



Spectrum WASP Newsletter

January-February 2024

Happy New Year From Spectrum WASP

A look back on 2023 with Spectrum WASP saw our Children/Young People enjoy a year of non-stop fun packed varied activities and residential stays alongside day trips out/about...With our funding from the National Lottery Community Fund we have excelled with our activities alongside our own Fundraising and numbers of Children/Young People and Siblings which have grown to over 320+ Registered Children/Young People. We find ourselves now able to offer After School Activities Monday-Thursday which consist of, an Animation Art Project, Football Skills/Training, Music/Instruments to learn and enjoy, alongside an array of Cooking Classes for 5-18yrs followed by our Friday evening Teens Club for 11-18yrs of out and about sessions...School Holiday activities went to new heights with Swimming, Bowling, Archery, Bike Riding, Drama Club just to name but a few, plus our 3 residential breaks away, one break away at The Dukeries Retreat and two breaks at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, which were just amazing, Family Days out included Alton Towers, Warwick Castle and watching the Lionesses beat Belgium...Spectrum WASP have finished off the year with our Annual "12 Days of Christmas Raffle" raising a "WHOOPIING" £2592.30...We would just like to 'Thank' everyone who helped make this our biggest amount raised to date...We celebrated our Fabulous Christmas Party of 2023 which was also full of surprises, with a visit for our Children/Young People from the man himself 'SANTA', a Disco/Games, Photo booth, Face Painting and Ballon Modelling, were there on the day, it was just so Magical...Spectrum WASP also received a surprise on the day with Kayla (Spectrum WASP Support Worker) nominating us at Linneys to receive a Charitable Donation, for which we were picked and presented with a cheque for £1500 at the Party so a "BIG" 'Thank You' to Kayla and Linneys...Our winter walk and Wonka Film finished off 2023 to perfection... '2024' is already looking to be just as great if not better with Activities/Residential Stays/Days out already booked in the diary...So watch this space for more Memories to make and Wishes to come True...



Spectrum WASP are thrilled to announce we received a Highly Commended Award at the Chad Awards





Support and Event's Committee Corner

Fundraising/Support and Event's Committee Corner

'Social' Evening with guest speaker Elaine Pilmore From Family Fund
Join Heather and our Management Committee for a little down time and a 'Social Catch Up', in the evening, with Elaine answering any questions on Family Fund @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, Mansfield, NG21 0HJ...The team are always on hand to answer any questions about Spectrum WASP and to find out how we can support you, as a Family within our Group.

Meeting starts 7.00-8.30pm. Book via info@spectrumwasp.org

Wednesday 31st January @ 7.00 – 8.30pm

Committee Social Fundraiser Evening

A new Fundraising evening is coming to Spectrum WASP open to all Families, with a Quiz held by a Quizmaster, Board Games, Bingo and a social catch up...Bring along your own drinks, snacks and alcoholic beverage's on the evening @ Turner Hall, 13 Welbeck Road, Mansfield, NG19 9JY...Doors open at 6.00pm to finish at 9.00pm...Donation of £3 per adult or 2 for £5.00 ...Book via info@spectrumwasp.org

Saturday 2nd March



Wow!

As part of our annual charity fund raising Switched On Solutions-Energy Ltd every year undertake a long distance walk. Last year to raise money for Spectrum Wasp (we are special people) I walked the Cleveland Way Coastal Path. This year I'm walking the Norfolk Coastal Path with Ebony my guide dog currently in training which runs from Hunstanton To Hopton-on-Sea. The trail runs through some dramatic landscape and areas of Outstanding natural Beauty but again will be challenging.

Last year I raised over £500 for this fantastic charity and this year I hope to raise more so that Spectrum Wasp can continue to provide activities for these special children and their parents...(Davids words)



We are thrilled to announce David and his puppy guide dog Ebony came along this morning to Pine House to present us with a cheque of £588.75p and has amazingly chose to walk for us again in 2024 where he will be completing the remainder of the Norfolk coastal path...Watch this Space



A New Year...A New Look...




