

MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND THANK YOU!

As another year draws to a close we'd like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all of supporters who have really gone above and beyond this year to show us so much love and support and we feel overwhelmed by the generosity and good will shown to us.

From our members and their families, our staff and volunteer team, local groups and businesses - thank you all so very much.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.



Music Man Project Christmas Concert

What a busy weekend the musicians from our Music Man Project have had!

Firstly, on Saturday 11th they joined local choir leader Grenville Jones and a number of his choirs for a Christmas concert, where they performed some of their recent favorites and closed the first half of the show. The musicians were delighted to be invited to take part and to perform alongside other choirs.



Then on the following day, the 12th, they had their own Christmas concert in Bath, performing a mix of pop songs, original MMP songs and carols. William played a solo of Away in a Manager on the piano, we had solo performances by Jack, Josh, Jethro and Abigail and all of the musicians took part in their favourite song to perform at this time of year - The Twelve Days of Christmas.

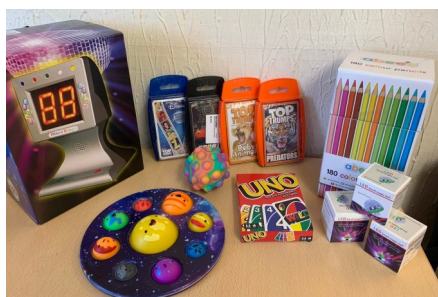


Thank you so much to our piano accompanist Anna, Emma on the clarinet, Louis on the sax, all of the helpers behind the scenes and David Twine for the use of the venue. And of course a huge thank you must go to our music leader Naomi for making the magic happen!

Christmas Wishes Appeal

We've received a number of items from our Amazon wish list so far - thank you to our supporters and anonymous shoppers! Items received so far will be delivered across 5 of our clubs for the members to enjoy.

If you'd like to purchase an item for our clubs as part of our Christmas Wishes Appeal you can see the wishlist at: www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DP8C76RI9GCB or scan the QR code to go straight there!



Join our Team!

We are looking for a new leader to run our Club25 group.

Club25 is our social group for adults; it runs on a Thursday evening in Keynsham.

We are looking for someone dynamic, creative, with a positive can-do attitude.

The role includes planning and delivering activities and overseeing the weekly club nights.

For more information, or to request a job description and application form please email laura@keynshammencap.org.uk.

Please note the office will be closed over the Christmas period. You can download a copy of the application form from our website.



Thank You!

Gregory's Estate Agents who raised money for us during the Keynsham Christmas fair, with a tombola and games.

Vicky and Molly for their Christmas fair, and to all the helpers and attendees; raising £630 for SENSations Club and activities in the new year. Saltford Community Association who have chosen us for their charity over the festive period and have so far raised over £500 with their concert, lighting of the Christmas Tree ceremony, and their Santa sleigh.

iTeam Solutions who gave a donation for Christmas cards.

Everyone who came to see us at the Keynsham Christmas fair and bought items from our stall.

Congratulations!

We're sending love and congratulations to Corrie Bell on the arrival of her little boy Alfie Thomas Bell. He arrived on 6th December weighing 8lb 11oz. Corrie will be taking a break from her role as Deputy at Super Saturday Club but will be back later on in 2022.



Keynsham Mencap Dinner and Auction 2022

This event is due to go ahead on Saturday 26th March, and we're looking forward to all getting dressed up and getting together at the Apex Hotel in Bath. There are still places available if you would like to attend; tickets are £45 per person. This includes drinks and 3 course meal. Tables of 10, although smaller parties welcome too. Contact Amanda for more information.

Christmas Tree Festival

We recently took part in the Keynsham Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church. Local community groups were invited to decorate a tree and they were all on display for the public to visit across the weekend.



We'd made baubles with symbols and pictures of the different clubs and activities we run, and all of the alternative activities we did during lockdown.

Thank you to Jane and daughter Olivia for decorating our tree. It looked great!

Farewell

At the end of the year we bode farewell to Club25 Leader Philippa.

We wish you lots of luck in your new ventures Philippa and thank you for all your hard work.

Club Return Dates

We're looking forward to welcoming you all back in the new year. The clubs will return on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th January

Football * Radstock * SENSations Under 11

Wednesday 5th January

Go Explore

Thursday 6th January

Club25 * SENSations Over 11

Saturday 8th January

Music Man Project * Super Saturday Club

Monday 10th January

Fitness for All

Wednesday 12th January

Boccia

Volunteer Vacancies

We've been thrilled to welcome so many new volunteers recently, but we are still looking for more people that can help out - particularly at our Fitness and Boccia clubs.

Fitness for All

Monday evening, 7:00-8:30pm

St John's Church

Boccia Club

Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:00pm

Wellsway School

The office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December through to Tuesday 4th January. We will not be contactable via email, phone, mobile phone or social media during this time.

We thank you for all your support this year, and look forward to lots more fun activities and experiences in the new year.

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