

Race Night. Saturday 9th April.

Tickets Available Now!

Race Night will be taking place on Saturday 9th April at Saltford Hall. Doors open 7pm and 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 cash bar, raffle and snacks available to purchase.

Tickets are £5 and must be booked in advance. Bets are £1 each.

Please do come and support this event if you can. We really need your help to make this night successful and to raise lots of money for the Society. It really is lots of fun and a great night out.

To purchase tickets please contact the office on 0117 9865659 or send an email to fundraising@keynshammencap.org.uk

Mencap Jubilee!

This year, 2016, is the 50th anniversary since the Gateway Federation was set up. National Mencap, as well as lots of local groups, will be planning events to celebrate. The Jubilee takes place in June, during Learning Disability Week. The theme for LDW this year is Friendship and Relationships in recognition of all the friendships that people have made through their Mencap Gateway Clubs.

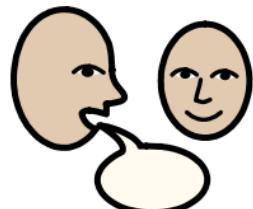


As part of the celebrations Mencap has asked local groups to organise a theme party. Groups from all over the UK have chosen a decade from the 60's to the present day. We have chosen the 90's, as we became officially affiliated to National Mencap in 1990. Our 90's party will take place at 18+ Club on Thursday 19th May. Mencap are going to visit and film the action. They are going to put together a film of all the local groups celebrating the different decades.



As well as the theme party we will also be hosting a big jubilee party on Sunday 12th June. Make a note in your diary and save the date! This is open to all our members, past and present, staff and volunteers as well as members from other local groups in the area. The details are still being finalised but we hope it will be a super event and that many of you will join us.

We would love to hear from our current members about their experiences of being involved in Mencap Gateway. Perhaps you have been coming for a long time, or maybe you have only just joined us! We'd love some quotes from you about what you enjoy about coming to club. What is the best thing about Mencap Gateway? What has been your favourite activity or event? Tell us your stories and memories.



We are also attempting to create a time line of significant events that have happened in the history of the Society. If you have been involved with the Society for a long time and could help us out please get in touch. We want to know about past clubs, projects, events - anything noteworthy that has happened that you can share will be great. If you have any photos or old newspaper clippings please do let us borrow them. (They will of course be returned).

If anyone is in touch with past members, or past employees or volunteers please do pass on the details and let them know they are welcome to join us for the jubilee party. We'd love to hear stories and memories from them prior to the event too!

Thank You!

Parents and carers who attended a café night at Radstock Juniors. The evening raised £47.95.
Parents and carers who attended the 18+ café night. The evening raised £254.30.

Laurence Beere for the donation to Radstock Juniors from a raffle held at work.

Niall Tomlins who is helping us out with the minibus maintenance.

Everyone who has been collecting the Airbus Community Awards coupons in the Bristol Post. We are in with a chance of winning a share of £10,000. Closing date is Weds 23rd March.

Volunteer Awards

In February we attended the Chairman of the Council's Community Awards where we had nominated some of our volunteers.

Kayleigh Graham and Georgia Clarke from Keynsham Juniors were nominated for Young Volunteer of the Year in recognition of their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to their role. We also nominated the 18+ Club volunteers for the Volunteer Team of the Year Award as a thank you to them for working so hard over the last few months. Sadly neither of our nominees won, but we would still like to take the opportunity to say thank you to them - and to all of volunteers - who are just simply incredible!



Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome a new fundraiser to the team in the office. Amanda Leonard joined us on the 8th March and will be working three mornings a week.

That does mean that we have said goodbye to Laura Butler who provided some temporary cover whilst we recruited someone. We wish her well.

Vince and John run the Bath Half

A huge thank you and well done to Vince Meredith and John Nicolson who ran the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday 13th March to raise money for our Super Saturday Club, which is attended by both of Vince's step sons Dean and Ben. Vince ran the 13 mile course in 1hr 45 and John in 2hr 30 and together they have raised £385.



Membership Renewal

A reminder that the membership renewal is due by **31st March**. If we don't receive it by this date you / your child will not be able to attend any clubs or activities until it is returned. We need both the membership fee and the form (signed on page 2). If you pay your fees by standing order we still need the completed form returned. Any queries please contact Laura in the office.

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



Volunteer Birthdays! March and April

Happy Birthday to...

Harri Hendy - 1 March (21)

Ceri Sanders - 6 March

Tracey Elliot - 25 March

Helen Bridges - 25 March

Jean Batterbea - 8 April

Kat Luckhurst - 10 April

Amelia Graham - 11 April (16)

Mac McDowall - 17 April

Stuart Barry - 19 April

Laury Dorling - 19 April

Dean Cole - 20 April

Mel Beaven - 20 April

Julian Cole - 21 April

April Siva - 22 April

Niall Tomlins - 25 April

Hope you all have a lovely day!

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