

Annual General Meeting

**This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 19th June
St Dunstan's Church Hall in Keynsham at 7.30pm**

Please come along to our Annual General Meeting on 19th June. It will be a chance to hear what has happened to the Society during the last year and also some of our plans for the future. The meeting is a chance for you to give your feedback about the Society and the activities and opportunities it has provided for members and their families.

We will be discussing some changes to our constitution – the details of which will be available on the night. We also will be electing our Trustees and Officers for the forthcoming year and also be discussing our Members' Ambassador's Committee. Committee Members for the forthcoming year will be elected on the night. Nominations for these must be received prior to the AGM.

If you would like to be nominated please email your name and the position you're interested in to laura@keynshammencap.org.uk to request a nomination form. Nominations must be received no later than Friday 13th June 2014. A vote will then take place on the night.

Lisa O'Brien - Chair of Trustees

Football Club are League Winners!

The Society's football players are celebrating after winning Division 2 of the disability football league. The team play in the Somerset FA Ability Counts League and play against other disability football teams across the South West. The team had their final 4 matches at the fixture on 27th April at Strode College, winning 3 of their games to be crowned champions. The players were awarded a cup and medals during a presentation following the final match. The team are already starting to think about next year's league and are planning on entering two teams when it starts again in September. Meanwhile the team will continue their weekly training sessions and have planned some friendly matches for the summer. Only a few weeks ago the team were awarded the Contribution to Inclusive Sports at the BANES Chair Sports Awards in recognition of the hard work the team have put in to making their club a success. Well done everyone!



Hilton Ball. 10th May 2014

We were delighted to have over 80 guests attend this superb event at the Hilton Hotel in Bath. Guests enjoyed welcome drinks before being seated for a 4 course meal, followed by a disco. There was a raffle and auction on the night with some great prizes, including hotel stays, theatre tokens, meal vouchers and a hot air balloon flight. The total amount raised is yet to be finalised although it looks as though the night raised just over £4,000.

Thank you to everyone that attended the event and to our 18+ members Jon and Andrew who helped call the raffle.

National Learning Disability Week 16 - 22 June 2014

Everyone remembers special milestones in their lives and this year the theme for Learning Disability Week is celebrating just that. Mencap want to show that people with a learning disability can have the same jaw-dropping, life-changing first experiences as anybody else. This Learning Disability Week, we're celebrating the people who have overcome adversity, prejudice and ignorance to experience their incredible firsts. We'll be hearing from people with learning disabilities about their first day at school, their first job, first love and first home. The stories will feature on our website and social media so keep an eye out for them. If you want to be part of the project and share your story please tell Laura or contact the Keynsham Mencap office.



New Boccia Club - Coming Soon!

We are delighted that we have now received a grant from Sport England to start our very own boccia club! The club will be launching in a few weeks time and members will be invited to sign up shortly. Nick, our fitness instructor has been trialling boccia at Fitness Club and it appears it is very popular. Boccia is played sitting down so is fully inclusive for all our members and great fun!



Thank You!

J & J King for their donation to the Hilton event
Everyone that helped to sell raffle tickets prior to the Hilton Ball

Nigel Young for his tombola donations
Westfield Council for their donation to allow us to purchase the Writing with Symbols software for Radstock Junior Club

Sophie Jeffries for nominating us as the Norton Hill School sixth form chosen charity.
Their fundraising events raised £250.

Everyone that donated unwanted clothes to Saturday Club. The items were sold to Cash For Clothes and made £29.50

Avon Valley Country Park who have put our collection boxes around the site during their summer season

Barry Hollyman who has made some more banners for our clubs and activities

Welcome! We welcome Kayleigh and Nina to KJ and Mel to 18+. Great to have you on board!

Kabin Rock

On 7th May we took a group to a Rock and Roll night hosted by Chippenham Gateway. There was a live band called Kabin Rock playing lots of great songs from the 50's and 60's and plenty of dancing. We'd like to thank Chippenham Gateway for inviting us and we can't wait to go again next year!



National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week takes place from the 1st - 7th June and is this year celebrating it's 30th year. Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of volunteering and a chance to celebrate and recognise volunteers for all that they do. We have over 90 volunteers within the Society that support our various projects. As our way of showing our appreciation and saying thank you to them we have invited them all to a BBQ Garden Party on Sunday 1st June.



Direct Debit Big Break for Charity

We won £100 as one of the runners up in April. The winners were based on the numbers of votes received so thank you to everyone that took the time to vote.

Waitrose

We have been chosen as one of June's Community Matters groups for the Waitrose store in Keynsham. Customers receive a token every time they shop and can put it into the box of their preferred charity. At the end of the month the 3 charities receive a share of £1,000 which is split depending on the percentage of tokens received. So, during June, please pop along to Waitrose as often as you can and vote for us! As an added incentive to pop in, if you sign up for their loyalty card you can get a free tea or coffee in the café - everyday!

Waitrose Community Matters

We support good causes.
You decide who gets what.



In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear that one of our members, Paul Martin sadly passed away on the 20th April. Paul had been a member of Fitness Club since it launched in 2012, and just a few months ago had joined 18+ Club, where he was enjoying making new friends. Paul's funeral took place on 22nd May. Paul will be greatly missed by many and we send our love and thoughts to his family.



We now have a printer cartridge and mobile phone recycling box in the office which Harley Owners Group have kindly organised for us to help raise funds through recycling. If you have any old ink cartridges, toner or old phones then please drop them in the office. Thank you



Volunteer Birthdays! May

Happy Birthday to...

Vince Meredith - 2 May

Rob Cook - 6 May

Bryce Martin - 6 May (21)

Tracey Burton - 7 May

Jack Warren - 11 May

Helen Moore - 12 May

Neil Poole - 14 May

Kim Cole - 16 May

Stella Dowsett - 17 May

Phil Bawdon - 21 May (65)

Toby Kempster - 22 May

Hazel Key - 24 May (40)

Clare Smith - 28 May

Georgia Clarke - 31 May



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