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Your Newsletter - Spring 2026



Dear _____

Welcome to the spring edition of Your Newsletter from Harpenden Mencap.

We've had a busy start to 2026, with everything from Judy Fryd's blue plaque unveiling, to the Britannia Club's canal trip and yoga sessions at Pine Court. As we look ahead, we're excited to share the latest news, updates, and upcoming events with you.

A new office for Harpenden Mencap

We have officially moved out of Stairways!

Our new registered office is at:

**Unit 7D - Thrales End Farm
Business Centre (AL5 3NS)**

It's set in beautiful countryside!



We are currently working with an architect on the planning application for the Stairways redevelopment. In the meantime, YWAM Harpenden have taken occupancy of the site until we are ready to begin building.

From our new location on Thrales End Lane, we look out onto grassland, hedgerows and open fields. We have already enjoyed spotting the local wildlife, including muntjac deer, black squirrels, and jays.



Sponsorship opportunities for our Golf Day

We're looking forward to our Golf Day in June and are inviting local businesses and supporters to get involved through sponsorship or raffle prize donations. It's a great opportunity to support the event and showcase your business. Can you help?

www.harpendenmencap.com/golf-day

Main Sponsor: £2,000

Full publicity and acknowledgements via:

- Social media
- Newsletters
- Press release
- Multiple banner displays
- Leaflets at the dinner
- Logo on our website

PLUS:
One team entry
starting at a
premium hole

Hole Sponsor: £125

Benefits include:

- Social media acknowledgement
- Your banner at a tee
- Your leaflets at the dinner

Donate a Raffle Prize

Your donation could be the highlight of our charity raffle! Connect with players by demonstrating generosity and supporting this community event.

Upcoming events

As well as the Golf Day, we'll also be taking part in lots of events this year, so keep an eye out for us and come say hello!

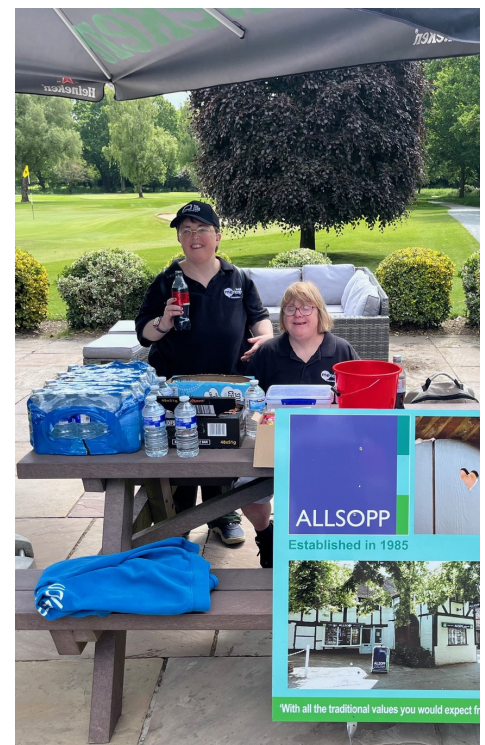
- Golf Day - Friday 5th June
- Batford Nature Day - Saturday 6th June
- Batford Community Festival - Sunday 5th July
- Harpenden Festival - Saturday 5th September
- Farmers' Market - Sunday 27th September
- Harpenden Christmas Carnival - Sunday 22nd November

Help us with tombola prizes

We are hosting a bottle tombola at the Batford Community Festival in July and would really appreciate bottle donations.

If you have any items you'd like to donate, please email:
comms@harpendenmencap.co.uk

Thank you!



Nicola's epic fundraiser



What an incredible achievement! Nicola has completed the Marathon des Sables, one of the toughest footraces on earth, and we are so proud and grateful that she took on this extraordinary challenge in support of Harpenden Mencap.

Taking on an ultramarathon in the desert demands immense determination, resilience and courage, and Nicola's achievement is truly inspiring. Through this challenge, she is raising vital funds that will make a real difference to the people we support!

A huge thank you, Nicola, and congratulations again on such an amazing accomplishment!

Seven new trustees appointed

At our AGM in March, seven new trustees stood for election and were appointed. We are so grateful for their interest in the charity and for the wide and varied experiences they will bring to the Board.

A great big Harpenden Mencap welcome to Ana Van Bilsen Tod, Andrew Wilks, Debbie Stuart, Jennie Russell, Roma Bhowmick, Sharon Long and Steve Cook! Read our trustees' bios at: harpendenmencap.com/about-us/#meet

Long Service Awards

Senior Support Worker Tejal Gandhi was received her award for 15 years' service. Congratulations, Tejal! Thank you for all your hard work.



Your Feedback

We'd love to hear your thoughts on this latest edition of Your Newsletter. If you have any comments or would like to make suggestions for future editions, please email them to: comms@harpendenmencap.co.uk

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With grateful thanks for your support,

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