



Pilots Report

We began the year with a farewell to Helen, and we would like to thank her especially for leading the Pilot company over the past years and also a thank you to Maria, who has recently moved away for all the help with the Deckhands group.

'I have really enjoyed working with Derriford Pilots Company over the past few years, and seeing all the Pilots and officers develop. I look forward to hearing about your successes in the future.' - Helen Nixon

A new era began with Daniel Brewer inducted as Pilot Captain along with Danny Jenkins as Executive Officer. We would both like to thank dedicated helpers Sue, Kelly, Rosie, Emma & Maria over this past year, and of course Pam who oversees the running of the group, giving us the valuable support needed. Numbers have stayed around the same but we have nonetheless welcomed some new Pilots.

We have met regularly on Tuesday evenings, and have had a variety of themes through the year, more recently we have been looking at the 12 disciples, Leading up to this we did some fundraising activity for Children in need and Christmas activities. We offer a meal at the end of Kabin Kidz that overlaps into the beginning of Deckhands, which works very well, so we would like to thank the kitchen staff for their help with this. Hanne and friends from Denmark also joined us for some activities which the children really enjoyed. This has been coupled with a range of activities such as craft, cooking, games, prayer times and developing skills. This year the Pilots have had a chance to try several new skills including dancing and team building. We also served at a meal to thank all of the cafe volunteers. None of the food ended up on laps so was a complete success!

This year we have held two sleepovers, One for Voyagers and Navigators and also for the Adventurers. These were full of fun activities including clay art for the Voyagers and Navigators, a trip to ten pin bowling for the Adventures due to bad weather (the planned trip to the ski slope was postponed).

We have just returned from a successful camping trip to Woodlands Leisure Park at Dartmouth. A total of 23 adults and children braved sun and rain under canvas. Our theme was "working together". The children made a Pilots banner and everyone contributed to the creation. This was accompanied by games, devotions and lots of fun in the park. Thank you to everyone who made this happen!!! It is hoped that we will be able to join nationally with Pilots next year for the rally.

We will finishing this year with a end of term bbq.

All in all it has been a successful year for Pilots, and we are looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead.

Dan Brewer (Pilot Captain)