

Dinner and Auction Saturday 9th March, Saltford Golf Club

Plans are well underway for this year's fundraising dinner and auction, once again taking place at Saltford Golf Club. Attendees will enjoy welcome drinks, a three course dinner with wine, a guest speaker, an auction with some fantastic prizes, followed by music and dancing. There are still some tickets available for this event, which is raising money for our Buildings Appeal. We have raised £94,000 so far, and really want to hit our goal of achieving the £100,000 mark before the end of this financial year.

Tickets are £45 per person. Contact Amanda in the office if you would like to book.

Running up to the event we will have **raffle tickets on sale** via the office and at our clubs. The tickets are £1 each / £5 book. Stubs and payment need to be returned to the office by Friday 8th March. The raffle will be drawn at the dinner and auction. Winners will be notified Monday 11th.

Raffle Prizes

*Tickets available from the office
or your club leader*

- *£100 cash
- *£50 cash
- *Luxury Hamper
- *Case of Wine
- *Lunch Voucher
- *Days Out

Auction Prizes

Available to bid for on the evening

- *3 course lunch at Somer Dining
- *2 day sailing experience
- *Dinner for 2 at the Bath's only Michelin star restaurant the Olive Tree
- *Overnight stay plus dinner at The Pig in Huntstrete
- *Two tickets to a 2019 Bristol City fixture, plus signed football
- *Group tour for 4 of Farleigh House training facility with lunch
- *Day narrowboat hire for 10 people with training before you set off
- *Silver pendant from Watling's Silversmiths of Lacock
- *Personal dance lesson for 2 people
- *Gilbert rugby ball signed by Bath Rugby team.

Jason's Bearded Challenge!

Jason has been growing his beard for a year as a fundraising challenge. During this time he has dyed it various colours for different events throughout the year and decorated it at Christmas. This crazy challenge was to raise money for the Society, and he was asking as little as just £1 sponsorship from everyone.

After a whole year of not shaving, Jason has had his beard shaved. He was joined by some of the children and young people from our Radstock group who cheered him.

Special thanks to Diamond Barbers in Radstock for staying open late for us.

Well done Jason for another great challenge, this time raising over £1000 so far, with some more yet to come.



Vacancy for Club Leader

We have a vacancy for a fun and passionate club leader.

Do you have the skills and enthusiasm to run Club25 each week, or know someone that does?

Have a look on our website for more information and to download an application form. Please help us spread the word by sharing the advert on our social media pages.



Go Team 'Keynsham Mencap'!

Bath Half - Sunday 17th March 2019

Good luck to all our runners for the Bath Half - Danny, David, Joanne, Sam, Vince, Georgia, Alex, Corrie, Anf, Matt, Mark, Alice, and Thomas. They are all running the 13 mile course and raising money for the society. We will be supporting them on the day with members of our Music Man Project performing and cheering them on. We will position ourselves next to the McDonalds in Twerton and people are very welcome to come and join us to show support to the runners.

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Thank You!

Hazel Thompson and colleagues from Aviva who held a charity door collection at their office and raised £790.14

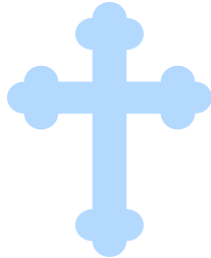
Midsomer Norton Judo Club who held a spare collection over 2 years and raised £76.63

Niall and Paul for their continued help with the minibuses.

Saltford Marina for their continued support.

Christening Donation

Nicola and Joe used to volunteer for us but left when their baby Jesse was born. They've kept in touch with us and just recently had Jesse christened. They asked their guests for donations in lieu of gifts and generous family and friends donated £340. This will be used for activities for the children in Keynsham where Nicola and Joe volunteered. Thank you!



Good Afternoon Choir Concert



The Keynsham and Wells Good Afternoon Choirs, run by Grenville Jones, are putting on a concert in May to raise money for the

children at Super Saturday Club. Grenville has been a long supporter of the Society and Super Saturday Club. In 2012/2013 he raised £20,000 for us to take the children to Disneyland in Paris. Just recently he supported us collection at a Christmas concert where the collection was donated to our Music Man Project.

This concert will take place at St John's Church in Keynsham at 7pm on Saturday 11th May. Entry is free with a retiring collection.



Membership Renewal

Please look out for a membership renewal coming to you soon. We need to make sure the information we have is correct and up to date. Please make sure you sign and return your form with your payment promptly. Thank you.



Welcome!

We are happy to welcome Bev to Club25 and Graham to Fitness for All. Both Bev and Graham have volunteered with us before and we are pleased to welcome them back.

We also welcome Jordan to Club25, Selvie to Super Saturday, and parent Jane as our new minute secretary for the trustees.

Goodbye Hazel Key

We are sad to say goodbye to Club25 Leader Hazel who will be leaving us at the end of Feb. Hazel has been running the club, which used to be called 18+, since 2012 and will be greatly missed by staff, volunteers and members alike. We wish Hazel all the best for the future.



Wear ODD socks and raise a little bit of money for us!

On Thursday 21st March, it's World Down Syndrome Day and people across the world will be wearing odd socks to raise awareness and show support. Why not encourage your friends, family and work colleagues to get involved and take part in this international event. Maybe host a coffee morning with friends, or run a best or worst socks competition at work and get everyone to donate just a £1? Send your photos in to us and we will post them on our facebook page. We've even set up a local giving page which we will promote on the day.

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/oddssocks/>



Look out for more events you can get involved in later in the year for Autism Awareness and Learning Disability Week too!

Volunteer Birthdays! March

Happy birthday to...

Ceri Lloyd
Jacqui Dallimore

Have a great day!



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