



What's coming up at Hertsmere Mencap throughout May

Good luck to everyone taking part and helping out at the **Radlett Rotary Five Fields Fun Run** this **Bank Holiday Monday 4th May**

Congratulations to our **Smiffy**, who will be receiving an **award at the Rumble's on Thursday 28th May** - read all about it in next month's newsletter

Diary dates:

- **Monday 4th & Monday 25th May** (Bank Holidays) - **no Art sessions**
 - **Monday 11th May** - Art will take place at **96 Shenley Rd**
 - **Wednesday 13th May at 11am** - **SEND parents (0-25 years) & carers Coffee Morning**, at **The Radlett Centre. WD7 8HL**. In collaboration with Hertsmere Mencap, Aldenham Parish Council & Radlett Lodge school.
 - **Wednesday 13th May** - Lunch out is at **Toby Carvery on Studio Way, WD6 5JY**
 - **Thursday 28th May** - **Youth Club trip to Sky Studio screening**, meeting 3.30pm for 4pm start.
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A Message from Lucy, our CEO

It's been a really exciting first month at Hertsmere Mencap. We launched our first ever primary schools campaign for Learning Disability Week, with the theme **"Do you see me?"**, helping children understand learning disability and encouraging kindness and empathy, with a fun t-shirt day which will take place on June 19th.

We have lots planned for Learning Disability Week including a trip to Pizza Express in Radlett to make our own pizzas.

We were delighted to welcome Jon Sparkes, Chief Executive of Royal Mencap Society, who joined our coffee morning and saw first-hand what a warm, vibrant community we have.

There's lots more to look forward to, including the Radlett Fun Run, and next week our team will be coming together for a strategy day to shape all the opportunities our new building will bring. We'll also be asking our members for their ideas so we can build something together.

It's been great to spend time with colleagues at Watford Mencap and learn from their experience too. Thank you for such a warm welcome. I've really enjoyed getting stuck in and focusing on an exciting next chapter for Hertsmere Mencap

LUNCH OUT: PIZZA PARTY

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PRIVATE PARTY TO CELEBRATE LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK

WED 17 JUNE : 10-12PM
MESSY PIZZA-MAKING MASTERCLASS, BOTTOMLESS SQUASH AND GELATO TO FINISH

PIZZA EXPRESS RADLETT
114 Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7AB

£5 per member for Lunch & Squash, paid in advance by 3rd June



To reserve your space, email Adam
development@hertsmereencap.org.uk

Do you **see** me?

RAISING AWARENESS DURING LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK

COME TO SCHOOL WEARING A T-SHIRT THAT MAKES YOU FEEL SEEN!

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE '26

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"EVERYONE SHOULD BE SEEN, HEARD AND VALUED"

£2 RECOMMENDED DONATION

PLEASE BRING COIN IN THE DAY OR SCAN THE QR CODE
MONEY RAISED WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN YOUR SCHOOL PTA AND HERTSMERE MENCAP HOLIDAY CLUB FOR LEARNING DISABLED CHILDREN



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Hertsmere Mencap Golf Day

Our 2026 Golf Day is taking place on Thursday 17th September at Hartsbourne Country Club. If you are a keen golfer and would like to enter a team, you can sign up [here](#). Our Golf Day is more than just a great day of golf, it's a vital fundraiser for Hertsmere Mencap.

If you would like to support us with sponsorship, raffle prizes or auction prizes, please contact Lucy on chiefexec@hertsmereencap.org.uk / 07577 995161



ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY • 2026 •

Thursday 17th September
HARTSBOURNE COUNTRY CLUB
Bushey Heath, WD23 1JW

A great day of golf on a beautiful course,
including breakfast, lunch, auction, raffle and prize-giving.

£600/team

Register online hertsmeremencap.org.uk/golf-day
or email golfday@hertsmeremencap.org.uk

7.30am Registration, Welcome Pack and Breakfast

9.00am Shot Gun Start

1.30pm Drinks in the Bar

2.00pm Lunch, Auction, Raffle and Prizegiving

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Teams, Best Dressed, Nearest the Pin,
Straightest Drive and Beat the Pro

**This Golf Day is our major fundraising event
to help us secure our first permanent base**

Registered Charity 243871



Children & Youth Activities

Easter Holiday Club 2026 was a roaring success, with a record number of children attending. We all had a great week together and were extremely lucky that the weather was on our side.

The children were able to enjoy all the activities planned and we managed to have a couple of picnic lunches outside. A huge thanks goes out to DJ John Goodenough for providing a much-loved disco on our final day. The children participated in a Holiday Club scavenger hunt, and our firm favourite - Holiday Club's Got Talent. We welcomed Monty, the Pet Therapy dog, and the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust wellbeing team, who provided some exciting sensory activities which the children enjoyed.

Summer holiday Club 2026 is now being planned, and all forms have been sent out to our families. The **deadline to respond is Friday June 5th**. We are delighted to be able to confirm that this summer, we are able to provide 20 days of fun for the children, with an extended day, as per parent feedback.



We are looking forward to welcoming the children at Meadow Park Funfair on **Sunday 14th June**, for a morning of exclusive rides and experiences just for Holiday Club families. Please do send through the registration form to confirm your place.

The next Coffee Morning for SEND parents/carers takes place on Wednesday 13th May, from 11am at The Radlett Centre.