Spectrum WASP along with our Children/Young people from the Spectrum WASP Football team would like to say a "BIG" Thank You to John from RPH Surfacing and Sam from S R Passive Fire Limited for their kind donations to the Spectrum WASP Football Team...With the amazing donations received we was able to buy a full new training kit including Football Shirt, Shorts, Socks and Outer jackets along with having the Name/Number and Spectrum WASP logo printed on each Kit. With the generosity, help and support of local businesses like RPH Surfacing and S R Passive Fire Limited this gives our Children/Young people the resources and confidence to reach their goals...



DATES FOR THE DIARY JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024

January 6 th	Saturday Mansfield Town Vs Alexander Crewe	<p>MTFC VS ALEXANDER CREWE – We have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon at MTFC Football Stadium watching MTFC VS ALEXANDER CREWE...FREE Tickets are available through working with Gary/Team at MTFC 'Football in the Community'. Football Tickets are open to All Children along with their Parent/Carer who Play Football on a Tuesday...</p> <p>Meeting there at 2.15pm by the Football in the Community Door (at the far end of the main Car Park on the right) ... Match will start at 3.00pm</p> <p>If you would like 2 Tickets one for a Child/Young Person and one for a Parent/Carer... LIMITED TICKETS Please BOOK your tickets via info@spectrumwasp.org</p>
January 8 th	Monday Coffee Morning Returns	<p>Coffee Morning – Open to ALL Registered Parents/Carers - First Coffee Morning back after the half term break. Come along and enjoy a 'Cuppa & Catch Up' between 9.30-11.30am at Pine House A, Ransom Wood NG21 0HJ with Sue, Jeni, Jess and Maria... See you there!</p> <p>Dates for Coffee Morning Sessions: January, 15th 22nd, 29th February, 5th is the last Coffee Morning until after February Half-Term Returning on February 19th</p>
January 9 th 	Tuesday	<p>FOOTBALL INDOORS...Football Skills/Matches are open to All our Registered Children/Young People 9-18yrs, sessions will be in the 'INDOOR SPORTS HALL' @ Joseph Whitaker Sports College, Warsop Lane, Rainworth, NG21 0AG.</p> <p>Meeting @ 5.15pm to start prompt at 5.25pm till 6.25pm. Remember to bring your Drinks Bottle/Shin Pads and wear your Training Kit. Georgia will be on hand to Meet & Greet you. All Parents/Carers 'Welcome' to Support. Donation is £3.00 per week. Book your place @ info@spectrumwasp.org</p> <p>Dates For Football – January, 9th 23rd February 6th MTFC Coach Attending – January 16th 30th February 13th</p>
January 10 th	Wednesday	<p>New Parents Meeting – By Invitation Only New Parents/Carers are invited to join Spectrum WASP @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, Mansfield, NG21 0HJ with Sue/Jeni/Jess/Maria. To answer any questions about Spectrum WASP, find out about your Child/Young Person/Siblings and how we can support. Meeting starts 10am-11.30am Booking essential through info@spectrumwasp.org</p>
January 10 th 	Wednesday Evening Music Session for All 9-18yrs ... 4.00-6.00pm	<p>MUSIC- Open to all registered families for Children/Young People/Siblings 9-18yrs. Enjoying the MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS you've always wanted to try. E.g., Drumming, Keyboard, Layering Music with Computers, Guitar, Song writing, Sound Recording, Singing, Making a Band and Much More. THREE Amazing Tutors support the session @ The Old Library, Leeming Street, Mansfield...NG18 1NG Every Wednesday (<i>Term time only</i>) Between 4.00pm-6.00pm ('Drop-in' Session after School) Parents/Carers Welcome to stay and enjoy a Tea/Coffee/Juice in the lounge area, to have a little 'U' time with other Parents/Carers, while waiting for your Young Person – Donation is £3.00 per week</p> <p>Dates for Music Session January-February January 17th 24th 31st February 7th NO MUSIC on February 14th due to Half Term</p>
January 11 th	Thursday 5-10Yrs	<p>NEW SESSION After School Cook Stars with Steph 5-10yrs, 'Cooking Made Fun' Learning Basic Cookery, New Skills and Fun Cooking Together. An Apron, with all equipment and fresh ingredients will be provided, along with a recipe card to try and take home. "Cooking Made Fun" LIMITED NUMBERS, Booking is essential To Meet @ 4.15pm at Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ...to Start our Activity at 4.30pm-5.45pm...Donation £5.00, Book via info@spectrumwasp.org</p>
January 12 th	Friday	<p>Teen's Club 11-18yrs – Out & About Pool & Pizza, Exclusive use in the front games room @ The Towers, Botany Avenue, Mansfield NG18 5NG. Meeting at 4:45pm to start 5:00pm-7:00pm. All equipment provided. Pizza/Chips/Juice to enjoy on the night with Friends. Donation is £6.50. Book your place @ info@spectrumwasp.org</p>

