

KDSC (Kirklees Disabled Sports Club) Spring Newsletter 2022

Stay at home if you are unwell – whilst you are no longer legally required to self-isolate, to help keep others safe please try to stay home if you are unwell. (*Sensible information from Blackpool Council*)

Dates for your diary - KDSC will be **NOT** be open on the following nights: **Easter Monday** 18 April, **Early Spring Bank Holiday** Monday 2 May, **Summer Bank Holiday** Monday 29 August.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The current active committee is as follows:

Chairperson	Janet Brown
Vice Chairman	Peter Hazell
Secretary	Robert Dyson
Treasurer	Ashley Herbert
Membership Secretary	Sarah Gorton
Committee	Bert Neary, Andrew Dyson, Samantha Horncastle.

Swimming certificates are presented at the AGM, which this year is on Monday 9 May at 7.00pm in the cafe area at Huddersfield Leisure Centre, followed by the normal swimming session in the Training Pool. We are looking for younger members to join the committee. If you are interested see Robert.

This year we have a grant to help pay for the pool hire. If you can afford it we would still like a £1 per visit donation, but if your finances are tight don't worry and come down anyway.

We still need to charge occasional non-club members £2 on first visit.

What is happening on Monday night at Huddersfield Leisure Centre?

On arrival don't forget to give your name to Robert or Sarah in the cafe. Adventure Scouts as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme are helping to introduce new board games between 7pm and 8pm in the cafe area.

Swimming is from 8.00pm until 9.00pm in the training pool.

The Splash Park at Huddersfield Leisure Centre:

The first session at the Splash Park (**still to be confirmed**) is to take place on **Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.00pm until 8.00pm**, followed by the normal swim in the Training Pool.

The second session at the Splash Park is to take place on **Monday 20 June 2022 at 7.00pm until 8.00pm**, followed by the normal swim in the Training Pool.

Annual Trip 2022:

The KDSC annual trip is to Scarborough on Saturday 18 June 2022. If you are interested give your name to Peter Hazell. Book early! The cost is £15 – less if you have paid something already, but pay in full by the end of April. (*Peter*)

Doncaster Fun & Sports Day:

The event is on Saturday 6 August 2022. Some of the activities expected include Egg Flipping, Bean Bag throwing, Lawn Darts, Javelin and Shot Put, 5-a-side football and a host of other event including Splat the Rat. Some travel to Doncaster in their own transport.

If you wish to travel by coach book early and pay your £5 before the end of June. (*Bert*)

Learning Disability Week 20 June 2022:

Graham and I have been attending Kirklees Involvement Network meetings for quite a number of years. The aim of these meetings is to inform people with learning disability and their carers and keep up to date with what's going on in the community locally and nationally with changes to services, benefits etc.

During the last meeting in February the chair of the meeting was making plans for events to happen in Learning Disability Week 20 June 2022. It came to mind as we are looking for new members. I am pleased to say our committee took up my suggestion so we will be arranging a Splash Park event for 20 June. (*Robert*)

21+ Club the social side of KDSC

I would like to start by letting everyone know that I now have a job at the university. When Graham and I have been out and about we have found new disability toilets and changing places in Keighley, Leeds, Castleford, Shipley and Dewsbury. They have completely rebuilt the toilets at Keighley Bus Station, both male and female, with toilets that flush when you open and close the lid. They also have changed the disabled toilet to a changing places toilet but you cannot gain access without having to press a button to call the security to open from their office and then use your Radar key. Leeds railway station has six - one on platform one, eight next to ladies toilet and one on platform twelve. Out on the main toilet area, one changing place (which may need another key) one disabled, and mother and child - all using Radar keys. Castleford has a disabled toilet in the new station building with Radar key access. Dewsbury railway station toilets are on the platform; these are new and we have not had a chance to look at how they work; and at Shipley, toilets are in a waiting room off platform five. (*Andrew*)

From our members:

Pantomime 23 December 2021 Robin Hood:

Before the performance we went for lunch in the Market Hall with two sittings and after we all congregated in the foyer of Lawrence Batley Theatre. The performance started promptly at 2pm. Janet handed a bag of goodies to all at the interval. The event finished at 4.45pm and all had a good time. (*Robert*)

Dominoes competition October – December 2021:

On 20 December 2021 solid silver plastic trophies were given out to the competitors. Samantha used my camera and took some photos. Moira Elliott (not in the pictures) was later given a trophy by Sam. Everyone had a good time. (*Sarah*)



The web site for KDSC is: yourkdsc.org

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