



Christmas Message from Chair

On behalf of the trustees, I should like to thank our office team, club leaders and deputies and all our volunteers for the effort, energy and commitment they have shown throughout the year. Our Society has gone from strength to strength and without them it just wouldn't be possible!

To our members, their families and carers – have a great Christmas break with lots of food, drink, presents and relaxation!

Best Wishes,
Lisa

Slapface and the Hoagies

Popular local bluegrass band Slapface and the Hoagies put on a gig for the Society on Friday 21st November. The event was a complete sell-out and a huge success, raising an amazing £1399.

The gig, which was held at Saltford Hall was a brilliant, fun and vibrant night of music, eating and dancing. Slapface even had some special guest singers - 18+ members Barry Hollyman and Jethro Payne who helped whip the crowd into a frenzy with their version of Johnny B. Goode.

Band members Chris, Tim, Clive and Dan are really generous with their time and we really appreciate their enthusiasm and giving up their Friday night in order to raise funds for Keynsham Mencap.



Christmas Meals

18+ Club members enjoyed a three course meal followed by karaoke and disco dancing at The New Inn in Farmborough on Friday night. The New Inn did a great job serving 60 of us and the food was delicious. After dinner members took part in karaoke and a disco. Thanks to everyone at the New Inn for a great night and to all the volunteers who helped on the evening.



Go Explore Club had their Christmas meal earlier in the month at the Talbot in Keynsham and the football team and supporters are having theirs there on the 16th.

Also on the 16th Radstock Juniors are heading to Jimmy Spices in Bath for their Christmas meal.

As well as Christmas meals, we've also got Christmas parties, discos, a visit to Santa's grotto and a trip to the pantomime coming up!

Keynsham Winter Festival

We took part in the recent Keynsham Winter Festival (formerly known as the Victorian Evening). We ran a tombola stall and raised £285. Thank you to Grace for helping on the night and to everyone that donated prizes.

Thank You!

Everyone that donated tombola prizes for the Keynsham Winter Festival

Everyone that donated to KJ and Sat Club fundraising events

TopLink envelopes for donating envelopes for our Christmas Card sale

Saltford Marina for their donations. They had a collection tin on their reception desk and sold old batteries for scrap, raising a total of £176.96

Peter Angliss for his donation

The New Inn at Farmborough for providing a great night of food, karaoke and disco dancing for our 18+ Christmas meal

Nina Gazzard who raised £20 through a cake sale at work for Keynsham Juniors Club

Fry's Club and Conference Centre for letting Keynsham Junior Club use their Christmas Grotto

Julie Franklin who has donated money to purchase the children an ice cream each at the pantomime

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to new volunteer Georgina at Keynsham Junior Club.

Club Fundraising

Both Keynsham Juniors and Super Saturday Clubs have held their own fundraising events recently that parents and carers were invited to attend. There were stalls selling homemade gifts and crafts, bric-a-brac, cakes and refreshments as well as a raffle. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped run the events and to all the parents for supporting them.

Keynsham Juniors raised £237.40 and Saturday Club raised £189.76. Both of the clubs will use the money raised to pay for special activities for the children in the coming year.

Christmas Card Sales

Thank you to everyone that has purchased Keynsham Mencap Christmas Cards. Sales have raised £420 for the Society.

We'll be sure to repeat this next year too so keep an eye out from November time!

Thanks to Kit Kettel and TopLink for donating the envelopes and to Taylor Bros for printing.

Congratulations!

We'd like to say congratulations to Catrin Cross from Radstock Club and her partner on the arrival of baby Henry, born Monday 17th Nov, weighing 7lb 5oz. Best wishes to you all.



Ben and Kristy Tyack, who both volunteer at 18+ Club are also expecting a baby - who could arrive any day now! Ben and Kristy will be taking a break from volunteering but hope to return in the summer. We'll announce the arrival in the next newsletter. Best wishes to you both.

Sainsbury's Store Opening

We were delighted to be invited along to the opening of the new Sainsbury's Local store in Keynsham on the 11th December. Sainsbury's chose us as one of their charities to benefit from a labour project undertaken by their building contractors Williams Southern. We had a custom made shelving unit designed and built in our storage room which has made a huge difference. We were delighted to be part of the store's opening celebrations.

Ink and Printer Cartridges

Don't forget we are collecting old and used ink and printer cartridges, so if you have any at home don't throw them away, hand them in to your club leader or drop them into the office.



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Volunteer Birthdays! December

Happy Birthday to...

Lucy Rapps - 1st December

Shawn Kendall - 2nd December (18)

Julia Evans - 3rd December

Mikey Galaszia - 15th December

Kerrie Dyer - 27th December (18)



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