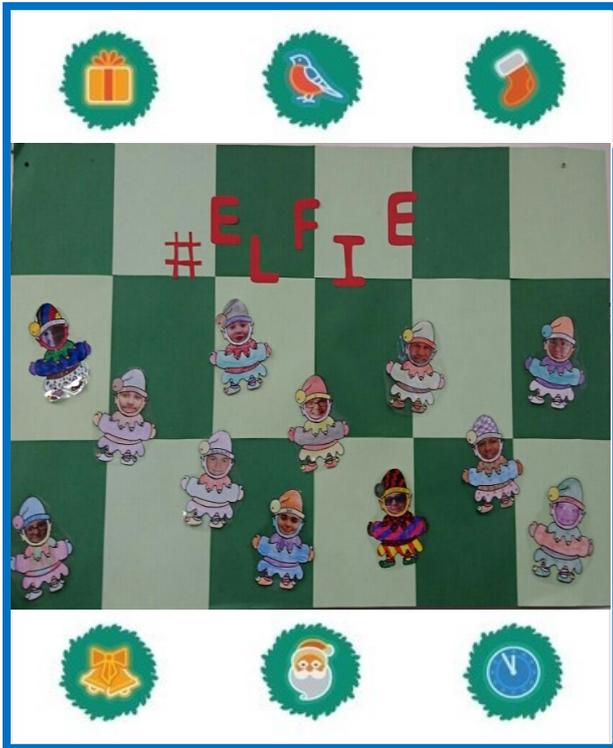
The young people were a credit to us and themselves, and the archery coach said of them:

*"At the start of the course I started with 14 individuals all keen to outdo each other on the range. This progressed to a team of archers that although were in competition with each other were very encouraging and supportive to each and every other member. Well done all, it was a pleasure to see."*

Our thanks to Arundown Archery Club for providing the sessions.



# C H A R I T Y S H O P



As we approach Christmas, the charity shop is busy with our festive preparations. Have you seen the ESY #ELFIE display in the shop? Can you recognise the different directors, staff and young people in their elf disguises?

We would like to say farewell to Maxine who has left the shop and thank her for all her hard work. We would also like to welcome our new volunteers - Michael, Joanne and Sophie and we look forward to working with you.

Thank you to all of the shop volunteers for their hard work and their time and we wish them, their families and our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**If you would like to volunteer in the shop, please pop in for an application form or contact us by email: [electricstormyouth@gmail.com](mailto:electricstormyouth@gmail.com). This address can also be used for general shop donation queries.**

## Sea of Lights



The Adur Sea of Lights festival took place on 26th November and this year it took the form of the "Starlight Story Parade" with schools, community groups and individuals choosing a story and designing their lanterns around that story.

Electric Storm Youth chose *Alice in Wonderland* and constructed lanterns and costumes along this theme. The young people and volunteers worked very hard during the weeks prior to the parade and the results were amazing! Well done to all the young people, staff and volunteers who participated.



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# A new addition to the ESY Team

ESY are delighted to announce that we have appointed Rebecca Page as our new Youth Support Worker. Rebecca has been a long standing Saturday Session volunteer with ESY and was chosen as the successful applicant by an interview panel of comprising of Directors, the Senior Youth Worker and members of the Youth Forum.



Rebecca says:

*"I applied for the job because I have been a volunteer for almost 5 years and have seen ESY go from strength to strength. I love working with the young people and this seemed a great opportunity to further my involvement with ESY. I am really excited about being part of the new lottery funded project and also having the extra responsibilities this role brings. In particular, I look forward to contributing new ideas to the Saturday Session and forthcoming midweek sessions".*

Congratulations Rebecca, on your appointment from all of us at ESY.

## Can you help?



Now that our team is expanding and our Youth Worker works full time, we have found ourselves in need of office space. We are looking for somewhere local from which our Senior Youth Worker can operate and store her work files. It also needs to be a somewhere that can be accessed some evenings and on a Saturday. If you can help us out with this or know of anyone who can, please contact ESY on 07963 914613 or by email to [electricstormyouth@gmail.com](mailto:electricstormyouth@gmail.com)

Many Thanks.



## A Christmas Message



The young people, staff, volunteers and directors at ESY would like to thank you for your support during 2016 and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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