

Mencap Jubilee Party!

This year is National Mencap's 50th anniversary since the Gateway Federation was set up and the first Gateway Leisure Clubs were launched. To celebrate, different Mencap groups across the country are arranging events to celebrate, including us!




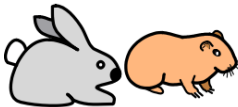




We are hosting a giant party at **Avon Valley Country Park on Sunday 12th June, from 5.30 – 7.30pm**. All of our members and their families are invited, as well as our staff and volunteers, and our supporters. We have also invited other local Mencap groups in the area from across Bath, Bristol and Wiltshire. We hope that many of you will join us for this event to celebrate the vital role Gateway Leisure Clubs play in supporting people with a learning disability to develop friendships and relationships.

We have sole use of Avon Valley, including the giant play barn and outdoor play areas. We have also arranged for a pets corner, tractor rides, and music and dancing. There will be a BBQ too.

We hope to see many of you there for what will hopefully be a fantastic event. There is no charge to attend, but there will be collection buckets who anyone who wishes to make a donation.

It would help us greatly if you could indicate whether you will be coming and how many are in your group so that we can ensure we have health and safety provision in place for such a large event, and most importantly so we know how many hot dogs we need!

If you have any queries about this event please get in touch.

		
Music and Disco	Pet's Corner	Tractor Rides
		
Soft Play Barn	Outdoor Play Area	BBQ

Airbus Community Awards with the Bristol Post

A massive thank you to all of you who took the time and effort to buy copies of the Bristol Post and collected the coupons for us to win a cash prize in the Airbus Community Awards. We are pleased to say we were one of the runners up and won £500! Our Chairperson Lisa and Fundraiser Amanda attended a special awards ceremony at Airbus in Filton to collect our prize. We were up against some stiff competition from much larger groups, but we won due to all your support so **THANK YOU!**



Thank You!

Katherine Ford, member of 18+, who baked cakes and sold them at club and raised £5.40.
Lodge of True Friendship for the donation of proceeds raised at a recent ladies night.
St Keyna Lodge for their donation, presented at 18+ Club.
Saltford Marina for their donation.
Nick Look for his donation for winning a slimming competition with his family!
QBE Foundation for their donation.
Everyone who voted for us in the Airbus Community Awards.

Boccia Club Plays First Match



Our Boccia Club members welcomed players from Leonard Cheshire Greenhill House on 5th April for a few friendly games. The players played brilliantly throughout the evening - they won some and lost some, but the overall winner for the evening was Greenhill House. We're all looking forward to a rematch soon!

Wiltshire Mencap Gateway Party

On the 19th April, 18+ Club Members attended a party hosted by Wiltshire Mencap. The evening consisted of a disco, dancing, games, competitions and entertainment. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed meeting people from different Mencap groups. The event was organised and hosted by Wentrow Media Ltd, and our thanks go to them and Wiltshire Mencap for inviting us all.



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...

Vince Meredith - 2 May

Rob Cook - 6 May

Tracey Burton - 7 May

Daniel Gregory - 9 May (18)

Helen Clark - 12 May (30)

Aly McDowall - 13 May

Neil Poole - 14 May

Kim Cole - 16 May

Stella Dowsett - 17 May

Hannah Muffet - 21 May (16)

Philip Bawdon - 21 May

Toby Kempster 22 May

Hazel Key - 24 May

Clare Smith - 28 May

Georgia Clarke - 31 May

Hannah Piper - 4 June

Callum Maggs - 27 June

Hope you all have a lovely day!

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome Adam to 18+ and Sophie to fitness club. We also welcome back Janet to fitness club after a short break.

Goodbye Barbara

We'd like to pay tribute to Barbara Shaw who attended our 18+ Club. Barbara sadly passed away in January and is greatly missed by everyone at club. Barbara was everyone's friend, bubbly, full of joy and laughter and we were all sad to hear of her passing. Our love goes to her family and those that were close to her.



Race Night

Thank you to those that attended our Race Night in March. A great night was had by those that were there with some people even leaving with a profit! The evening made £500 for the Society.

Frenchay 10k Road Race

The Frenchay 10k takes place each year and raises money for two local charities that have been nominated by the race committee. This year we were one of the chosen charities and our volunteers and supporters were there on the day to help marshal the event. We don't know yet how much was raised but we will update soon. In the meantime thank you to all 22 of our volunteers that helped at the event.

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