



Keynsham

Music Man Project

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A huge well done to our musicians from the Music Man Project who put on a Christmas concert for friends and family on Friday 7th December. Supported by music leader Naomi and volunteer helper Holly the group performed a variety of original Music Man Project songs, some Christmas carols and there was a special performance from musician Josh, who together with Holly sang Ed Sheeran's Castle on the Hill. Since we launched in April the group have not only learnt 9 new Music Man Project songs but the musicians have also been learning to play instruments and sign along with the music. They have all done incredibly well and the concert was a wonderful showcase of all that they have achieved.

We were delighted to see over 80 people turn up on the night to watch the show, a mix of family, friends and supporters. The hall was packed full and the musicians enjoyed performing to a full audience. The audience members were encouraged to join in with actions and singing along and a great time was had by all.

The musicians have been invited to take part in a huge performance as part of the wider Music Man Project family and will be part of an incredible show at the Royal Albert Hall in April 2019. Over 200 people with learning disabilities, along with massed choirs and an orchestra will be performing in 'Music is Magic'. See our website for details.

The Christmas concert raised a whopping £557.65 which will go a long way towards travel and accommodation costs for the group to take part in this incredible event.

Thank you to everyone that came and supported on the night, we hope you all enjoyed the show.



Volunteer Molly Wins Keynsham Rotary 'Young Citizen of the Year' Award

Well done to our student volunteer Molly Hale who won the Keynsham Rotary 'Young Citizen of the Year' Award for 2018/19.

Molly was nominated for her volunteering and fundraising activities. Molly volunteers at two of our clubs, and in the summer organised a royal wedding fete to raise money for the Society.

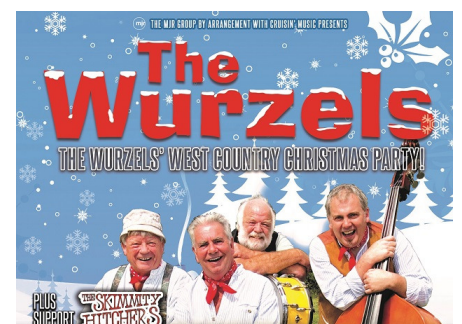
A true inspiration to the young people of Keynsham. Molly attended the Rotary meeting along with her mum and grandparents, and Amanda Leonard our fundraiser. They were treated to a meal and Molly accepted her award and spoke to the members of the Rotary club about why she enjoys volunteering. Well done Molly.



The Wurzels Christmas Party

We enjoyed a night out at Komedia in Bath where the Wurzels were playing their West Country Christmas Party. Members enjoyed singing along and dancing to all their well known songs such as I Am A Cider Drinker, Combine Harvester, Blackbird, and many more. It was a great show and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended. It was a great start to the festive season. Thanks to all our volunteer helpers who came along to help: Kath, Charlotte, Jemima, Katie and Olivia, who also threw a few great moves on the dance floor!

We wanted to say thanks also to the staff at Komedia for being so accommodating and helpful with our group.



Thank You!

Starlight Singers for their donation.
Keynsham Good Afternoon Choir who held a Christmas Concert on 12th December with a retiring collection for our Music Man Project.
Isabella Stefanutti for her donation towards the Music Man Project.
Sheila for her donation of books and bric a brac for our Christmas fundraising events.
Everyone who baked cakes and donated tombola prizes.
Luke and Nathan, plus all the people that helped behind the scenes at the Music Man Project Christmas Concert.

Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who donated tombola items and baked cakes for our stall at the Keynsham Winter Festival and for our Mencap Big Tea Party at the Fear Hall on Friday 30th Nov and Saturday 1st Dec. We made £365 at the festival, and thank you to Hazel, Nicola, Georgia and Lisa for braving the rain and helping on the stall. This year we had our usual cake sale and two tombolas; one for adults and one for children, which proved to be very popular. We then raised a further £74 at the Mencap Big Tea Party at the Fear Hall on the Saturday, where we also sold Christmas cards designed by our members and handmade Christmas decorations. A great way to start the festive season. Suzie did a great job helping to serve teas and coffees. We had a few left over cakes that one of our deputy leaders Hazel took in to work and raised a further £30 in donations. Thank you Hazel. All of the money raised will go towards next year's activity programmes.



Welcome!

Welcome to Starla, and Julie and Jacqui who will be joining us in the new year.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our incredible club leaders and volunteers for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm over the last year. We have over 100 volunteers helping across all 10 of our clubs and we simply couldn't do what we do without them.

A huge thank you to the staff, volunteers, family and friends for attending and helping with the fundraising events this year. They have all been really successful and its thanks to your kind generosity in so many ways.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Laura Jefferies - Operation's Manager
Amanda Leonard - Fundraiser



Term Dates

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2019. Clubs will be back as follows:
Music Man Project - Saturday 5th January
Fitness for All - Monday 7th January
Football - Tuesday 8th January
Radstock - Tuesday 8th January
SENsations Under 11 - Tuesday 8th January
Boccia - Wednesday 9th January
Go Explore - Wednesday 9th January
SENsations Over 11 - Thursday 10th January
Club25 - Thursday 10th January
Super Saturday Club - Saturday 12th January

Go Team 'Keynsham Mencap'!

Bath Half - Sunday 17th March 2019

There's still time to register for the Bath Half. Would you like to run a half marathon for us? For a reduced entry fee of just £20 per person and a pledge to raise £175 minimum why not come and join our team. We've extended the registration window until mid January 2019. Please contact amanda@keynshammencap.org.uk by the end of December to register your interest.

BATH HALF 2019

Volunteer Birthdays! January

Happy birthday to...

Nick Dewfall
Mike Lander
Georgina Stallard
Frankie Payne
Jade Galaszia
Olivia Edwards



Have a great day!

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