

Newsletter

December 2017



Welcome to our end of year newsletter. Happy Christmas Everyone!

Lottery

New! Our very own lottery. Cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25 to be won each month.

To take part please email administrator@oxfordmencap.org.uk with your name and mention the lottery. We'll email you with payment options for your £5 monthly subscription. Choose bank transfer or cheque for your winning payments. Good luck!



7 O'Clock Club



After a brief closure we are pleased to report on the reopening of the Bullingdon Community Centre and the 7 O'Clock club. It was greatly missed by its members and it is fantastic to have a place for friends to gather each week.

This year the Club Christmas party will be running on the 13th December, all food is kindly being donated by St Edwards School. Come along for music, games, dancing and fun.

Angie and Dave have had to take a few months leave – in the meantime the club is being heroically run by Dave Clack, Martin and Rosemary Hitch – a HUGE thank you to them. Please contact us if you can help out any evening.

A Big Sale!

One of the 7 o'clock Club volunteers, Rosemary, is running a Big Christmas Sale to raise money for Oxford Mencap and Sobell House. It will be on Saturday 9th December at Warwick Hall in Burford from 10am to 4pm. It's being held in a beautiful setting and is the perfect opportunity to get those last-minute Christmas presents. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Email Rosemary at rosiehitch@icloud.com



Quiz Night! Julia Fairburn will be hosting a quiz night Sat 17th March to raise funds for this year's Hill End holidays. Please contact her at fairburn1@gmail.com if you would like to take part. Tickets are £25 including dinner and tables will be made up of 8 people.

Mencap Carole Service, Barbican, London

On the 15th December Royal Mencap are running a Carol Service at the Barbican in London, please contact Katie Hollier at katie.hollier@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to go along. It promises to be a special night. We can meet people off the train from Oxford.



For more information visit www.oxfordmencap.org

Hill End Holidays

It was another memorable and fun year for those attending the Hill End holidays. Around 70 guests spent their weeks taking part in a variety of activities such as trips to farms, theme parks, the cinema, bowling, games, discos, BBQs and much more.

As always there were a hard-working group of volunteers keeping everyone entertained and getting into the camp spirit. These holidays really couldn't happen without the committed volunteers.

Each year Hill End becomes increasingly difficult to fund and despite our best efforts this year we fell short of obtaining sufficient funds. Therefore, we are having a huge fundraising drive to cover any shortfalls and to help us to prepare for Hill End 2018.

We would like to thank Jessamy McGregor for setting up a crowdfunding page to help us reach our goal of £8000. Donations can be made using the link below.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holidaycampsforthelearningdisabled

Alternatively donations can be made via bank transfer to: Oxford & District Mencap, sort code 54 21 23, account No. 08539278.

Gift Aid forms can be obtained from Sarah Rowley by emailing administrator@oxfordmencap.org.uk

Each Gift Aid form allows us to claim an extra 25% on top of the original donation and can really help make a difference. Huge thanks go to all who have already donated. Please spread the word as widely as you can.

Music is Magic

On Sunday 15th October the 7 O'clock Club and friends went on a trip to the London Palladium to see the award-winning show



Music is Magic. The performance involved musicians, including those with disabilities, coming together to put on an eclectic show in memory of the late Lord Rix.

A great night was had by all and a Guinness World Record for a concerto of over 1000 triangles was attempted!



To provide a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/oxfordmencap

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