

Newsletter

June 2020

Vears

Update on Lockdown

As the government begins to implement their plan to ease lockdown, we unfortunately are not in a position to be able to reopen our clubs just yet. We will continue to offer virtual sessions and activities that can be done at home, and we are looking at what else we can implement whilst we are unable to run our usual club nights. As the government rules and guidance changes, we will be updating our website with easy read guides regarding social distancing, and 'bubbles' to help our members keep abreast of the changes.

100 Days of Lockdown

As we pass 100 days since lockdown was imposed, we would like to thank our team of club leaders and volunteers for pulling together, sharing ideas and resources and coming up with some innovative ways to maintain contact with our membership.

We'd like to say well done to our members too, who have embraced all the different technology and ways of communicating.

100 Days of Lockdown

- 850 activities sent out to members
- 54 socially distanced visits
- 44 Zoom meet ups with over 540 attending the sessions
- 1,500 phone calls

And much more yet to come!



80's Quiz Night

We held our 3rd online quiz on Friday 26th June and this time the theme was the 80's. We had questions about films, music, movie sound-tracks and gameshows from the decade. Congratulations to the winning team, led by Andrew Hemings. A huge thank you to all who took part, your generosity and support has been so encouraging for us during the pandemic.



Virtual Summer Fete

Our next event is a virtual summer fete on Saturday 11th July, from 12-2pm on our Facebook page. We couldn't hold our annual summer fun day this year so join us online for virtual stalls and games instead!

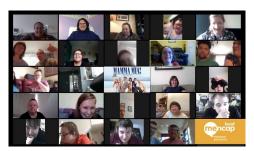
More details to follow.

Virtual Grease Sing Along!

On Wednesday 10th June we were due to take a group of 60 to Bristol Hippodrome to watch Mamma Mia. As we were unable to watch the show, we got everyone together on Zoom for a singalong to some of the songs. We had lots of fun, it was chaos, and hilarious, and not quite the same as watching the show live but lots of fun nonetheless!

We've since had a Grease Zoom session, with lots of Danny Zuko's and Pink Ladies and some great hand jiving! Wonder what musical we'll enjoy next time?





Thank You!

Andrew Marchant for putting us forward for a donation from his work place.

The Pickup Family for their donation.

All of our supporters who have donated via our Local Giving appeal, PayPal, or by BACS, and those that have shopped online using Give As You Live and Amazon Smile.

THANK YOU!

These are still uncertain times but we want to say once again a huge thank you to all our supporters, you have been amazing! So far you have



raised over £2000 from purchasing raffle tickets, attending our virtual quizzes, online events or taking on personal challenges, and we are so very grateful for it all. Our local giving appeal page is still live:

https://localgiving.org/appeal/COVID-19-support if you would like to help us.

Aviva Community Fund

We only have a few days left of the Aviva Community fund which joins forces with Crowd Funder UK and invites its employees to choose a deserving cause to support. £250,000 Aviva Community Fund money is distributed between its employees. We are asking our supporters to kick start this appeal with a donation towards our social club for adults 'Club25' and demonstrate to the Aviva employees that we are the cause to choose. The more we receive the better chance we will have of receiving a share of the £250,000. Click on the link to donate and pleased share. This money will go a long way to supporting our project when we are able to re-open

https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/club-25

July Volunteer Birthdays!

Georgia Meredith Lil Scott Shannon Hopkins Tony Yendle Vicki Howell Rosie McLain Georgine Hodson Kath Dawson Rachel Chubbuck Gaby Lott

Hope you all have a great day!



Garden Pub Crawl!

Tracey Harrison, whose son Henry attends 2 of our clubs, hosted a garden pub crawl night with her neighbours and raised



funds for us at the same time. The five neighbouring households opened up their gardens as pop up bars for groups of 5 people to visit with one host in each garden serving from their bar.

Thank you Tracey what a great way to raise funds, it's certainly something different and sounds like great fun!

We really do appreciate your support.



If you have an idea to raise money for us while having a fun time with friends and family please do get in touch as we'd love hear from you, and support you in your fundraising.

Painting Auction

Our office assistant Jane is an incredibly talented painter, and like most artists she has a collection of finished pieces taking up space in her home! She will be auctioning off some of her work to raise money for the Society. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website



throughout the week from Sunday 5th July, to see the different art pieces available and details on how to make a bid. Thank you very much Jane.

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