

# *Annual Report 2010/2011*

## *50th Anniversary Report*



*This report presents an overview of the work of the Oxford Kilburn Youth Trust in 2010/2011, using a range of monitoring headings, following on previous plans.*

# Programme



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In 1972, someone wrote an observation of a visit to Club: 'a wonderful feeling of controlled chaos, kids chasing about at top speed - in the middle of it all, a calm Club Leader. So it continues today. There have been developments in our children's work programme, which now includes cookery, basketball, drama, singing and bible study groups in addition to clubs for 5-7s and 8-11s. Saturday is now one of our busiest days, including several martial arts groups.

We expanded our table-tennis and weight-training provision, and were helped by a black female weight-lifting instructor of Olympic standard. Football takes place every day. We hosted a bike maintenance project on a monthly basis.

Some young people have been helped to contribute written material towards a project trying to embed words into the local physical environment. Others have been enabled to take part in locally focused photography and drama. Drama sessions have enabled role-play around 'street' situations such as drug-selling and theft of mobile phones, exploring various ways of responding to threats or avoiding conflict. In addition a theatre company called Mousetrap provided free drama sessions. Some young people have benefited from free tickets at the Tricycle Theatre, acquired by a former Club member who is now an actor. Kilburn Times wrote a nice piece about a film he made with young people at Club. Some actors from the Central School of Speech and Drama have been doing 'real-life' role-play and scriptwriting with young individuals. We worked with film companies, for example one with a Kung Fu storyline.

We have enabled young people to take part in special events, such as football tournaments on Bank Holidays, a residential at Trafford Hall, near Chester, a photography-based event with a community worker employed by Paddington Churches. As part of the project, young people volunteered some time helping to clean up the OK Club garden – complementing work of the American Community School who have been building a patio. Another group had a day out at the 'Gordon Brown Centre', which belongs to Brent. We held a number of BBQs, when the weather has been warm, and ran events in partnership eg with Talented Artists International. This included activity demonstrations in tae kwon do, streetdance, giant chess, and body sculpture as part of an event to launch a 'community space' known as 'Chippenham Gardens', and one of our artists was commissioned to paint a mural there. Our Somali Affairs Group helped to provide food, and we persuaded a restaurant to hand out samples.

We have welcomed several visitors, for example, police officers wishing to improve relationships with young people, a PCT project offering Chlamydia testing, an agency with a DVD and discussion about bullying in relationships.

We have been able to support some young people with course work leading up to exams. We enabled some young people to undertake health and safety questionnaire requirements so that they could take up construction work. We ran a lifeskills and referral programme with some unemployed young people.

Many activities encourage self-esteem and self-confidence, and provide life skills or social status or emotional capability, that reduce the need to seek such things through belonging to a destructively inclined gang. This in turn reduces anti-social behaviour locally, both high and low level. Many young people have developed constructive roles in the local community, helping to run activities for others or playing a part in community events. The work often leads to positive comments from many pleasantly surprised by the results.

We have tested a range of methods, eg intensive group work, residential experience and access to training, but can confirm that the most effective approaches are starting on young people's own territory and terms, patient mentoring, and facilitating positive social roles and alternative interests. Our organisation is highly respected by local families, counting many parents among its former members. We realise we must always earn trust, especially from the most alienated, by being non-judgemental without condoning, holistic but incisive, firm but fair, with a long-term commitment to them as individuals.

Our approach works because we have access to all the many different groups and individual young people involved or at risk, we have secured the trust and respect of young people and their families through our long-term commitment, and our workers use tried and tested methods deriving from long experience..

# Christian Ministry & Mission

**NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED**



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CLUB

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WHO NEED A DOCTOR,  
BUT THE SICK.  
I HAVE NOT COME  
TO CALL TO REPENTANCE  
THOSE WHO THINK  
THEY ARE RIGHTEOUS,  
BUT THOSE WHO KNOW  
THEY ARE SINNERS.'

SOMETIMES WE ARE THE ONES WHO PUT OURSELVES IN CHAINS

let go...



