

## Holiday adventures kick off thanks to Marlborough Area Board



Over 300 youngsters enjoyed a bonanza of organised activities over the summer holiday thanks to Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough area board.

The AYC annual summer event held in Aldbourne celebrating National Play Day kicked off on 1<sup>st</sup> August with an abundance of free activities for all ages entertaining visitors from as far away as Devizes! The cost of which was met by Aldbourne Youth Council's own fundraising efforts, £200 from Wiltshire Council Early Years team, £100 from Aldbourne Parish Council, a BBQ and raffle on the day, stall holders donating percentages of their profits and adult volunteers willing to give their time or equipment for free.

Activities on the day ranged from 5 a side football to cheerleading, pony riding,

fencing, archery, go karts, graffiti art and air rifle shooting. Wiltshire Council Early Years team organised toddler and art and craft stalls alongside Little Dragons pre-school manager Helen Pusey and special guest group 'Scott and Hannah' entertained the crowds with live music.



National Play Day was followed by a host of activities costing participants only £5pp thanks to Marlborough Area Board providing funding towards Marlborough Community Area youth activities organised by Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough Youth Centre.

AYC organised Paintball, Sailing, Skateboarding, Horse Riding, Canoeing and a BBQ party at Lydiard Park.

Horse riding at Loves Lane Riding Stables in Ramsbury consisted of a full half day learning how to look after

ponies and horses before having a go at riding. Sailing too was a full half day learning new skills at the Gloucester Outward Bound Centre, Ashton Keynes.



Approximately 60 Young people from the Marlborough Community Area enjoyed AYC organised activities this summer. All feedback was positive bar wanting the activities to go on for longer! We are also organising further adventures during October half term, again heavily subsidised thanks to MAB!

For only £5pp per activity you could enjoy football coaching, a day out to Adrenaline alley in Corby, Go Ape or due to popular demand paintballing at Combat Splat! We also need adult volunteers for these trips to go ahead, so if you are age 18+ we would very much welcome your help as an additional pair of hands! Looking ahead, we also need people to help with fundraising to subsidise 2013 activities so please do let us know if you would like to offer any kind of help. Activities are led by CRB checked adults.

Please visit [www.aldbourneyouthcouncil.co.uk](http://www.aldbourneyouthcouncil.co.uk) activities page for more details on activities and to download a booking form. Alternatively you can collect a booking form from Aldbourne CAN internet café located in the Square, Aldbourne or telephone Hazel Keen (AYC trustee) 07717194335 for further information. Special thanks to Ramsbury Flyer organisers for their help with transport and to the fantastic adult volunteers.