

# September?July August -2020 Newsletter

## Thank you for your donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to Hertsmere Mencap during this difficult time. All donations will be used to deliver front line services to our members. We are also grateful to Isramasks for donating visors for our staff and volunteers to use both at Noah's Ark play scheme and for our adult activities.

Return of Adult Activities and Jubilee Club Funding received for pilot IT Project. Six members will be loaned iPads

Plans are underway to resume daily activities and the Jubilee Club, Hertsmere Mencap's long running social club, starting in September and October. Activities to include: Coffee Morning, Seated Yoga, Arts and Crafts and Dance Aerobics. Places will be limited and we will operate a strict sign up policy to keep to social distancing rules-avoid over-crowding. We had planned to resume the activities by the end of September, but the recent rise in cases in the Borehamwood area means that we will have to monitor the situation on a weekly basis before we confirm precise opening dates.

#### iPlpad Loan Scheme

<u>6 members have now been identified to take part in the HM has received\_almost £5,000(do we</u> need to mention how much?) fundingnearly £5,000 to run a 3-month pilot project to improve their social interactions online and enable them to learn new skills. with a view to rolling it out to moreall those who are unable to 'get online' and are able by themselves or with help to use them. The tablets will be set upinstalled with an email in the beneficiary's name, so it is possible to register online for various services like online supermarket shopping and doctors appointments, while and apps like Zoom and WhatsApp? doesn't work on an iPad? will already be downloaded. The data sim comes with a mobile phone number which, with their email address enables people to register online for various services like online supermarket shopping and doctors appointments. They Members can also join our weekly online 'coffee morning' and Dance Aerobics class. If the scheme proves successful, we plan to extend it, so that more people can make use of the iPpads and our training programme. TheyMembers will also be signposted to support services and creative activities such as Hertfordshire Inclusive Theatre and Electric Umbrella. We will continue to work with Hertfordshire Social Services Adult Disability Team for Hertsmere and our local Job Centre who deliver online training courses with help and advice about finding work.

### Noah's Ark

This year's play scheme is underway at a primary school in Potters Bar. The scheme is now full, but if you would like more information for future opportunities, please contact Rochelle Gould: 020 8906 2783 or email: noahs-ark@live.co.uk

#### Digital multi-sensory shows for children

Award-winning theatre company Concrete Youth are delighted to present a brand new multi

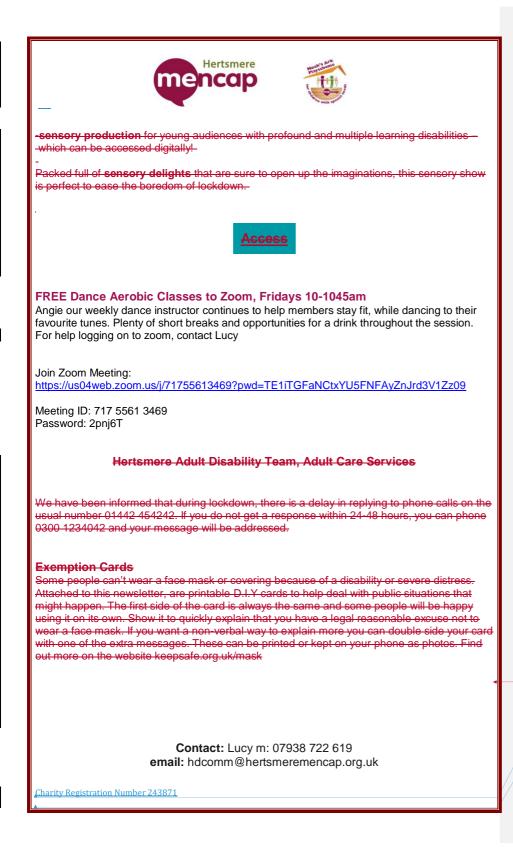
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