HE WANTS TO  
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... Free

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JOHN 8:31-32

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In 1978, Brian Mercer, in a brief letter to supporters wrote: 'In Club your faith is constantly on trial, your patience is stretched to the limit. I only know of one of our members becoming a committed Christian, but after much ploughing as Club leader for 4 years, I believe someone will come along to reap the harvest'. It is likely many have continued to reap the harvest from the last 50 years and indeed we still try to sow seeds for many future harvests to come.

A highlight of last summer was 11 young people sponsored to attend the Christian camp Soul Survivor. They were recruited with particular help from one of three young people who attended the previous year. Very early in the week one young person said he had become a Christian. Another said he had been helped with personal issues in a seminar. By the end of the week 8 had gone to the front to receive a bible and a pamphlet as new Christians, and one said he did not as he was already a believer. Most later attended follow-up sessions at Club, a rock musical and a service at a central London church.

Two of the group made a successful bid to the Youth Evangelism Fund, to use art, music and drama to help more young people understand Christianity. One young person regularly accompanied workers to a church in Kensington.

One worker has taken groups to a Café put on by Higher in Praise Ministries. Another ran some excellent evening sessions, for example with materials entitled 'Who am I', about differences between the material and the spiritual.

We strengthened links with St Mary's Ealing, holding an Art Exhibition on its premises. West Kilburn Baptist Church are using our premises in September. We have retained several links with the local Anglican church St Luke's, and may apply jointly for a Centre for Youth Ministry student. Its curate sometimes calls in to play football with young people, and leads bible study for residents. With St Peter's Notting Hill, we continued to share African residents, and plan to share an American resident through Time for God. We attended a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at St Paul's Finchley. Lighthouse Chapel International, which has a large congregation including many young people, have started to use our premises regularly, along with True Vine. We developed links with Hillsong, St Helens, Brondesbury Baptist, and two Ealing Baptist Churches.

The Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union maintained strong links in the past year, and our OICCU representative arranged for several members of its Executive to visit, including its Treasurer and President, who helped out twice.

Our Christian emphasis has been very clear, for example at the anniversary of the death of an 11 year old member, when separate groups met to pay their respects, some praying in the room we named after him. He gave his name to a Football Cup also, which was presented by his grandmother to the winners. Its first winners were fortunately and justifiably a group of his closest friends.

The parable of the Sower shows that the Gospel is not just about preaching, but also about providing a rich soil for seeds to grow, an environment that is conducive in every way to encouraging our development in the Kingdom of Heaven. For us at the OK Club, it means providing a very varied programme of arts and sports, music and drama, advice and support, opportunities to learn skills or just relax together, a home from home. We are told that Jesus often used what was happening, there and then, in front of everyone's eyes, to demonstrate his message. This we also try to do. For example, we are often able to talk vividly about the need to forgive and be forgiven, to love those who oppose us, not least because, as in the Parable of the Sower, many are growing up in an environment that also contains many weeds.

What we strive to be really good at is helping people to see and then begin to realise their own potential – helping to reveal the truth inside, often quite deep inside, and giving it a chance to set them free. Not just freedom for those who spend time in custody, but for all our young people still held captive by the false promise of easy money, lack of life-chances, lack of self-esteem, lack of role-models, lack of understanding how to resolve conflict peacefully, lack of family stability, lack of any home in some cases. We can explain that God is not disillusioned with them; as he never had any illusions in the first place.

Just as it is said that God decided to enter history alongside us, and share our joys and sorrows, and just as Jesus clearly spent a lot of time with the outcasts of his day, the OK Club came into being not just to provide a service for a deprived community, but also to share in, and be a regular part of, daily life for many whom society excludes today, learning from and alongside them.

So we continue to help young people to 'grow in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men', as Luke says of Jesus (2.52), and are very busy 'living life to the full' (John 10.10) as it says in our strapline. We mean by this that we try to get the best from all that life has to offer - now and always - and we are conscious of its potentially eternal significance and that every moment - and person - is infinitely precious and worth our time, respect and love.

