



Music Man Project

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 7th December. 7:30pm.

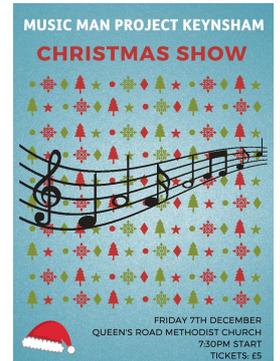
Queen's Road Methodist Church BS31 2NN

Join us for an evening of festive entertainment, put on by the members of our Music Man Project. This will be their first ever formal performance, featuring songs, music, Christmas carols and special performances.

There will be a variety of refreshments available to purchase, plus a raffle.

Please do show your support to our wonderful musicians. The money raised will go towards a very special trip where they will be joining other regional Music Man Projects for a performance at the famous Royal Albert Hall in April 2019.

Tickets are £5 and available from the office now.



## Cake Sale and Tombola Donations Wanted

We will have our annual cake sale and tombola stall at the Keynsham Winter Festival on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able to donate baked goods or tombola prizes please bring them to the office by the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Any willing volunteers who would like to brave the cold and help out on the night, please let Amanda know.



## Big Tea Party

Come along to our Big Tea Party on Saturday 1st December at the Fear Hall 1:30 - 3:30pm. Members will be serving teas and coffees and we will have a selection of delicious cakes. There will be the chance to buy Christmas cards and hand-made Christmas decorations.

Come along with your friends for a chance to catch up whilst raising money for the Society.



## Christmas Cards Available Now

We have packs of Christmas cards for sale that have been designed by our members. They are available in packs of 10, all with a different and individual design for £5 a pack. Please contact Amanda in office if you wish to make a purchase.



Thank you to all the members that submitted a design, and to Kit from TopLink for the donation of envelopes.

## 10 Years of Super Saturday Club

Super Saturday Club turned 10 this year and on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October we held a party to celebrate. Members and volunteers past and present were invited along and joined in with the celebrations with family and friends.

Everyone who attended enjoyed tea and yummy cakes and candy floss.

Music was played by DJ Dan who used to attend the club. Alongside the music, entertainment was provided by a close up magician and a children's entertainer who kept the party going with fun games.

Among our guests we had Grenville Jones from the well-known local Charity Goldies who came along to help us celebrate. Grenville fundraised for us back in 2013 to enable us to take the children to Disneyland Paris. We were also joined by session workers who have visited Super Saturday Club to deliver activities over the last 10 years.

We started Super Saturday Club in 2008 with the help a BBC Children In Need grant and have been fortunate to receive subsequent funding from them since. Therefore we were so excited to have a guest appearance from Pudsey himself. What a great way to celebrate.

Not only do we have thanks for the funders and supporters of our club but more importantly the people who actually make it happen, club leader Kim Cole and her team of dedicated staff and volunteers who we are so thankful to for the hard work and time they put into making the time spent at club so much fun.



## Thank You!

Bloss Family Foundation and Happy Days Charity for their donations towards the children's trip to the pantomime.

Niall Tomlins for sorting out the minibus maintenance and MOT/servicing.

## Quiz Night Update

On Saturday 11th November we held our annual quiz. 96 people across 18 teams attended on the night and battled for first place to get their hands on the winners hamper. Trustee Kit Kettel was our quiz master and he did a sterling job keeping the questions flowing. The questions were a mix of sport, film, music and royal trivia, something for everyone. We made 'Keynsham Mencap Quiz' history by raising over £950 on the night. It was a record attendance and a record amount raised. Our tribe of helpers kept the bar running and the drinks refilled. Huge thanks to Nicola, George, Hazel, Aly, Karen and Braeden. We had speeches from Ambassadors Jethro and Andrew. We were really pleased to see lots of members, trustees and staff attending the quiz and bringing their friends and family along. We also welcomed new friends and we hope we will see you again next time. We are in a time where the charity sector is heavily stretched, the competition growing and additional funding increasingly more difficult to obtain, therefore we find ourselves in even more of a position to rely on our community and our supporters. We are immensely grateful to those who attend our events, raise money for us, volunteer for us and help in any way they can, you keep us going. For that we thank you.

## Welcome!

Welcome to Katy and Georgine at Radstock Juniors. Welcome to the team!

## Uproar Nightclub

Our members enjoyed another night at Uproar at Komedia in Bath; a nightclub for people with learning disabilities.

There's a live DJ playing the top pop songs, party favourites and dance club classics with plenty of dancing from everyone.

Thank you to volunteers Niall, Ceri, Charlotte, Kath and Grace for helping on the night. It's always a brilliant night, we can't wait until the next one!



## Thank You Online Shoppers!

We are top of the leader board for Mencap local groups for the amount raised via Give As You Live. So far over £770 has been raised by online shoppers! If you shop online, please sign up to Give As You Live. It's free and major retailers are all part of the scheme. They will donate a percentage of every purchase to us - at no extra cost to you. As you can see it soon adds up! You can opt out of receiving marketing emails.

#	Charity	Raised
1	Keynsham & District Mencap Society	£777.37
2	Folkestone Hythe and District Mencap	£605.78
3	Mencap	£382.58
4	Reading Mencap	£370.34
5	Harpden Mencap	£318.42

## Go Team 'Keynsham Mencap'!

### Bath Half - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Calling all runners; your Society needs you!

Would you like to run a half marathon for us? It would be awesome if you could. For a reduced entry fee of just £20 per person and a pledge to raise a minimum £175, come and join our team. Please contact [amanda@keynshammencap.org.uk](mailto:amanda@keynshammencap.org.uk) by the end of December to register your interest. The Bath Half Marathon is the largest single day charity fundraising event in the south west region. Participating in the race will help to raise our profile and vital funds. What's more, we will even throw in a free Keynsham Mencap T shirt for you! You will have the support of your fellow team mates and a crowd of supporters will be waiting for you at the finish line with much needed refreshments and cheers. Training for a half marathon...what a perfect way to start the New Year!

# BATH HALF 2019

## Volunteer Birthdays! December

Happy birthday to...

Jake Jenner  
Julia Evans  
Mikey Galaszia  
Stanley Westgate



**Have a great day!**

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