

Newsletter

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New Clubs We have 2 new clubs about to start. Join our **Roaming Club** to go out in the community to play bowling, a trip to the cinema, or the pub for a quiz or karaoke night. If you enjoyed the Fish and Chip evening then you will enjoy this. It will be a monthly club and will cost £2 plus the cost of the activity. It will start on Tuesday 7th March. Put your name on the sheet on the notice board or call 01604 874710 as we will need to let you know where the first night out will be. The other is a **Cooking Club** this was due to start but we need more people to sign up. So if you would like to learn to cook some lovely meals please sign on the sheet on the noticeboard or call 01604 874710

Donations Northampton Mencap now has a Charity Checkout donation page where you can donate as little or as much as you would like, as often as you would like. This will help us continue to run clubs and trips for our members. If you feel like you are in a position to do this and you are a tax payer please don't forget to click the gift aid button as this means HMRC will add 25p to every £1 donation you make. You can reach this donation page either through our Donate button on our website or on our Facebook page. Thank you very much in advance, your help is greatly appreciated.

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Minibus At long last our new minibus has arrived. Many of you have already been picked up in it. It will be of great value for our day trips out when we can transport those of you in wheelchairs. It will take 5 wheelchairs so roll on to the summer!

Food Hamper We are collecting packets and tins of food to make into a food hamper. This will then be used as a raffle prize and you will be able to buy a ticket at your club to try to win it. Please bring donated items of food in by the end of March and hand them to your club leader. The raffle will be drawn Wednesday 12th April and you will be able to buy a ticket shortly.

Welcome!

Welcome to new volunteers Kate at Youth Club, Steph at Wednesday Club, and Daryl Monday club minibus driver
Welcome to the team!

Bag Packing Yes it's that time of the year when we ask for volunteers to help with bag packing over the Easter weekend at Morrisons Kettering Road. If you can spare an hour or 2 please let us know. If you help for a whole day then we will pay for your lunch! They say many hands make light work and it will also help our members have a great day out in the summer.

Clothing Collection We are once again collecting old clothes, shoes, boots, belts, handbags and soft toys to raise funds for our clubs and days out. Plastic bags will be available soon to fill and return to club. The date of the next collection is Monday 11th September so you have plenty of time to have a clear out but we are happy to take in full bags now.

Members Committee There is now a new members committee which will be meeting soon for the first time. If you have any suggestions or ideas about your club, like activities you would like to do or ways to improve the club then talk to your club representative. Your representatives are,
Monday Club – Gary Kuzian
Youth Club – Leanne Robinson
Wednesday Club – Jackie Coleman
Friday Club – Peter Bradshaw

The Chairperson is Georgina Grey and the Secretary is Peter Bradshaw and all club leaders will attend too.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th March Roaming Club to start
Friday 14th April Bag packing at Morrisons
Saturday 15th April Bag packing at Morrisons
Saturday 29th July Sports Day Delapre Abbey
(subject to permissions)

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