# Personal Development Achievements



Following past successes, some have become positive examples, eg through social enterprise that help to generate more legitimate economic activity. For example, one young person, previously much involved with graffiti, has helped to run our art exhibition, produced Christian imagery to order, has regularly attended football and weight-training sessions, and has helped to write two funding bids. He recently completed exams in art, media, photography and business studies at a college at some distance from his home. The main young person involved with the embroidery project as previously reported has this year studied engineering successfully at Brunel University, and is working towards becoming a pilot. He remains involved with the project, and will this year be a tutor at a Summer University being held at Club. We are also working with him and others to create further projects, eg comedy events, and a series of talks to young people by ex-offenders about their experience in young offender institutions, motivating young people to seek the best options. Both the above were nominated to attend an award ceremony with a parent. 2 other young people received awards at the House of Lords for quality rapping.

A further young person has, with our support, obtained a place at University to study criminology. It was possible to say in her UCAS reference that she is exceptionally observant about other young people, with a real interest in the detail of their behaviour and understanding of their psychology as individuals.

We have focused on trying to enhance the self-esteem, independence and status of targeted young people. One young person who was originally at risk is now qualified and leading gym sessions. Working with a film company, we enabled a young person to get fully involved in a kung fu film initiative. We have enabled a young person arrested for possessing Class A drugs 'with intent to supply' to gain from regular work experience in Club, and his positive reaction and new skills and interests were reported and recognised in court.

A number of young people contributed pieces of art for, and in some cases, helped to run an art exhibition at St Mary's Church, Ealing. Several exhibits were bought. Art was commissioned by some of those attending. The wide variety of styles and cultures represented impressed all who attended.

# Meeting Individual & Social Needs



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Records show that over 1500 different children and young people attended in the last 5 years, 500 in the last year with a consistent 2:1 male to female ratio.

We have tried within available resources to introduce regular small group sessions and one-to-one mentoring with children from 8 to 11, as well as teenagers. These are focused on listening and enabling young people to share their feelings. Although we have fewer skilled male staff available overall than previously, because of overall resource levels, we try to involve male mentors as much as female, for example in order to help young people to regard it as acceptable for males to share their deeper emotions. In some cases, there has been liaison with Brent and Camden Social Care Services.

An action plan was produced outlining the further development of our work to safeguard and promote the welfare of young people. This included small group and one-to-one 'listening' and individual action planning. Procedures, including thorough recordings, have been discussed in briefing and training sessions, but we have noted that it is important that workers are not too tired and stay alert enough to be able to spot and respond to issues as they arise.

We have intensified our mentoring work with some younger individuals at risk who were getting into trouble at school and being excluded or put in detention. In some cases, this made them vulnerable to older young people who want to use them to sell drugs. However, some younger individuals have come to us for support and diversion in staying away from such influences. Focused one-to-one support enables young people, often those who have not been at school or college for some time, and are at a loose end throughout daytimes and late evenings, to unblock key blockages in their lives eg concerning difficulties at home or school or with friends. Coping mechanisms can also be learned that do not result eg in violence, or harmful explosions of frustration.

We made use of a fund for individual young people to apply to with our support for up to £500 towards enhancing training and employment prospects. This acts as an incentive for individuals, as they have to evidence and demonstrate positive progression before being able to apply to this fund.

Council funding cuts meant our Personal Adviser posts could not be funded beyond March, but the Director still attends Connexions strategy meetings.

Brent's Connexions Manager writes: 'I can confirm that the OK Club has successfully targeted young people eg directly involved in drug, gun and knife crime, and their siblings and friends, with significant positive outcomes. The Club has always met given conditions and targets. It has performed well.'

Before leaving, our Connexions PAs completed comprehensive assessments and action plans for each person on their caseloads. We continue to work with most of these on issues that include homelessness, college applications, and court appearances, in most cases linked directly with deprivation or ill-health.

Some things do not change. A report from 1972 noted that a boy enquired about a mate who had that day been diagnosed with leukaemia. A similar conversation with a group took place recently about a friend with leukaemia.

# *Social Issues & Community Impact*

The mentoring work above has been done in close cooperation with parents, including with fathers who have limited contact with their sons. Part of this has included encouraging mothers to feel able to provide discipline appropriately. We also worked with parents where there were obvious family tensions when their sons began last summer to get into trouble with the police, including families threatened with eviction as a result. We anticipate that family-oriented support will have a lasting impact for many generations to come.

Again, there are links down the years. A report from 40 years ago noted that the father of a boy wanted to borrow the van to move a bed to Brixton. This year we helped several members to move to other parts of London or beyond.

