

# DURHAM ASSOCIATION BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2020



## Foreword

I think we all agree this has been a challenging year, but despite many events having been cancelled due to the pandemic, we have continued to source safe activities throughout this restrictive time .

Before lockdown in March, we managed to hold our 5-a-side football tournament, pool championships, brought in five well-being projects. We were also delighted to have four new clubs joining our membership.

Throughout this year we have also recognised the support and hard work of all the volunteers, staff and young people in our member clubs as well as the volunteer helpers and supporters who assist us at our events. We also recognise the amazing work everyone has done to sustain your clubs through this difficult year, we at DABGC would like to thank you all.

I've summarised our events over the year and DABGC are looking forward to 2021 being a successful and active year



## January 2020

Five Wellbeing projects started in DABGC member clubs which will now continue until July 2021 due to the pandemic.

On the 26th we kicked off our First Aid sessions at Durham Fire Station training department with 15 members

## February 2020

The second First Aid session of the year was again held at Durham Fire station on the 10th.

On the 27th we held the County Pool championships at Lambton Street Youth Centre. Competitors from Lambton Street and Throston Youth Project being worthy winners of the competition

Our Boys County 5-a-side Football tournament was held on the 29th with some excellent football played. Winners were Darlington Spraire Lads & Lasses (U12), Gateshead Redheugh (U14) and High Handenhold Fire Cadets (U16)

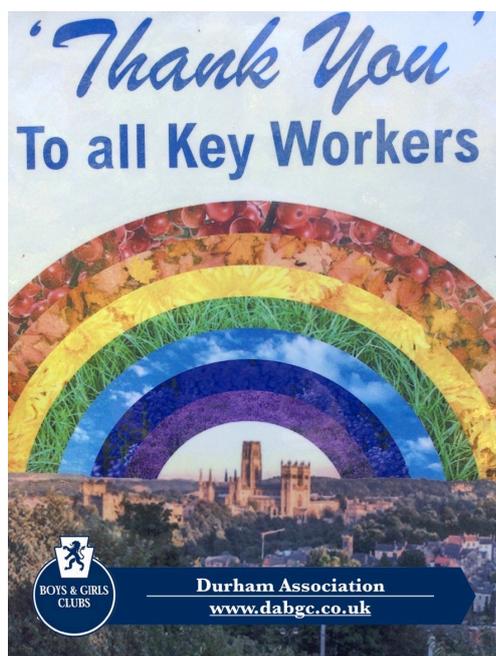
This month DABGC attended the World Federation of Youth Clubs conference in Florida as an affiliate of NABGC. We are now forming links internationally with the WFYC for future activities and funding



## **March 2020**

Football also dominated this month with the Girls 5-a-side football on the 1st at the Soccarena. Winners in both U12 and U16 were Boldon CA

The Association was also delighted to be invited to the installation service of the High Sheriff of County Durham at Durham Cathedral on the 15th March as one of his nominated charities. Sophie Miller of Lumley Ladies did a reading on behalf of the Association



During the lockdown months, DABGC continued to support our member clubs with guidance, advice and support, signposting many of our clubs too much needed funding.

Many of our member clubs remained open during the pandemic working tirelessly to provide much needed support for their members and local community.

Members contributed positively to their local community including Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Centre who provided craft packs for children and food parcels, D.J. Evans who provided a much needed food bank and Auckland Youth and Community Centre who supported families with packs to assist home schooling.

DABGC commended all clubs who have worked selflessly and tirelessly throughout these challenging times to provide much needed support to all young people and their families.

DABGC was recognised for their tireless dedicated work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, The High Sheriff of County Durham, our president Frank Nicholson and Sir Bob Murray CBE.

## **July 2020**

Groups of young people from DABGC member clubs experienced surfing at South Shields from July to September. This is a new activity that will prove popular on our 2021 programme for all our member clubs



### August 2020

On the 11th, a group of young people attended Weardale Activity Centre and had an enjoyable day participating in several outdoor activities.

As a new activity to the Association, we have further activity days scheduled on our programme of events for our clubs for 2021



### September 2020

On the 26th, 8 participants qualified in basic first aid on the third First Aid training course of the year.

Unfortunately our very popular Celebration of Youth Awards was cancelled due to the pandemic. This has now been rescheduled for 2021 at the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham

### December 2020

Due to our annual NABGC boxing having been cancelled, a safe alternative event was brought in by NABGC. 'Britains Fittest Teen' which will be held for all boxing clubs and all our other affiliated clubs to participate in. We are encouraging all clubs to participate. Application forms have been forwarded to all clubs.

### October 2020

We managed to squeeze in a fourth First Aid training session on the 10th October, again training 8 in a safe environment.

These are important events to our 'Save a Life' project.



Alan, Simon and Tina as well as the DABGC Trustees would like to wish all DABGC affiliated clubs, funders, our supporters, volunteers and young people as well as everyone who are involved with the Durham Association Boys and Girls Clubs a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021



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