



Keynsham Mencap Annual Dinner and Auction

Our 4th dinner and auction is on Saturday 21st March taking place at the Apex Hotel in Bath. There are still tickets available at £45 per person, which includes welcome drink, 3 course meal and table wine. It's guaranteed to be a great evening, a chance to dress up in your best outfit and enjoy great food and entertainment. There will be a live auction with a pair of great entertainers, followed by a disco. We've got a professional photographer and photo booth for the evening too.

If you can't make it you can still enter the raffle; tickets are now available to purchase £5 for a book of 5.

1st Prize £150, 2nd Prize £100, with luxury hamper worth £75 to be won!



Volunteer Opportunities

Our clubs need more volunteers! We are looking for more people that can help out at our clubs. We have a number of new members that are waiting to join.



Do you have a friend, family member or work colleague who might be interested? Invite them along in the new year for a taster session - no obligation to sign up; just come along, meet the team and the members and find out more.

We can offer an opportunity to gain experience for college or university courses and we have a limited number of Duke of Edinburgh positions available too. We welcome volunteers of all ages and no experience is necessary as there is lots of support and help always available.

Anyone who is interested can contact Laura on laura@keynshammencap.org.uk.

We have lots of different roles available.

Children:

Tuesday evening in Keynsham

Tuesday evening in Radstock

Thursday evening in Keynsham

Saturday morning in Bath

Adults:

Wednesday evening in Keynsham

Thursday evening in Keynsham

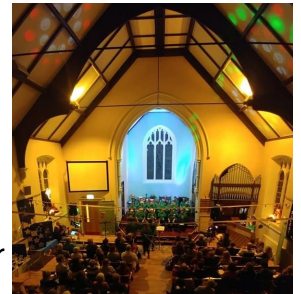
Monday evening in Keynsham (multi-sports)

Saturday morning in Keynsham (music).

Music Man Project Christmas Concert

Thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas concert in December. It was great to see such a crowd supporting the musicians, and even joining in with the carols and actions.

We already have a busy year ahead and the musicians are starting to learn all new material with a 'Broadway' theme.



Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to Grenville Jones and the **Keynsham Good Afternoon Choir** who have been supporting us and fundraising for us throughout 2019. Through concert ticket sales, retiring collections, raffles and selling refreshments the choir have raised a grand total of £2830.

Pantomime Trip

Children from across all of our Junior Clubs enjoyed an afternoon at Bristol Hippodrome on a trip to see the pantomime Dick Whittington. The show starred Shane Richie and was full of comedy and jokes and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

Thank you to Happy Days Charity for the donation towards the cost of the tickets.



Mencap Hoodies

Mencap Hoodies will be available from the 1st February, costing £20 each. If you would like to order one please contact us and let us know what size you require. They will take approx. 2 weeks to arrive from the time of order.



Thank You!

Shared Care South West for their donation.
Persimmon Homes for their donation towards the auction.
Homelets of Bath for their donation towards the auction.
Jonathon Foyle for donating the proceeds from a public appearance and talk.
AbleFit for donating a new tyre for our minibus.
Hazel Thompson who donated a new microwave to SENSations Club for cooking activities.
Diane Want for her collection from family and friends at a Christmas drinks evening.
Saltford Marina for their donation from customers.

Bath Half Fun Run

Registration is now open for the Family Fun Run, held on the same day as the Bath Half Marathon. It is open to entrants of **all ages and abilities**. There is a free t-shirt for every entrant plus a medal and goody bag to all finishers. The entry prices are £6.80 for a child under 16yrs and £10.80 for an adult. If you can raise £100 in sponsorship we will reimburse your entry fees.

BATH HALF 2020

PayPal Donations

In 2019 we received over £700 from PayPal. A huge thank you to all who have donated to us via Facebook, Ebay, Humble Bundle, Go Fund Me and PayPal; you know who you are! We can't thank individual donors as unfortunately we don't receive their personal details, but please know we are truly grateful for your support.



Online Shopping

You can still find some online bargains at the moment. Don't forget if you are shopping online you can shop through Amazon Smile or Give as You Live and raise extra money for us at the same time!



amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Volunteer Birthdays! Jan and Feb

Happy birthday to...

Sam Bennet	Corrie Bell
Laura Barber	Hannah Armstrong (18)
Georgie Stallard	Terry Jackson
Jade Galaszia	Charlotte Stenner (21)
Olivia Edwards	Gary West

Have a great day!

Welcome!

Welcome to Ann, Dan and Rich who will be joining us at Go Explore, Rebecca at SENS, Willow at Club25, and Sam at Fitness for All. Welcome to the team!

Co-op Community Fund

Are you a Co-op member? During 2020 Co-op members can choose us as their local cause to support. Every time a Co-Op member buys selected own-brand products and services, 1% of the money they spend will go to us. **So far we've made £189.72.** You will need to go to their website to choose us as your preferred charity. If you're not a Co-Op member, it is really easy to apply and it will only cost you a £1. Go to www.coop.co.uk/membership to register.



Fundraising in 2020

We will have our favourite fundraising events again this year, look out for the list of dates in the next newsletter.



However, maybe it's time to shake things up a bit and try something new! If you would like to offer any thoughts on fun ways to raise money please get in touch with our fundraiser Amanda; we welcome all new ideas.

Also we are on the hunt for corporate support. Does your workplace offer sponsorship to charities either financially or through volunteering? For more information on all our fundraising events and appeals, please call the office on 0117 986 5659 or check our website.



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