Our work this year has continued, as far as funds allowed, to enable many of the most problematic young people locally, who can cause major difficulties to people on the local estate, to be involved in regular activities they can look forward to, that keep them off of the streets for at least part of the week. This channels energies into positive activities, helps plan their time constructively, and develops cooperation with other people. Experience of success leads to further motivation, while support, even when individuals do not achieve, helps counter feelings of anger and hopelessness. As just one example, working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team, we helped a young person get involved regularly in sport in order to stop his previous offending behaviour.

We continued to work with a number of individuals through outreach work, following a spate of territorial conflict that originated in previous conflicts between the local estate and other nearby estates going back over some years. Gradually, a number of new young people have felt able to start to come to the Club, initially perhaps for music, the gym, and holiday activities.

We were able to report that 48 young people had improved behaviour and achieved significant positive outcomes during the past year. In several cases, the change is quite marked. With others, there has been gradual development which has seen them become a good influence on others, supporting others in the community, and showing every sign of being highly responsible citizens.

The Police Sergeant in charge of the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team writes 'I can confirm that the OK Club works very closely with our local Police team to divert groups of local young people from involvement in Gangs and the related criminality. Our team have been greatly impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by your organisation in establishing very useful links with many different individuals and groups of young people either involved in, or at risk from Gang, Gun and Knife related crime. I look forward to our continued partnership approach and the development of working together in ongoing cross border initiatives.' We had many discussions with young people following the arrest of several people linked to the local estate, which the police say was done because younger children were being recruited into drug pushing. We are working in a difficult context where individuals, including recently someone in their early teens, can even sometimes be kidnapped for ransom purposes. This can be for drug reasons, or as part of territory conflict

The Deputy Chief Executive of South Kilburn Partnership wrote earlier this year that: 'The OK Club has been at the fore of pioneering a number of approaches to youth violence on the estate; and is a key partner on all youth activities in the area. As well as the young people who use the club, the Club also provides a range of outreach services to work with those young people and their families who are at risk or are not engaged. The OK Club have, and continue to, tackle gang violence in South Kilburn and welcome opportunities for additional resources to support this important and increasing issue working, in partnership with agencies in the area in a cooperative way.'

# Patrons, Trustees & Other Supporters



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This report is being written during what is the official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OK Club. The Annual Meeting of our supporters was accompanied this year by an event for Club users and their families, including a barbecue, a bouncy castle, displays of karate and tae kwon do, a large gospel choir, and activities in every available space demonstrating all that is currently offered in the Club. This celebration is to be followed by an art exhibition in the City, and a service of thanksgiving at the International Federation of Evangelical Students venue in Oxford, after an event for Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union alumni. At least one of our Patrons, as well as our President are planned to be speakers.

Some of our supporters belong to Charitable Trusts, on which we rely for our continued ability to keep operating, in some cases in order to deliver specific kinds of work, which are monitored through reports and visits. In return we are often invited to take part in trust initiatives such as an awards dinner, or in a particular recent case, an invitation to a reception at No 10 Downing Street.

Some supporters, a group of former members representing the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s, are planning to put on a reunion event at Club later this year. We are hoping that other groups of former members will wish to do likewise.

We had a very nice sofa and chair donated from a prestigious address near the famous 'Beatles' crossing in St John's Wood. We also have an external mural now celebrating the Beatles and other musicians of the past 50 years.

We are hugely grateful to all our supporters, without whom the work of the last 50 years would not have been possible, and we hope that as many of them as possible will join us on 12<sup>th</sup> November in Oxford, to share in our thanksgiving.

