

Winter Extravaganza - Get Your Tickets Now!

Tickets are available for our Winter Extravaganza on Saturday 4th February. This promises to be a wonderful evening in aid of fundraising for our very own premises.

You can enjoy a welcome glass of Prosecco whilst listening to live jazz, followed by a delicious 3 course meal in the setting of Saltford Golf Club. You will have the opportunity to bid for a range of exciting prizes in the auction, followed by a raffle, music and dancing. Ticket price is £40 per person (£10 deposit). To reserve your tickets now email fundraising@keynshammencap.org.uk or call the office 0117 986 5659. Payment is required in full by the first week of January 2017.

Keynsham Winter Festival



Thank you to all our supporters who got busy baking items for us or donated tombola prizes for our stall at Keynsham Winter Festival. The weather stayed dry and it was a busy evening, with

lots of people trying their luck or treating themselves to one of our delicious cakes.

The stall raised £330.

Also at the Winter Festival, local accountants firm Grafton Jones raffled a hamper full of goods at their branch in the high street and raised £81 for us.

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If you shop online please do it via www.giveasyoulive.com



You will find all the high street favourites are taking part, and *they're* donating a small % of what you spend. Please log on to www.giveasyoulive.com, follow the instructions to register your details and look for the charity you wish to support (Keynsham and District Mencap Society) then start your Christmas shopping. Every purchase you make will raise funds for us. It's so easy to do.

So far we've raised over £500 just from people shopping online! We've got a new target for 2017 and that's to double what we raised in 2016 and hit £1000 in donations. Please help us achieve that with your online Christmas (and January sales!) shopping.

2017 Calendars - On Sale Now!

We're excited to launch our new fundraising product, a 2017 wall calendar jam packed with photos of our members enjoying their favourite activities. The calendars are available from the office or your club leader now. They cost £7.99 each and each month has a different collage of fantastic photos from across the Society. They're sure to sell fast and will make a super Christmas present!



Support us this Christmas time!

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Monster Race

Staff from Fielden Clegg and Bradley Studio's, including our own SSC volunteer Steph, took part in the MONSTER RACE: Mud. A 5k course with 25 obstacles including monkey bars, water dunks, climbing walls, barbed wire crawls and the Bog of Eternal Stench! The team raised an amazing £865. Thanks to everyone that took part, it looked like a very challenging, but extremely fun event!



Thank You!

Mr and Mrs White for their donation of boxes of Mega Blocks for the children at KJ, and Tessa Hubbard for donating a basket of unwanted fancy dress items.

Lloyds Bank, who made a donation in lieu of volunteer hours undertaken by one of their staff, Graham Grout.

Ablefit Keynsham who made a donation for KJ Christmas activities.

Hungry Horse in Keynsham who were very welcoming and accommodating to the children from Super Saturday Club, who enjoyed their Christmas meal there.

The ex-members of Somerdale Youth Group attached to Fry's Club, who made a donation following their 60 year reunion.

Keynsham Lions who have paid for the coach hire for the Juniors trip to the pantomime in January.

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Laura Tarbard as the new club leader for Go Explore Club. Laura volunteered for Keynsham Juniors for 4 years before leaving to attend university and we look forward to welcoming her back to the Society once again.

Congratulations to Ceri, a volunteer at 18+ Club, who has been appointed as Deputy Leader.

Welcome to new volunteers Jemima and Katie.

Term Dates

Keynsham Juniors

There is no club on Tuesday 13th or Thursday 15th Dec, in lieu of the cinema trip on Monday 19th (see Nicola for details).

Club is then closed for Christmas, returning on Tuesday 3rd / Thursday 5th Jan.

Radstock Juniors

Club finishes 13th Dec. Back on 3rd Jan.

Super Saturday Club

Club finishes 17th Dec. Back on 7th Jan.

Go Explore Club

Club finishes 14th Dec. Back on 4th Jan.

Football Club

Club finishes 13th Dec. Back on 3rd Jan.

Fitness Club

Club finishes 12th Dec. Back on 9th Jan.

Please note there is no club on 2nd Jan due to the bank holiday.

Boccia Club

Club finishes 13th Dec. Back on 3rd Jan.

18+ Club

Club finishes 15th Dec. Back on 5th Jan.

New Minibus

We are very excited to have taken delivery of our brand new minibus!

The minibus was purchased thanks to a generous grant from the Depart for Transport. It is fully accessible with a tail lift at the back and removable seats for wheelchair users, and has fold out steps to make it easy to get on and off.

We can't wait to start taking our members out and about in it!



KJ Winter Fundraiser

KJ held a fundraising evening for parents, carers, friends and supporters recently. This year, club leader Nicola arranged for local musician Natt Davis to come and perform. The children had a great time dancing to his renditions of some well known tracks. There was also a cake sale, toy sale, some stalls and a raffle. The evening was well supported by club members and their families, thank you to everyone who came and for all the donations of cakes, toys and raffle prizes. The evening raised £236.55, which has been topped up by a donation to make £250 exactly.

Follow us on Social Media

Don't forget we are on Facebook (search for Keynsham Mencap) and on Twitter @keynsham_mencap. Like us or follow us to keep up to date with news and information, and hear from our members about what they've been doing. Every post like, comment or share helps us reach even more people too.



Volunteer Birthdays! December and January

Happy Birthday to...

Julia Evans - 3 Dec

Mikey Galaszia - 15 Dec

Nick Dewfall - 6 Jan

Debbie French - 12 Jan

Jade Galaszia - 26 Jan

Olivia Edwards - 27 Jan



Have a great day!

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