January 15th 	Monday	<u>Mindfulness Monday Macrame with Betty</u> Join us for a Coffee Morning of Mindfulness with Betty from Vision West Notts College demonstrating the art of Macrame All materials will be provided on the day for you to make your own craft/decoration to take home with tea/coffee flowing @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ, 9.30-12.00 Noon...Donation of £3.00...Book your place @ info@spectrumwasp.org
January 15th	Monday New Session CHANGE OF VENUE Session 5	<u>NEW SESSION Creative Animation Project</u> Spectrum WASP are delighted to be able to offer a new session open to 5-18yrs learning Digital Animation. During this session you will help to build a short live animation on "How you see Mansfield" using digital equipment, arts/crafts, audio and videography etc... Younger age group 4.30pm-5.30pm...Older age group 5.30pm-6.30pm This will be held @ Mansfield Museum, Leeming Street NG18 1NG , 4.30-6.30pm Donation of £3.00...This is a 9 week project with booking essential due to LIMITED NUMBERS via info@spcetrumwasp.org
January 17th	Wednesday	<u>Trustee Meeting</u> @ Pine House A, Ransom Woods, Meeting at 6.45pm to start prompt @ 7.00-8.30pm. Open to all Trustees
January 19th	Friday	<u>Teen's Club 11-18yrs</u> – Out/About Session - Basketball, Football, Followed by a Teen's Sensory Swim Session @ Calverton Leisure Centre, Flatts Lane, Calverton, NG14 6JZ. Meeting there at 5.45pm, for the Indoor Soft Play/Football Session Starting 6.00-7.00pm, followed by the Sensory Swim Session at 7.10pm-8.00pm. Juice/Snack provided after Swimming... Remember your Drinks Bottle and Swimming Kit/Towel/Goggles if needed. Donation is £5.00 for both sessions or £3.00 for one session (either) Book your Place @ info@spectrumwasp.org
January 21st 	Sunday MONTHLY RECYCLING COLLECTION First recycling collection of 2024	<u>FIRST RECYCLING OF 2024</u> - 'Throw Out the OLD & Buy in the NEW!' Drop off your 'Clothing' Recycling @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, Mansfield, NG21 0HJ between 9:30-11:30am. This supports fundraising for Spectrum WASP Children's charity throughout the year, which provides activities, workshops and events for our Local Children, Young People/Siblings to enjoy together. Please let your Friends/Family/Neighbours know, so they can come along and drop off their Recycling too! It's great to have your Support...
January 21st	Sunday 10-18yrs ... BOYS/GIRLS MONTHLY FOOTBALL TEAM GAMES Via FA Pan Disability League	<u>FA Football Team Match</u> – for Spectrum WASP Football Team/Young People 10-18yrs. Supported by Our Parent Coaches Adam/Garry/Mike @ Gresham Sports Park, Gresham Park Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7YF. All Training Kits to be worn on the Day with Astro Turf Boots/Trainers. Football Tops will be given out after a Warm-up session for those coming along. Remember your Shin Pads/Goalie Gloves Time to be confirmed... <i>normally meeting @ 12 Noon to start at 12.30pm.</i> Adam to confirm nearer the time. Remember your Drinks Bottle/Snack, Parents/Carers to remember Chairs/Picnic Blankets/Flask Hot Drinks, Wrap Up Warm, for those coming along to support on the day FREE Session
January 22nd	Monday New Session CHANGE OF VENUE Session 6	<u>NEW SESSION Creative Animation Project</u> Spectrum WASP are delighted to be able to offer a new session open to 5-18yrs learning Digital Animation. During this session you will help to build a short live animation on "How you see Mansfield" using digital equipment, arts/crafts, audio and videography etc... Younger age group 4.30pm-5.30pm...Older age group 5.30pm-6.30pm This will be held @ Mansfield Museum, Leeming Street NG18 1NG , 4.30-6.30pm Donation of £3.00...This is a 9 week project with booking essential due to LIMITED NUMBERS via info@spcetrumwasp.org
January 25th	Thursday 11-18Yrs	<u>NEW SESSION After School Cook Stars with Steph 11-18yrs</u> 'Cooking Made Fun' Learning Basic Cookery, New Skills and Fun Cooking Together. An Apron, with all equipment and fresh ingredients will be provided, along with a recipe card to try and take home... LIMITED NUMBERS, Booking is essential. To Meet @ 4.15pm at Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ...to Start our Activity at 4.30pm-5.45pm...Donation £5.00, Book via info@spectrumwasp.org