The past year has seen some major changes to our Board of Trustees. Clive Chalkley, Chris Wright and the Rev Mark Hargreaves have in recent months been unable to attend meetings, although they have still been available and supportive in other ways. They have made way for Mark Lethby, Graham Stevenson, Colin Francis and our new Chair, Roger Foster-Smith, who in January 2011 took over from Becky Foreman, who still continues on the Committee. building on her work to strengthen infrastructure. The rest of the Committee remain – Sue Turner, who works extremely hard as our unpaid Treasurer, Alistair Livesey, who chairs the Christian Holt Housing Association committee, Matt Parker, who chaired an important meeting on Finance in February, Dr Heidi Hales, Aimee Lyall and Pastor Johnson Akinfenwa

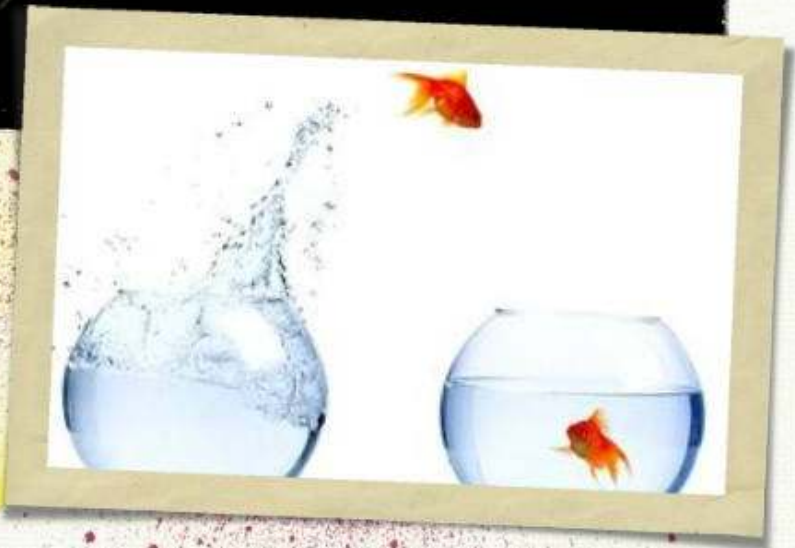
Roger has been closely associated with some of our art exhibitions and is a frequent visitor, recently leading a discussion on forgiveness, using a DVD.

Last November, the President, Treasurer and Director went to the funeral of another Roger Smith. Roger was Club Warden for 15 years in the 80s and 90s, along with his wife. Many former Club members attended and took an active part in Roger's funeral.

Links over the past 50 years are not uncommon. The President has recently visited Elaine Foot, a helper from 50 years ago, recently taken seriously ill.

The Trustees confirm that the activities of the past year are for clear public benefit, and are in accordance with their 1958 Governing Document and 2006 Constitution. They confirm that there have been no serious incidents to report.

# *Strategy, Networking & Partnership*



When Club was founded, it was noted that 'Kilburn is an 'under clubbed' area'. There are now several youth organisations in South Kilburn, although fewer in North Kilburn, but the OK Club remains unique because of its size and design, its Christian motivation, on-site volunteer accommodation, and its Club ethos.

It continues to work closely with other groups in the community, often helping to build their capacity as an integral part of the Fusion Consultancy initiative, and is now home to many of them: Alpha Learning Club, Cari Come Catering, Evolution Football, Impact Tae Kwon Do, Kilburn Kung Fu, Laway Filipino Dance Group, Lighthouse Chapel International, Oasis Parents and Toddlers, Ot Pa Acholi, Positive Slogans, Seeds of Hope, Talented Artists International, True Vine Church, Wado Ryu Karate. Others have also used our premises during the past year, including the Somali Affairs Group and the Tabot Centre.

We have delivered intergenerational work on behalf of an Older People's Consortium. A partnership with the Community Careers Centre is promising. With some of these organisations, we were funded to help them draw up Business Plans so that they are in a better position to raise funds themselves. We ran a workshop, an overview of safe practice requirements, in November.

We invited the Peace Alliance to show DVDs and run discussions in the run up to London Peace Week. We have continued to work with the police, including Tactical Support Group officers mounting stop and search initiatives. We facilitated some sessions involving local and non-local police in activities alongside young people. It has been difficult to get the non-local police to work constructively with young people and leave behind their usual role, but the intention has been positive, targeting the most disaffected and trying to present the police in the most acceptable light. We have attended gang-related project meetings (eg Endz United) with youth workers and parents across the Brent borders with Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea.

We attended a meeting of residents trying to rescue Charteris Sports Centre. We maintain contact with a group planning events at Chippenham Gardens. Our Senior Children's Worker attended a parents open day at the local St Mary's School. There have since been some new faces at children's sessions.

