

New provision for Mancetter's young people

For many years, apart from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, there has been little provision for children, teenagers and young people in the village. However, things are about to change.

Thanks to a partnership between the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, St Peters Church and Mancetter Village Community Association a youth club will be starting in the New Year for young people between 10 and 18 years of age. The club will meet weekly (night to be advised) at the Bracebridge Centre in St Peters and offer a wide range of activities promoting fun, friendship and issue based youth work.

The club will also be running a series of specialist activities such as a residential experience aboard the 'Dream Catcher' narrow boat and the 'First Gear' pre-learner driver course. The club will benefit from £2,000 of funds to buy capital equipment for the Bracebridge Centre, such as games, table tennis table etc and over £48,000 of revenue funding to employ qualified youth and community workers to run the facility and develop work with young people in the Mancetter area.

The partnership is grateful to the North Warwickshire LEADER fund which is European grant funding distributed by North Warwickshire Borough Council and DEFRA in association with the West Midlands Rural Development programme. The lead organisation; Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs have been working on this successful bid for over a year and would like to express thanks to the Reverend Anthony Tooby from St Peters and the North Warwickshire Borough Council for their fantastic support in helping to bring this vital resource for young people into Mancetter.

If you are a young person and want to register your interest as a member of the new club or are an adult willing to offer time as a volunteer to help the club establish itself and sustain its service to the local community, please contact:

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