January 26 th	Friday	<u>NO TEENS DUE TO PANTOMINE</u>
January 27 th 	Saturday	<u>Pantomime</u> Oh noooo it isn't that time of the year...Ohhhhh yeasss it issss....Join Mansfield Hospitals Theatre Troupe for the fantastic show..."Robin Hood" @ Mansfield Palace Theatre, Leeming Street, Mansfield, NG18 1NG...Meeting in the foyer at 1.45pm for the show to start at 2.15pm...Ice creams provided by Spectrum WASP during the interval...Snacks and drinks are available to purchase from the foyer, however feel free to bring your own on the day...Donation of £5.00 per ticket...Book via info@spectrumwasp.org
January 29 th	Monday New Session Back at Pine House Session 7	<u>NEW SESSION Creative Animation Project</u> Spectrum WASP are delighted to be able to offer a new session open to 5-18yrs learning Digital Animation. During this session you will help to build a short live animation on "How you see Mansfield" using digital equipment, arts/crafts, audio and videography etc... This will be held @ at Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ, 4.30-6.30pm Donation of £3.00...This is a 9 week project with booking essential due to LIMITED NUMBERS via info@spcetrumwasp.org
January 31 st 	Wednesday	<u>Support and Event's Committee Corner – 'Social' Evening with guest speaker Elaine Pilmor From Family Fund</u> Join Heather and our Management Committee for a little down time and a 'Social Catch Up', in the evening, with guest speaker Elaine Pilmor from Family Fund for Parents/Carers to ask any questions @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, Mansfield, NG21 0HJ...The team are on hand to answer any questions about Spectrum WASP and to find out how we can support you, as a Family within our Group. Meeting starts 7.00-8.30pm. Book via info@spectrumwasp.org
February 2 nd	Friday	<u>Bowling Teen's Club 11-18yrs</u> – at SUPER BOWL, Mansfield, NG18 1LG. Meeting there at 4.45pm to Start for 5.00-6.30pm. We will be enjoying 2 Games of Bowling followed by a Basket Meal (Choice of Menu) just after 6pm in the Party Room...See you there Sue, Jess and Maria. Donation is £6.50 per young person. Book your Place at info@spectrumwasp.org
February 5 th	Monday New Session Back at Pine House Session 8	<u>NEW SESSION Creative Animation Project</u> Spectrum WASP are delighted to be able to offer a new session open to 5-18yrs learning Digital Animation. During this session you will help to build a short live animation on "How you see Mansfield" using digital equipment, arts/crafts, audio and videography etc... This will be held @ at Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ, 4.30-6.30pm Donation of £3.00...This is a 9 week project with booking essential due to LIMITED NUMBERS via info@spcetrumwasp.org
February 8 th	Thursday 5-10Yrs	<u>NEW SESSION After School Cook Stars with Steph 5-10yrs</u> , 'Cooking Made Fun' Learning Basic Cookery, New Skills and Fun Cooking Together. An Apron, with all equipment and fresh ingredients will be provided, along with a recipe card to try and take home. "Cooking Made Fun" LIMITED NUMBERS, Booking is essential To Meet @ 4.15pm at Pine House A, Ransom Wood, NG21 0HJ...to Start our Activity at 4.30pm-5.45pm...Donation £5.00, Book via info@spectrumwasp.org
February 9 th 	Friday	<u>Teen's Club 11-18yrs – Drama Club</u> With Friend/Guest Alan Dawson who will be running our DRAMA GROUP, for those 11yrs+ who would like to learn more about Script Reading, alongside a discussion into Parts... Meeting at 5.45pm @ Pine House A, Ransom Wood, Mansfield, NG21 0HJ, for the session to start at 6.00-8.00pm, Snacks/Juice provided, Free session...Book your Place @ info@spectrumwasp.org

