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NDCYS NEWS

Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service Monthly Newsletter

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Saints Meadow - Luxury Retreat Cabins

In 2021 we build 6 beautiful cabins on in The Briars Grounds. This group of cabins have been named 'Saints' Meadow'. They are available for private holiday rentals. You can stay with us all year round, 3 of the pods are pet friendly too. For more information and to see inside the pods take a look at our website, or follow us on social media. www.saintsmeadow.com



Community Connecting

We need your help testing our new escape room! If you or a team would be interested, please contact hannah_brown@ndcys.com



GAP YEAR AT THE BRIARS

Spend a year working with amazing Young People, exploring faith, gaining countless skills and valuable experience.

Your confidence will grow through fun and rewarding work as well as the community you will become a part of.

- Live, work and grow with other young adults making memories that will last a lifetime!
- Gain confidence, skills and experience which will enhance your CV and help you stand out from the crowd!
- You will become a Volunteer Worker, receiving a bursary worth over £3000, plus meals & accommodation included!

- No previous experience necessary as we will provide you with full training and support

We are having an Open Evening

We would love to invite young people to come along to see what a gap year at the Briars is all about. It will be a relaxed evening where they can get more information, ask lots of questions, meet the Team, explore The Briars and eat plenty of pizza!

Friday 5th May 2023
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Book your space now!
<https://www.ndcys.com/gap-year-open-evening/>

BRAND NEW NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

WIN a half price stay at Saints' Meadow!

We want to get the word out there about our brand new newsletter so we will be sending virtual and physical copies to 100+ people, schools and parishes.

Post a picture of where you spot our printed newsletter and use the hashtag #NDCYSnews

We will draw 1 winner every term!

If you would like to be added to our virtual mailing list, please contact hannah_brown@ndcys.com



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Group Shout Out

Every Month we have lots of groups that join us. We would love to give this space to give them a massive shout out and thank them for choosing to come have fun with us!

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, York
Delisle, Loughborough
St Pauls, Leicester
Bishop Ullathome, Coventry
Cardinal Wiseman, Birmingham
The Trinity, Nottingham
The Becket, West Birdgeford
Our Lady & St Edwards, Notts
St Josephs, Market Harborough
St Josephs, Stoke

Special mentions to the 6th form group from Becket who came to us for a day trip. (see above image of them having a great time with the team building games) and also

L'Arche, Nottingham
Sherwood Methodist Family Group

Who hired our centre on a full board basis to host their own getaways.



Directors Digest

**Joe Farmer -
Interim Director**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our monthly

newsletter for The NDCYS. This is our opportunity to share with you some of the fantastic work that is happening for the young people of the Nottingham Diocese and to say thank you for your support over the years.

We have seen a few changes within the service this year, Tom Baptist finished as Director in September, moving to the OLOL Trust as Director of Chaplaincy, we wish him well and no doubt you will still see Tom around the Diocese. Since then, the Trustees have worked hard to recruit the right person to lead NDCYS on its next phase, as a result we welcome Erin Doughty to the charity in June this year. I'm sure you will be hearing from her soon and we all wish her the very best of luck. Erin brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience having worked for the Kenelm Trust in the Birmingham Diocese.

The volunteer team has worked tirelessly, as always, however this year there is only 3 of them! Peace, Beth and Annie have been amazing and will have earned their Easter break. On 3rd April they had the opportunity to meet other volunteers from different centres and have a retreat themselves. NDCYS would not exist without them and I'm sure you join with me in thanking them!

Fantastically, since our return after the pandemic we have seen a full calendar of retreats booked in, over 6000 young people being welcomed back. Thank you to the young people and teachers of our catholic schools for supporting the charity.

During the unforeseen closure NDCYS took the opportunity to vastly improve the accommodation for all guests. You can take a look yourselves on the website NDCYS.com. We are all very proud of the developments and are pleased to say that each group that comes through is wowed by the changes.

Quote of the Month

“LENT IS A TIME OF RENEWAL FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, FOR EACH COMMUNITY AND EVERY BELIEVER. ABOVE ALL IT IS A “TIME OF GRACE” (2 COR 6:2). GOD DOES NOT ASK OF US ANYTHING THAT HE HIMSELF HAS NOT FIRST GIVEN US. “WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST HAS LOVED US” (1 JN 4:19).”

POPE FRANCIS,
LENTEN MESSAGE 2015

Team Monthly Highlight

- We Were At Flame 2023

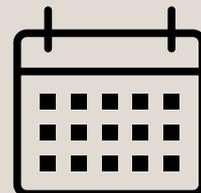
'Flame was an incredible opportunity to explore faith and be surrounded by young people from so many walks of life. There was something for everyone with opportunities for prayer, praise and worship and talks from many inspirational guest speakers. I particularly enjoyed being able to raise our voices together in worship with thousands of people and truly celebrate what it means to be a young catholic

-Peace - Volunteer team



Dates For Your Diary

Gap Year Open Evening
- Friday 5th May 2023
FUNdraising Day - 9th July 2023
Advent Retreat - December TBC
Next Newsletter - 16th May 2023



NEXT MONTH - FUN-DRAISER DAY, DETAILS ON OUR 50/50 CLUB,