

Happy New Year to all of our members, families, volunteers and supporters!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Race Night is Back!

Our first fundraising event of 2016 is the return of this popular event. Race Night will be taking place on Saturday 9th April at Saltford Hall. Doors open 7pm, races start at 8pm. There will be races shown on a big screen and guests will be invited to place bets on which horse they think will win. There are cash prizes for winners as well as an opportunity to 'buy' a horse at the start of the evening in an auction. Horse owners will also win a cash prize every time their horse wins a race. There will be a bar and raffle and snacks available to purchase. Entry is £5 and tickets must be booked/purchased in advance. Bets are £1 each. To purchase tickets please contact the office on 0117 9865659 or send an email to fundraising@keynshammencap.org.uk

Junior Members Trip to Pantomime

In December we took some of the junior members to the Bristol Hippodrome to see the pantomime of Snow White.

The children absolutely loved the show, which starred Warwick Davis, CBeebies presenter Andy Day and local pantomime favourite Andy Ford.

Thank you to Happy Days Charity who gave a generous donation towards the cost of the tickets and coach hire, and to all the volunteers who helped on the trip.



Dates For Your Diary 2016

Our fundraising events for the coming year:
Sat 9th April - Race Night. 7pm Saltford Hall.
Sun 18th Sept - Sponsored Bike Ride / Walk. 11am. Bitton to Bath Cycle Path.
Sat 8th Oct - Quiz Night. 7pm Saltford Hall
More details to follow, keep an eye out!

Situation Vacant - Fundraiser Wanted

We are looking for a new fundraiser to join our team. The role includes completing grant applications to secure funds for our work, arranging and managing our fundraising events throughout the year, developing corporate relationships, and looking after our PR and social media.

The position pays £10an hour, 15 hours a week, which will include some evenings and weekends when required.

You will need to be flexible in your availability, be a good communicator and possess excellent writing skills.

Applications can be made by sending a CV and covering letter to laura@keynshammencap.org.uk

Deadline for applications: Monday 8th February 2016

Marshals Needed

Our Football Team has been selected to receive funds from this year's Frenchay 10k road race. In order for us to receive the money we have to supply volunteers to help marshal at the event. The race takes place on Sunday 24th April 2016. Unfortunately the date clashes with the team's final in their league, and so the players and some of the coaches and volunteers are unavailable. Marshals are needed from 9am for a briefing, and will finish at approx. 12.30. Race HQ is based at UWE Campus, where there is parking available for race officials.

If you have a couple hours spare and can help us out, please get in touch.

Thank You!

Mrs Millar, who made and sold hand made knitted tree decorations and raised £33 for Radstock Juniors.

Nicola Hodges who painted beautiful Christmas cards consisting of a wreath made of toys, and her husband for sponsoring the printing. Sales of the cards raised £70 for Keynsham Juniors. Keynsham Old Time Dance Club who donated money raised at a dance event.

Diane Want who held a collection for her guests over the Christmas period.

Everyone who baked cakes and/or donated tombola prizes for our stall at the Keynsham Winter Festival. The event raised £383.80.

iTeam Solutions for purchasing all their Christmas Cards from us.

Mrs Maudlin for donating the knitted figures of Olympic athletes she had made, for the children at Keynsham Juniors to play with.

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to new volunteers Kirsty and Natasha at Saturday Club, Aly at Fitness Club, Lydia at 18+ Club, and Joe and Callum at RJ. Welcome to the team everyone!

Saturday Club Christmas Cafe

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends that attended Saturday Club's Christmas Café in December.

The children helped run the stalls and there were drinks, cakes and mince pies, hand made gifts and cards for sale and a giant raffle. The morning raised £271.99, which will be used for activities and equipment.



We're Recruiting Volunteers!

Do you know someone who might be interested in volunteer work? We are looking for people to join our volunteering team. We are particularly keen to find people to help at 18+ Club, although we have other vacancies available too.

Details can be found on our website, or anyone who is interested can contact Laura in the office for more information. No experience necessary, just a happy, jolly persona and plenty of enthusiasm!

Please pass this on to anyone you think might be interested and help us spread the word!



Unwanted Gifts Collection



Don't be disappointed if you received a Christmas gift you aren't going to use - donate it to us to use in our next raffle or tombola! Perhaps you were given a toiletry set you aren't too fond of, or you have a box of chocolates, tin of biscuits or bottle of something left over. We're collecting items that we can use as prizes at future fundraising events, so if you have anything you want to donate please bring it to the office (there is a collection box at the stop of the stairs), or alternatively hand it in to your club leader. It will help us out, and the item won't go to waste!

Raise money when you shop online!

If you haven't already signed up for **Give As You Live** then do it now! It's really easy and doesn't cost you a penny. Simply go to their website, register, and every time you shop online a red tool bar pops up to ask you to switch it on. We receive a percentage of whatever you spend, at no extra cost to you. The address is www.giveasyoulive.com



Bath Half Marathon Runners

Good luck to Vince Meredith and John Nicholson who are running the Bath Half Marathon on 13th March to raise money for Super Saturday Club. Best of luck to you both!



Volunteer Birthdays! January and February

Happy Birthday to...

Nick Dewfall - 6 Jan

Nick Milliner - 7 Jan (30)

Debbie French - 12 Jan

Mike Lander - 19 Jan

Nina Gray - 22 Jan

Kirsty Robertson - 24 Jan

Jade Ward - 26 Jan

Liv Edwards - 27 Jan

Corrie Bell - 3 Feb

Megan Godfrey - 4 Feb (18)

Charlie Phillips - 5 Feb (18)

Claire Shute - 10 Feb

Caroline Perrington - 14 Feb (50)

Ange Langam - 15 Feb (60)

Terry Jackson - 15 Feb

Hope you all have/had a lovely day!

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