ALL Activities are weather permitting.

We will keep in touch with our Registered Families by our Message Bird Text Service/Email

PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES

All payments can be made via Cash/BACS.







Spectrum WASP BACS Details:

Sort Code: 09-01-28

A/C Number: 25206190

Ref: Activity Name e.g.- Cinema

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

February 12th 	Monday	Boccia Join Spectrum WASP for an introduction to Boccia with Coach Pete....Boccia is a ball sport similar to Bowls...@ Joseph Whitaker Sports College, Warsop Lane, Rainworth, NG21 0AG, in the dance studio...This session is split into 2 groups with the 5-10yrs meeting at 9.45am to start at 10.00-11.00am followed by 11-18yrs to start at 11.15-12 noon...Please wear suitable footwear for the dance studio and don't forget your drinks bottles...Donation is £3.00...Book your place info@spectrumwasp.org
February 13th 	Tuesday	i-JUMP Trampoline Park – Summer Fun at Spectrum WASP starts for ALL Children/Young People/Siblings 5-18yrs @ i-JUMP, Old Mill Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, NG19 9AL. Meeting there @ 8.45am to start our Activity 9.00-10.00am ..Please remember to Watch the Safety Video, and fill in your Disclaimer online via the i-Jump.co.uk website before coming along. Remember to wear suitable Clothing for trampolining. Don't forget your Drinks Bottle, the Café will also be open with Childrens meals for just £1.50 Donation is £5.00 per Child/Young Person. Book your Place info@spectrumwasp.org
February 14th 	Tuesday 'TAG ACTIVE' Plus The Large Soft Play Area Exclusive use for Spectrum WASP	Ninja 'Tag Active' & Large SOFT PLAY – (Must be over 1.2mtrs tall for TAG ACTIVE) – open to All Children/Young People/Siblings 5-18yrs... (exclusive use for Spectrum WASP Families) @ The Lammas Leisure Centre, Lammas Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 2AD. Meeting there at 8.45am to start prompt @ 9.00-10.00am. Exciting Fun for All, 'Tag Active' 1.2mts height restriction, enabling you to reach the light with your 'Tag' for Points, to accumulate your score ready to take on the Eliminator! Large Soft Play area for those not on Tag Active which also has lots of obstacles along the way. Cafe/Seating will be open on the day in the area, so you can see your children. Remember your Drinks Bottle and Suitable Clothing to wear on the day. Donation is £5.00 Per Child/Young Person (Payment Required In Advance) Book your Family Place through info@spectrumwasp.org
February 15th 	Thursday	Calverton Leisure Centre – Indoor Soft Play/Football Session, Basketball, Followed by a Sensory Swim Session @ Calverton Leisure Centre, Flatts Lane, Calverton, NG14 6JZ. Meeting there at 9.45am, for the Indoor Soft Play/Football Session Starting 10-11.00am, followed by the Sensory Swim Session at 11.10-12noon. Juice/Snack provided after Swimming... Remember your Drinks Bottle and Swimming Kit/Towel/Goggles if needed. Donation is £5.00 for both sessions or £3.00 for one session (either) All Children under 8 will need accompanying in the swimming pool at all times...Under 5s are 1-2-1...5-8yrs are 2-1 Book your Place @ info@spectrumwasp.org
February 16th 	Friday New Film Migrate	Odeon Cinema Mansfield – We are going for an Autism Friendly Screening of a New Film just out Migrate For <u>ALL</u> Children/Young People/Siblings/Families at Spectrum WASP with our own Early Morning Showing. Meeting at the Odeon, at 9.00-9.15am for the Film to start prompt at 9.30am. Refreshments will be open at the Odeon, or you can bring along your own Drinks/Snacks... Donation will be £5.00 for all Children, Parents/Carers are FREE... Book your Place @ info@spectrumwasp.org
February 18th 	Sunday 10-18yrs ... BOYS/GIRLS MONTHLY FOOTBALL TEAM GAMES Via FA Pan Disability League	FA Football Team Match – for Spectrum WASP Football Team/Young People 10-18yrs. Supported by Our Parent Coaches Adam/Garry/Mike @ Gresham Sports Park, Gresham Park Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7YF. All Training Kits to be worn on the Day with Astro Turf Boots/Trainers. Football Tops will be given out after a Warm-up session for those coming along. Remember your Shin Pads/Goalie Gloves Time to be confirmed... <i>normally meeting @ 12 Noon to start at 12.30pm.</i> Adam to confirm nearer the time. Remember your Drinks Bottle/Snack, Parents/Carers to remember Chairs/Picnic Blankets/Flask Hot Drinks, Wrap Up Warm, for those coming along to support on the day FREE Session

