

Royal Albert Hall Success!

On Monday 15th April our Music Man Project group joined with other regional MMP groups to perform together at the Royal Albert Hall. Over 200 people with learning disabilities took to the stage to perform original songs and music, as well as new musical Music is Magic in Space. The performance ended with some Last Night of the Proms that saw the audience of over 3,000 people on their feet joining in and waving their Union Jack flags.



The evening was truly spectacular and such an incredible achievement for our musicians. Our Music Man Project has only been running for a year - in fact the Albert Hall concert was exactly one year and one day after we launched! The musicians worked really hard and attended extra rehearsals in preparation for the concert and should all be really proud of themselves. You did it!



This would not have been possible without our music leader Naomi Tarrant, and assistant Holly Rawlings who put so much work in behind the scenes to make it happen.

A huge thanks also to Kristy and Kath who accompanied the musicians on the trip, drove the minibuses, carried boxes of drums back and forth and helped out at the hostel. We are collating photos of the night from the people that were there and we look forward to sharing these with you soon.



Family Fun Day - Tickets on Sale!

Keynsham Rugby Club. Saturday 15th June. 1pm - 5pm. £5 for adults / £1 for children.

Included in the ticket price is entry to the festival, live music from Vince Meredith's amazing band 'Hair of The Dog', our very own Music Man Project will perform songs from their Royal Albert Hall concert, DJ Barry and his disco, bouncy castle, face painting, train rides on Chuffy the Train and lawn games.

There will be a food available to purchase from the BBQ and the clubhouse bar will be open.

Please contact Amanda if you can spare a few hours to help out on the day or can donate any items for the tombola, raffle or cake sale.

We do need to get an idea of the number of people attending so please email amanda@keynshamencap.org.uk to reserve your tickets.

Bring your family and friends. We hope to see lots of you there!



Overwhelming Support for Minibus Appeal

Sadly one of our minibuses was vandalised recently, not for the first time, with tyres slashed, spare wheel stolen and paintwork damaged. Emma Clare who used to volunteer for the Society set up an online fundraising appeal and within 24 hours raised a fantastic £395 towards the cost of repairs. We have also had support from Bathwick Tyres Brislington, Independent Welding Services in Kingswood and Kit Kettel of Toplink. A huge thank you to all of our supporters and the Keynsham community who rallied around to help. We have found a temporary new home for the bus, thanks to Keynsham Cricket Club, but we are looking for somewhere more permanent in Keynsham that we can park it. If you might be able to help please do let us know.

Thank You!

Mr and Mrs Robinson from Plymouth who held a coffee morning and donated the proceeds to our buildings appeal.

Harlesden Masonic Lodge for their donation.

Howden Joinery for their donation, courtesy of MGM Waste Services who waived their fee in lieu of a donation to us.

Chromis Consulting who donated 2 new PC monitors for the office.

Charity Football Match Teams Wanted!

As part of Learning Disability Week 2019 we are organising a charity football match between Keynsham Mencap FC and local teams or groups. The football day will take place on Sunday 23rd June at Sir Bernard Lovell School from 10am.

We are looking for 5 a side teams to that wish to enter. Games will be 10 minutes each with all of the teams playing against the others. Why not get a group of your mates or work colleagues together to form a team and join in? Entry is £25 per team (£5 each).

There will be a BBQ and refreshments available to purchase as well as a raffle and children's games. Bring your family and friends along with you to cheer you on!

The theme of Learning Disability Week 2019 is Sport and Inclusion, so what better way to celebrate than with a charity football day that includes players with and without a learning disability all coming together.



Welcome!

Welcome to our new Club25 leader Philippa! Philippa will be visiting the club soon to meet the members and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Go Explore Club Share Ideas

Members from our Go Explore club, for young adults age 18-25, had an activity planning evening recently where they gave us feedback on the activities and shared ideas for things they would like to do. Some of the members stood up in front of the group to present their ideas. There were lots of great ideas put forward by the group and these will be incorporated in to future activity programmes.



Volunteer Vacancies!

We are looking for more volunteers to join our team and help us deliver activities for our members. We have a range of vacancies available, but we are particularly keen to recruit people for Super Saturday Club, SENSations and Go Explore. Please do help us spread the word by telling friends and family and by sharing our social media posts. More information about the clubs can be found on our website where you can also see what our current volunteers have to say. Anyone who is interested can contact Laura on laura@keynshammencap.org.uk for more information or to arrange a taster session.



Grenville Jones Choir Concerts

Good Afternoon Choir Concert. Saturday 11th May, St John's Church in Keynsham. 7:30pm.

The Keynsham and Wells Good Afternoon choirs are putting on a concert, and our Music Man Project group have been invited to perform. The concert is free entry with a retiring collection that will be donated to our MMP group. Thank you to choir member June Lewis, the parent of one of our musicians who put us forward.

The Bath Welcome Choir. Saturday 29th June, St Michaels Church, Broad Street, Bath. 7:30pm.

Grenville has been a long term supporter of our Super Saturday Club and this concert will launch an appeal to fund a special day out for the children. Tickets are £12 / Under 12's are £8. Call 01761 472468 to book your tickets. Alternatively SSC parents/carers can talk to Kim to arrange a group booking.



Volunteer Birthdays! May

Happy birthday to...

Vince Meredith
Naomi Tarrant
Tracey Burton
Neil Poole
Kim Cole
Stella Dowsett

Ffion John (30)
Madison Coombs (16)
Toby Kempster
Haylee Fynn
Richard Barter
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