

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday July 15th at 7.30pm in the Carter Room at Fry's. It will be an opportunity to hear from the Committee about how we have got on over the last year and what we have achieved as well as making plans for the coming year. The first half hour will be a chance for people to meet the staff and committee members and have a chat before the meeting begins at 8. There will be bar facilities available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Vince Meredith Runs Bath Half

A huge well done and thank you to Vince Meredith, step-dad to Dean and Ben Cole, who ran the Bath Half Marathon to raise money for Radstock Juniors trip in the summer. Vince ran the 13 mile course in 1 hour and 47 minutes and managed to raise over £400 in sponsorship. Luckily it was a nice day and Vince had a team of supporters on the sideline to cheer him on. Well done Vince!



Music Festival

Keynsham Mencap will be holding a stall at the Keynsham Music Festival on Sunday 4th July. We will be doing face painting, childrens' games and raising awareness of what we do. We need supporters - members, family, friends or volunteers to help us on the day. Can you spare an hour to help run the stall? If you are able to help out please contact Pauline in the office to find out what time slots are available.

Millfield Day

All the children across the whole society have been invited to attend the Millfield Day. Millfield School in Street hold an annual open day for all of the Mencap groups across the South West. There will be lots of different activities to take part in such as sports, art and craft, drama, dance, film making to name a few. The day costs £5 **per family** which includes return coach travel (with pick ups from Keynsham, Bath and Radstock – full details to be confirmed) and a hot 3 course lunch. The day will be staffed by volunteers from across the Society but if you are able to attend and help out, please let us know. If you would like your child to attend, please send your payment to the office as soon as possible so that we can finalise the booking. If you would like more information/details about the day please contact Laura in the office.

Date for your Diary

Keynsham Lock Keeper are very kindly running another 'Lockstock' event to raise money for Keynsham Mencap Society. The event last year was a huge success, raising over £700 and this year it hopes to be bigger and better! The event will take place on Sunday 22nd August at the Lock Keeper pub from 12.00 noon onwards. There will live bands, BBQ and children's games and entertainment. Look out for updates in future newsletters.

18+ Name Change

We are thinking about changing the name of our 18+ Club. We want to call it something that sounds fun and exciting, and appeals to adults of all ages. If you have any good ideas or suggestions for a new name, please email them to the office. There will be a small prize if we choose your suggestion!

Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk

Following the success of this event last year, we will once again be holding a sponsored 25 mile bike ride or 5 mile walk along the scenic Bitton cycle path. The bike ride and walk will take place on Sunday 13th June, starting at The Bird in Hand pub in Saltford. The event is free to enter this year and there will be refreshments and a buffet available to everyone taking part. To take part simply contact the office to request your registration pack. The day promises to be lots of fun and we really hope you can make it.



Thank You!

Saltford Serenade Singing Group for their donation of £200

Hillier Garden Centre for their donation of compost and bedding plants for Mother's Day activities

Dominos Pizza in Midsomer Norton for their donation of pizza boxes for Saturday Club Pizza Making

Howie and Louise from Bath Community Police for visiting Saturday Club

Tracy Mehew who very kindly paid for a Children's Entertainer to come to Keynsham Juniors

Keynsham Lions for paying for a Circus Skills Workshop for Keynsham Juniors

Jean Meredith, who held a raffle and donated the money for Radstock to visit Pizza Hut

Welcome!

This month we welcome Lucy Rogers to 18+, Kelda Kellett, Lianne Sainsbury and Joe Brown to Keynsham Over 11's, Maddie Greatorex to Radstock Juniors and Jackson Hill and Paul James to Saturday Club. We are pleased to welcome Sue Paulley onto the Committee as our new Treasurer. Welcome to the team!

Farewell

This month we sadly say goodbye to Andrea. Andrea has been out Treasurer for many years and sadly left the Society due to other commitments.

We also sadly say goodbye to Sophia Faloori, our Deputy at KJ. Sophia left at the end of February to pursue her new career. Debbie Brockton, our Deputy from Saturday Club will also be leaving us. Debbie has been with Super Saturday Club since we started in October 2008 and is very sad to be leaving. We wish both Sophia and Debbie all the best

Staff Changes

Kim Cole has taken over as Leader at Super Saturday on a permanent basis. This month we also congratulate Stella Dowsett and Pam Aitchison on their promotion to Deputy at Saturday Club and Tracey Burton, one of our volunteers will be taking over as Project Assistant. Congratulations too to Laury Dorling for her promotion to Deputy at Keynsham Juniors. We wish them all luck in their new roles. Well done!

Congratulations Helen

Congratulations to Helen Beer on her new job. Helen started on 1st February at the Hive drop in centre in Kingswood for people with learning difficulties.

Helen will be making sure people sign in when they arrive and show their membership cards, take messages around the centre and answer phone calls. Best wishes Helen.

Stephanie Takes to the Road

Stephanie Lewington, one of our members from Super Saturday Club has started driving lessons. Stephanie turned 17 in December and received driving lessons as a gift. Stephanie will be practising in a large open space at first and then taking to the main roads. We wish her lots of luck and will let you know how she gets on.



Hannah attends Speech Workshop

Well done to Hannah McNicholl from 18+ who attended the McGuire Programme in March. The McGuire Programme is a 5 day programme to help people with stammers and stutters. Hannah had to stay on-site and has to wear a special belt to help her breathing. Hannah will be practising her speech in lots of different situations such as phone calls and public speaking. Hannah has made a great improvement already and we wish her lots of luck with her development.

Good luck to all our student volunteers who will be taking GCSE's and A Levels over the next couple of months. We wish you all the best.

We still have an Invitation Book left if anyone didn't get a chance to purchase one. The book is full of discount vouchers for local places and costs £22.99

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to...

Tabitha Eddleston - 2 March (18)

Liz Bailey - 24 March

Faye Ward - 1 April

James Stacey - 5 April

Jean Batterby - 8 April

William Peek - 10 April



Jackson Hill - 13 April

Laury Dorling - 19 April

Debbie Brockton - 21 April

Hope you all have a lovely day!

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