

**TAPSTEERING GROUP MEETING
REPORT
12TH MARCH
Update on activities**

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Club Alamein – This has fallen in numbers slightly but I have planned to publicise with a generic poster. I will be putting it up around Andover and also asking Age Concern and Neighbour Care again, as well as Testway Housing, to help me by telling clients about the club.

Teapot- Has now moved to a Thursday morning 9.15–10.45. This has proved to be a very good move with approximately 12 mums coming and numerous children too. All of whom were engaged with activities and play as well as singing.

‘New’ Alamein Youth Group – This is proving to be a fantastic and in high demand commodity. Not only have I engaged with new young people but also with their parents. I feel that this is just going to flourish over the coming months. We are also very fortunate to be able to use all the Youth Services resources.

Half Term Activities – These went very well. We had a really good turnout for the play and picnic day and for the youth group. We have Activities planned for the two week Easter holidays. To involve the community I have taken on board all their ideas so there will now be something for every age, including mums and babies. We also have a Drumwork shop and a circus workshop, as well as another play and picnic day and lots of other Easter fun!

Community projects – A few mums have gotten together and have started their own coffee morning which seems to be doing ok, which is good. A local man and Musician, has decided to start up a drum club, to be held on Friday evenings at the hall. These ventures are so good because they have come from the community itself.

Links in the Community – We have linked up with AFL and with families in the community we have just produced and performed a pantomime called 'Cinderwelly'. The hall was packed with local people and people from farther away too. It was filled with laughter, and has given King Arthur's Hall a bit of a facelift as far as its usual bad press is concerned. We even had a local policeman on the door for us, real community spirit.

AOB – Health walks now run from the hall on a Thursday morning at 11.00am. Eileen Munday has also said that she would like to run some fun exercise through the summer. This will be on a tria basis and will hopefully be alongside some Aikido, Yoga and dance of some description.

Things to come - We are hoping to hold an information and Therapy day in the summer. And another Community day would be good. Also, I have done a lot of research into a music project for young people at risk of exclusion or worse. It is called Respect and I think it will be valuable to a few services. I hope this too will be running by the end of the summer.