For more information on Children & Youth, contact Susannah on 07727 339066 / childrenandyouth@hertsmeremencap.org.uk



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**MEADOW PARK FUNFAIR
SUMMER 2026**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

THE FUNFAIR IS BACK!! COME AND JOIN US ONCE AGAIN AT MEADOW PARK FOR A FUN MORNING OF **FREE FAIRGROUND RIDES!**

**Sunday 14th June 2026
10.00am – 12.00pm**

Meadow Park, Brook Road, Borehamwood WD6 1TL

Please bring your children for a morning of **UNLIMITED, FREE FUN** (restricted to **Holiday Club Children and their Siblings only**)

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT
- PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT STAFFED BY HERTSMERE MENCAP -**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If you would like to attend the Funfair, please complete the details below or email directly, with the information requested. (Please Note: Only names on our list will be granted access to this FREE session)

Parent/Carer's Full Name			
Parent/Carer's Contact Number			
Holiday Club Member Name(s)	Number of siblings		

Spaces are limited, on a first come first served basis.
Return by email to: childrenandyouth@hertsmeremencap.org.uk



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**Coffee Morning
for SEND parents/carers**

Group discussion on everyday challenges

Informal help and support from local organisations

Which services can I have access to?

Want to speak to other parents of children with SEND?

Come and join us for a chat!

Are you a parent/carer of a child with SEND aged 0-25? If so, we'd love it if you would join us at our coffee morning on **Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 11am in Meeting Room 2, 1st Floor, The Radlett Centre.**

To register your place please call 01923 856433 or email admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Adult activities throughout May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10-11am Dance	2
3	4 Bank Holiday NO ART	5 10.30-12pm Move to the Beat 7-9pm Jubilee Club <i>Games night</i>	6 10-11.30am Coffee Morning	7 10.30-11.30am Bingo 7-9pm Youth Club <i>Just Dance night</i>	8 10-11am Dance	9
10	11 10.30-12pm Art at: <u>96 Shenley Rd</u> (We are back at Aberford Park on 18 th May)	12 10.30-12pm Move to the Beat 7-9pm Jubilee Club <i>Karaoke night</i>	13 10-11.30am Coffee Morning <i>11.45am Lunch out at Toby Carvery</i>	14 10.30-11.30am Bingo 7-9pm Youth Club <i>Karaoke/performance night</i>	15 10-11am Dance	16
17	18 10.30-12pm Art	19 10.30-12pm Move to the Beat 7-9pm Jubilee Club <i>Sports night</i>	20 10-11.30am Coffee Morning	21 10.30-11.30am Bingo 7-9pm Youth Club <i>Quiz night</i>	22 10-11am Dance	23
24	25 Bank Holiday NO ART	26 10.30-12pm Move to the Beat 7-9pm Jubilee Club <i>80's quiz night</i>	27 10-11.30am Coffee Morning	28 10.30-11.30am Bingo Youth Club day trip 3.30pm (for 4pm start) <i>Movie screening at Sky Studios</i>	29 10-11am Dance	30

A round up of April activities

At Art this month we designed 3D faces using butterflies and flowers to create the hair, we created colourful pop up dragons and crafted layered butterfly pictures.

April's Move to the Beat brought us disco dancing, sensational singing & marvellous dance moves.



At this month's Coffee Morning we celebrated birthdays and enjoyed visits from Royal Mencap CEO, Jon Sparkes as well as Ealing Mencap's CEO Nick Demetriades.



A highlight of the month was a trip to Sky Studios Elstree to see Wicked for Good! We had a fantastic day. A big thank you to Sky Studios for this opportunity.

At this month's Lunch Out we had a great time at Dragon Garden.



We celebrated Bingo's 1st birthday this month with a party themed Bingo, party hats and themed cupcakes.

At this month's Dance we danced to music from One Hit Wonders and the letter "S" for Spring, to sounds of the screen and we ended the month with our favourite cheesy hits!



We had Spring in our minds at Jubilee Club this month! We used our artistic skills to create beautiful Easter wreaths. We sang our hearts out at Jubilee's Got Talent and celebrated our winner Paul. Jim hosted a movie quiz night where team Avatar took first place and we rounded off the month with a trip to Sky Studios to watch Wicked for Good.

The theme of Youth Club this month was Columbia! Club Leader Chris recently spent time in Columbia teaching english to Columbian children. We watched a fascinating slide show of Chris's experiences, we asked lots of questions and even had a Columbian themed quiz. We also enjoyed a movie night and ended the month with a fantastic quiz night.



Employment Training Course

We welcomed our fourth cohort onto our employment training course this month. We are also delighted that two graduates from our last (3rd) cohort celebrated positive outcomes, one secured a role at Mill Hill library and the other graduate secured a role at Cecil's Horse Sanctuary, highlighting the impact of our programme. A very well done!

For more information or if you would like to join our 9 week course, contact Pamela on 07838 746389
/employsupportadvisor@hertsmeremencap.org.uk



We have lots more photos of our activities on our Facebook page which you can visit [here](#) or Instagram page [here](#).

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May

Radlett Rotary Funday

Sunday 14th June

Holiday Club Funfair morning

Wednesday 24th June

Herts Learning Disability Forum

Wednesday 29th July to Tuesday 25th August

Summer Holiday Club

Wednesday 9th September

Herts Learning Disability Forum

Thursday 17th September

Hertsmere Mencap Annual Golf Day

Hartsbourne Country Club

Sunday 11th October

Rotary North London's Disability Games

Wednesday 2nd December

Herts Learning Disability Forum

Monday 7th December

Hertsmere Mencap AGM

Saturday 12th December

Hertsmere Mencap Children & Adult Christmas parties

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