We helped to run a small project called 'Change It' funded through Prospects, the Connexions Careers Company. We enabled a few of our young people to attend workshops put on through Denne, a local construction firm, who also enabled one of our children's groups to display a mural depicting the area.

We have had discussions with 3 Housing Associations new to the area, (London and Quadrant, Catalyst and Stadium), and other existing landlords (Genesis, BHP), and some of their youth coordinators, concerning addressing anti-social behaviour, and youth involvement in community development. We have attended some new funding-related meetings, for example a potential sports consortium, and meetings to explore opportunities with KYC.

We have maintained an interest in a new Brent Voluntary Sector Strategy and tried with some difficulty to get involved in the early stages of new Council for Voluntary Services structures being developed following the demise of the previous umbrella structure BrAVA. It has been difficult to gain information on the impact of Government expenditure reductions on the voluntary sector in Brent. We attended a reception given by the Mayor Boris Johnson in City Hall.

We made links with projects funded during the final few months of the South Kilburn Partnership, enabling young people to express their thoughts in writing and on video. The Director wrote an article for the SK magazine, and another for a book called 'Made in SK'. We have requested as much involvement as possible in the new local Neighbourhood Trust, including as part of Fusion.

# *Funding & Use of Resources*

It could be argued that the 'time of plenty' often associated with New Deal for Communities boosted expectations unrealistically and that this makes the future leaner years even harder to bear. However, many of our young people felt empowered by their positive experiences, some resourceful enough to keep good things going themselves, in many cases now giving back to others even younger. Under the NDC the Club was often able to lead other youth providers in an area-wide strategy. Our 2008-09 budget soared to £340,000 including £90K from NDC, but there are no 'quick fixes', and no substitute for hard work over a long period as represented by long-term Club commitment.

Several trust funding sources came to an end during the year. Our £100,000 bid to BBC Children in Need has so far been unsuccessful. Brent Youth Service reduced its Youth Opportunity Fund allocations but fortunately we had not applied. In July 2010 a Sunday evening church moved to St John's Wood. One Trust would not fund us because of perceived religious orientation. Our resources in the early part of the year were much less than in other recent years. We had to reduce for a while the number of sessions, and not respond in such a welcoming way to those more difficult to work with, who require more intensive staff support. This led almost inevitably, as recognised by local police, to some young people getting into more trouble during summer 2010.

However, we were fortunate to benefit from a grant from John Lyons, and a continued Council 'Main' Grant. Kilburn Partnership Board enabled us to run a mentoring project. We also continued to benefit from certain key Trusts with which we have become associated. We were able to channel funds for a young person in hardship. We have been able to gain certain smaller amounts of money, for example from Wembley National Stadium Trust, Neighbourhood Development Grant, and Brent Youth Service. Our Oxford Christian Union representative gained £300 through his college JCR. We benefited from ex-SKP Office equipment and ex-Youth Offending Service games equipment. We improved the electrics and plumbing in our residential accommodation.

Our bid for Cabinet Office Transition Funding was successful, to be used to:

- diversify and expand fundraising activities, including social enterprise
- do strategic work with supporters & partners, & expand donor database
- develop core staff roles to manage changes eg more sessional working
- recruit workers & volunteers eg residents, students, older young people
- train staff and volunteers in professional methods & outcome recording.

A re-visioning exercise being carried out by the Management Committee will help to determine the balance of funds sought between different aspects of our work: eg between Christian mission and ministry, between children and young people, between universal and targeted, between personal and social.



We have been fortunate once again to have a committed team of residents with a wide range of skills. One, from Gambia, returned to study law, following a 2 year Careforce placement. Two new Careforce workers from Tanzania and Cameroon enabled activities such as basketball and cookery to happen on a regular basis. A former resident returned to Ghana. Our resident German band produced a CD called 'Christmas Time at the OK Club', and have now left. A resident from New Zealand doubled as our cleaner for a time, and plays a key role in our children's work. An ex-OICCU resident from Bristol helped to mentor a number of troubled individuals, and ran a regular small group for young women. Shorter-term residents from Germany and Korea contributed activities such as Kendo, football and music tuition. A recent addition from Tunisia speaks fluent Arabic. One resident has now completed five years, and is completely committed in a variety of very practical ways to Club ethos. A former resident was recently ordained in Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford.

