

Introducing the RIVERSIDE YOUTH CENTRE.....

This is a community of young people - a place where they can relax in their leisure time; where they can learn something of "the world outside" and tackle some of the problems which face young people growing up in the 1960's. If young men and women of this new generation are to be given a chance to express themselves, the Centre must be alive to the needs of youth and sympathetic to their point of view. It must be quick to encourage, and eager at all times to introduce new activities - giving young people the opportunity of judgement, choice, and reflection on the value of each activity.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We are building up a lively and varied programme of events - noisy and quiet, serious and silly, big and small. Providing something of interest for every member. The teenager of the 1960's puts dancing high on the list. Dancing has been a major leisure-time occupation in this country for generations, and whether the dance is the Charleston, the Circassian Circle, or Rock 'n Roll is almost irrelevant...all are sociable, enjoyable and physically energetic. Games like table-tennis, draughts, billiards, snooker and darts all call for concentration and skill, and make for friendly competition between members and other youth clubs.

A good club helps young people to "look outward" and see what wants doing in the world around the Club. We are trying to assist by giving time, money and skill to play our part in meeting local and national needs.

Youth Centres are usually centres of conversation! Young people have always been critical of adult values and standards, and in the Club young people can test out opinions, discuss issues with friendly adults, and solve the problems of the world as young people have done for generations.

Visiting guests, filmshows and demonstrations all help to make a lively Club programme both enjoyable and instructive, but most fun is gained from running the organization and carrying out a special event. Learning the hard way by doing things and not just talking or thinking about them. Learning to grow up by facing criticism, and tackling the problems, breakdowns and upsets inside the Club.

WHAT DO WE PAY?

A 2/6d Signing-on Fee each year, and a subscription of 5/- a month or 1/6 a week. All subscriptions are collected and recorded by the Members Treasurers.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE CENTRE OPEN?

Monday and Thursday 7.30 to 10.30 are the big Club Nights of the week - Dancing, games, special feature-programme, and internal meetings. Tuesday is the meeting night for those concerned with maintaining the Centre, and is the "Ladies Only" night for Fashion, make-up, and hair-styling. Friday is for Table-Tennis matches, and a Training Session. Quite frequently there is a Members Only Dance on Saturday evenings, with teenage bands providing the music. A special session on Sunday evenings is being considered.

HOW DO WE KEEP GOING?

The members have a major part to play in raising funds to maintain the Centre, which costs approximately £15 a week to run. Subscriptions are not enough, and special events like the Christmas Fair (£65), today's event, and next Saturday's Rummage Sale (3p.m.) are necessary not only to keep going, but to begin to repay the loan made by the Borough Council at the inception of the Centre plan. This is a big challenge to our young people to show that they are not a spoon-fed generation, but one equal to the demands of responsible Club membership. The adult Management Committee, the Members' Committee and the professional leader of the Centre will all be encouraged by your support of these special events.

WHAT IS TO COME?

Rummage Sale next Saturday. Refugee Week-end in Feb.
A St.Valentine Dance. A fashion-show. Quiz contest. Canoe-building.
A holiday abroad.THAT'S RIVERSIDE. H.J.Marchant. Warden.