

Community and Wellbeing Committee

Aaron Webb – Youth and Community Engagement Update

- **Christmas Wonderland:** The plan is to stage 3 shows at hourly intervals, 5pm, 6pm and 7pm each lasting 8 minutes set to a festive soundtrack. The show will include laser beams, flame bursts, snow, and bubbles plus low level pyrotechnics from the rear of the site (these will be roman candle effects that make no noise but add to the spectacle) alongside a marquee with Christmas stalls. Date for this event Friday 6th December wonderland being held at St Marks.
- **Food cookery initiative:** Working with Wiltshire Police and Swindon Academy with children who are on the verge of exclusion from mainstream school. We have a new cohort of children taking part in the next course.
- **Sporting tot sessions:** I have agreed with Soccer Excellence to carry on running free sporting sessions for toddlers up until June these sessions run every Thursday from 09:30.
- **Disability sessions:** Again, another fully booked group on a Friday afternoon. Working with soccer excellence to add another weekly slot to increase participation.
- **Easter meal** The Kelly foundation and I are organised a free two course Easter meal. We advertised this to luncheon club members and users of the dementia café It sold out with over 45 guests.
- **Youth programmes:** Still on going with Wednesday night youth club, Friday football, detached sessions and easter half term provision all activities are ran across the parish.
- **People like me:** Myself and Louise attended the people like me conference. People like me is a project that would look to develop teams of locally based people in the community. I think that it would be a good idea if we could look to support this project by offering our community centres and officers to getting this off the ground?