An all too briefly funded mentoring project enabled us to bring back some staff who can act as inspirational black male role models. We expanded our drama work to help in dealing with different street pressures. We had 15 volunteers who all live within fairly easy reach, with sports, art, drama and musical skills, including 3 former members. Premises hirers supply over 30 more helpers.

Because of Brent Council decisions in response to Government expenditure reductions, we could no longer fund our two Connexions Personal Advisers after May 2011, although both have made themselves available for the future.

We maintain 3 core staff, Director, Administrator and Children's Coordinator. Other youth workers have been engaged when specific funding was available. We are looking at a variety of options for continuing further face to face work.

# Training & Development

The Chair and the Director together attended a 'master-class' to improve Board performance and an event concerning future 'Supporting People' plans. The Director attended an event concerning the Equalities Act, and several 'Funding the Future' events, including one on the Transition Fund.

The Administrator attended a number of Voluntary Sector Liaison events, and meetings associated with 'Playsport' and intergenerational project plans, and was awarded 'with merit' an MSc in Charity Marketing and Fundraising. The Children's Coordinator attended a course in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

A resident volunteer has completed a 3-year degree in Youth Studies and Applied Theology at the Centre for Youth Ministry at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. Another resident volunteer has completed an FA level 2 coaching award. A volunteer is doing an OCN certificated course in church based youth work.

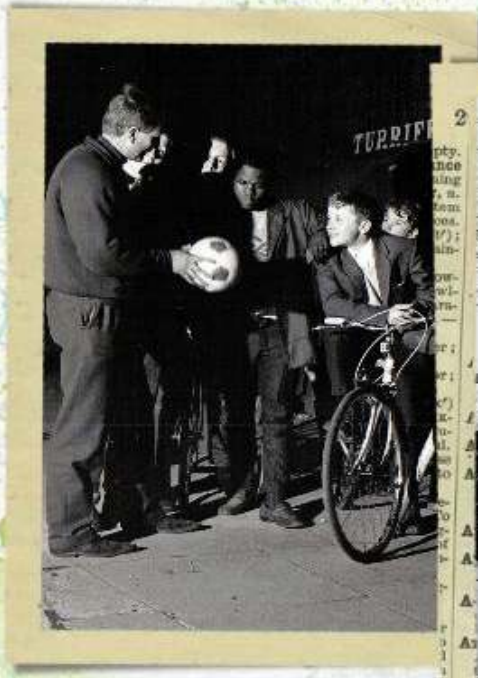
One Connexions Personal Adviser has been studying for a Level 4 NVQ in Learning, Development and Support Services. Another has completed a Level 3 NVQ in Youth Work. Two residents have been studying to become lawyers. New volunteers and residents take part in induction programmes, and most attended our annual training weekend, and some also those run by Careforce.

# Summary

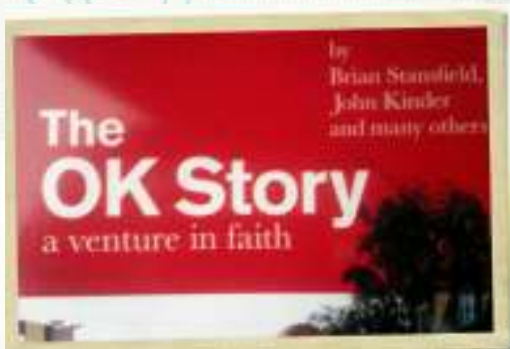
In this the last year of the Government's New Deal for Communities initiative, it is pleasing that the Deputy Chief Executive of South Kilburn Partnership can write that the OK Club "has a very positive track record. It always carries out work requested. They frequently exceed targets, and are adaptable to funder requirements. It is a valued, well-known and long-standing organisation providing a range of beneficial youth activities and supporting wider initiatives."

*Monday nights we're lifting weights and getting bikes repaired  
Tuesday we've got football and we have to get prepared  
For tournaments in holidays, or weekend celebrations  
On Wednesday and on Friday there's church organisations*

*But Thursday night is best – it's packed with fun – a real laugh  
It's when we catch up with our mates and all the friendly staff  
We can't afford to miss 'The Rec' and all that's going on –  
Still better when we know You're there. It's where we all belong*



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