Spectrum WASP Upcoming EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

We have some amazing events/opportunities coming up for us at Spectrum WASP some of which will support our Fundraising which will help sustain our activity program at Spectrum WASP.

We are looking for support from our Parents/Carers, Children/Young People and Siblings to attend these fundraisers alongside Sue/Jeni/Jess/Maria/Management Committee to ensure we continue to have as many successful events as possible.

Please see the dates below and let us know via email @ info@spectrumwasp.org if/when you can support. We always love to see familiar faces at events too! So don't forget to let your friends/family know about the dates as well.

These fundraisers/events are **KEY** to enabling Spectrum WASP to continue putting on the fantastic activities that we do.

Saturday 27th January	Robin Hood Pantomime @ Mansfield Palace Theatre, Leeming Street, Mansfield, NG18 1NG...To meet at the theatre for 1.45pm for the Matinee to start prompt at 2.15pm Donation of £5.00 P/P which will include a seat in the stalls and an ice cream during the interval...Booking is essential through info@spectrumwasp.org
Monday 19th February	Art Project Showcase ...Full details to be confirmed
Saturday 2nd March	Games Night ...A new Fundraising evening is coming to Spectrum WASP open to all Families, with a Quiz held by a Quizmaster, Board Games, Bingo and a social catch up @ Turner Hall, 13 Welbeck Road, Mansfield, NG19 9JY...Doors open at 6.00pm to finish at 9.00pm...Donation of £3 per adult or 2 for £5.00...Book via info@spectrumwasp.org



Join us in wishing our below Children/Young People

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January - Daisy, Dillon, Isobel, Aidan, Skye, Lucas, Alfie, Rhianna, Carter, Jude, Brad, Kaeun, Liam, Ava, Devon, James, Jacob, Lucy

February - Ethan, Archie, Charlie, Francis, Benjamin, Blakeney, Kody, Layla, Isaac, London, Bode, Aspen, Lucy, Jeni

Happy New Year

