

**EDEN'S
PROJECT**



Eden's NewsZone Summer 2010

Eden's 4 Adults

Our yearly event which allows the 'grown-ups' to see what goes on in Eden's is taking place on Sunday 18th July at 3:30pm until 6pm. There will be a B-B-Q as well as the opportunity to purchase one of the famous Eden's Ice-cream Sundaes as well as other deserts. You can have a game of pool, try your hand at the computer games or do some jamming in the MusicZone. Or simply relax in the courtyard garden with a non-alcoholic cocktail. Drop-in at any time during the afternoon, we would love to see you!

The Noise 2010

On Saturday 29th May to Monday 31st May a group of 20 teenagers who attend Eden's project youth Centre in Sudbury set out to make a 'Noise' in their local community. Young people are so often labelled as troublemakers but The Noise is about showing the community the exact opposite because 'Actions Speak Louder Than Words'.



They had asked local community groups and schools for nominations of projects that needed doing and then collected all the tools and materials they needed to complete the projects. The weather made Saturday quite hard work as the young people got very wet and muddy at Great Cornard Upper School whilst clearing and digging over an unused piece of land that the school want to turn into an allotment. On Sunday they spent the afternoon painting brightly coloured fences around the nursery play area at Wells Hall Primary School and on Monday they returned to Gt Cornard Upper School to finish the allotment, erect a fence around it and dig over some other unused land and put plants in it.

Due to Saturday's bad weather things got behind and they were not able to do the litter picking they had hoped to do around areas of Gt Cornard. In the evenings the teenagers returned to Eden's Project for a well-earned rest where a meal was provided each evening. Thanks goes to Peyton Plaice chip shop, Dominoes Pizza, Waitrose and the Meat Inn who kindly provided some of the food. Most importantly our thanks go to Suffolk County Council for the grant for Youthworker supervision that enabled the event to happen.



Neil Holmes

Neil was signed off sick, with out of control diabetes, from his work at Eden's as Operations Manager in January 2009 and sadly he has not been able to return during the last 18 months. Therefore, on 30th June 2010 Neil medically retired from Eden's by mutual consent. We are pleased that Neil is now out of hospital but sadly he has now completely lost his sight and is currently unable to walk without the aid of a walking frame. Please join us in our continued prayers for Neil and his family.

Eden's Weddings!

Eden's was very happy to celebrate its first Eden's wedding when Rob Greenow and Abigail Ding got married in beautiful sunshine on Saturday 5th June in Cambridge! Rob has been coming to Eden's since he was a young teenager and went on to become a committed volunteer and a gap year student with us. He was still volunteering with us right up to the month before his wedding. Abigail and Rob met when Rob was working for Eden's on our promotional stand at Soul Survivor, and following on from that Abigail came to do our gap year scheme and stayed on for a second year. We wish them all the best in their new home in Rhyl, Wales.

But that is not all! Andy Beard and Sarah Hunt, who have both been involved with Eden's since they were teenagers, are getting married on Saturday 24th July! Both Andy and Sarah came regularly to Eden's events as teenagers and began volunteering as soon as they could. They then carried on to join the Eden's gap year scheme. Andy has now moved to Cambridge to work as a Youthworker. Sarah was always very involved in the music side of Eden's and is now at West Suffolk College studying a Music National Diploma. We wish them all the best for their big day!



Football

The Football season is over for this year and it was another tough year for the Eden's team as they finished bottom of the league. The young people continue to enjoy coming to practice their skills by playing against other teams which all have a majority of adult players, compared to Eden's who have a majority of teenage players. The morale of the team remains high and they look forward to another season kicking off after the summer. Eden's football team is open to anyone of Upper school age and it is not necessary to be a regular attendee of other Eden's events. So contact the office if you are interested.

*Scoffs (free)
@ Eden's
Sat 20th March
6:30-7:30pm
(before cafebar)*



*Free Pizza &
Pudding. Italian
themed event
with a short
Christian Talk*



Scoffs goes Italian

On Saturday 20th March our termly Scoffs event was held in the basement as usual and it took on an Italian theme. We had Giuseppe Longo and Jonathan Gilmore from Italian Ministries who came and gave a short Christian talk which Jonathan interpreted for Giuseppe. Giuseppe also sang a song he had written. The young people enjoyed hearing what they had to say and the meal of pizza and tiramisu!

Jazz Bullen Gig

On Friday 30th April Jazz Bullen came and performed in Eden's basement. He was mid Suffolk singer/songwriter of the year last year and wanted more opportunities to play live. He did an extremely good set and the young people were really impressed with his music.



GCUS Charities week and Problem Solving week

Great Cornard Upper School (GCUS) nominated Eden's as its local charity to support for this year's charity week, which meant Eden's received one third of the money they managed to raise during the specified week. They did extremely well and the money they raised enabled us to give the front windows of the building a much needed face-lift. The windows had a new coat of paint, the over-bearing shutters were removed and instead we have vinyl prints on the window which inform passers-by of what we do, whilst still allowing light into the building. We were also able to purchase a large digital screen which gives a continuous slideshow of pictures of our recent events. Do pass by and have a look for yourself.

Great Cornard Upper School also hold a problem solving week where a group of Year 12 students volunteer their services in the local community. We were pleased to be offered one of these teams to re-decorate our basement area and tidy the garden. The team of 5 girls came in and worked really hard for a number of days re-painting the basement and tidying the garden and the finished results were fantastic! Our thanks go to Holly Millard who was instrumental in Eden's receiving support on both the problem solving week and the Charities week at GCUS.

First Aid and Food Safety Training

We were very pleased to receive grants from the Suffolk Foundation and Sudbury Educational and Training Trust this term to enable us to put on a number of training events for our staff in Basic First Aid and a level 2 Certificate in Food safety. It is great to be able to offer this kind of training to our volunteers as a bonus to their volunteering experience with us. It also enables us to raise the standard of the level of service we offer to the young people of Sudbury. The Sudbury Educational and Training Trust have also bought uniforms for all our new volunteers and we will be purchasing some cash registers which they have also paid for.

Prayer Points

- Neil Holmes and his family – that God will provide for them financially and emotionally as they continue to cope with Neil's ill-health.
- The end of term Scoffs dinner night on Saturday 17th July. Pray for Vicky Leonard as she gives her testimony.
- For Eden's 4 Adults – that it would be a great event to end the academic year.
- For the Eden's staff and trustees as they have an away day on Friday 13th August to seek God for his guidance for the new academic year.
- For God to provide the finances we need to meet our budget deficit by our year-end of 30th Sept 2010.

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