



# SNAAP

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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## View from the Chair

Welcome to the fourth edition of SNAAP's newsletter, which aims to bring you up to date with news, recent and forthcoming events.

There have been lots of developments since our last newsletter - exciting funding news, sad goodbyes to two long serving colleagues and welcome to a new member to our core team.

Last year, in the school holidays, SNAAP arranged well over 100 days of activities offering more than 1,200 places to local disabled children and young people. Thanks to our various funders, we aim to run a similar level of service in 2018.

Earlier in the spring James and Becky, the breakfast show presenters, at Heart Radio Kent attended a Stay and Play session at Windchimes, and joined in the fun to present us with a cheque. Find out more about the amazing surprise on page 2.

Also on page 2 Craig Rous who founded **Team SNAAP**, a growing team of runners who fundraise for SNAAP, tells us what they have

been doing and what they have planned for the next few months.

On page 4 we tell you more about other new funding secured, send our thanks to everyone who has contributed to SNAAP over the past year and tell you about fundraising events that are being planned. Please support us or join us at an event if you can!

On a sad note, in autumn 2017 we heard the news that Chris Quilter, owner of West Bay Charity Shop, had passed away. Chris was a generous and enthusiastic supporter of SNAAP, and enjoyed a visit to our 2016 Winter Wonderland which she found enchanting. We want to record formally our heartfelt thanks for her contribution to SNAAP.

Finally I wish you all a happy summer – let's hope the sun continues to shine!

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Swan

SNAAP's Chair

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## Heart Radio Kent & Global Make Some Noise

In 2017 SNAAP was chosen by Heart Radio Kent to be a beneficiary of the national charity: Global Make Some Noise which raises money for children's charities across the UK. James and Becky, the Breakfast Show presenters attended a couple of family events during 2017 and SNAAP staff and volunteers attended the Global Make Some Noise day at Tesco's in Whitstable in October 2017. Staff and parents were interviewed and these were played on radio and posted on Facebook.

The culmination of the year was the cheque presentation, held at Windchimes in April 2018. On the day, at Stay and Play, James and Becky asked children at the session to find different coloured envelopes that had been hidden in the garden. When all were found, the envelopes were opened one by one – the excitement gradually built as growing amounts in the envelopes were revealed: the first contained £3,000, the second £10,000, and the third and final £20,000 – making a wonderful total of £33,300 which was what SNAAP had asked for to support one year of family events including the weekly Stay and Play session.

Then, James revealed a further envelope, and this contained £35,000 which he confirmed would be added to the previous amount making a grand total of £68,300

meaning that their donation will pay for two years of family events.

Everyone attending was overwhelmed and excited at this news and many tears were shed.

We cannot thank enough, Global Make Some Noise, Heart Radio, its presenters and everyone who made donations for the wonderful support they have given and continue to give to SNAAP and look forward to welcoming them to Winter Wonderland in December.

Visit [www.snaap.org.uk](http://www.snaap.org.uk) to watch a video of the presentation



## Team SNAAP - by Craig Rouse

I have been asked to provide a short summary of what **Team SNAAP** has been up to so far this year. For a team that like to make a lot of noise that is going to be tough, but here goes!

It's been a busy but fun first half of the year for **Team SNAAP**. Our fantastic fundraisers have been walking, running, dancing and baking all over the East Kent area to raise funds and awareness for SNAAP. Our fantastic fundraisers come in all shapes and sizes and from all backgrounds. We all have one goal in common, that is to raise funds and the profile of SNAAP as a charity in a positive way.

We want to inspire people to show young people that disability should not be a barrier to what you want to achieve.

Highlights from our fundraising this year include: Sarah Selby- Bird completing two half marathons in a month; India Maybourn completing the Brighton Marathon; and our team of fundraisers completing the Canterbury 10 mile race, two Whitstable 10k races and eight members who ran the Saxon Shore Half Marathon.. We also had a team of fundraisers dance their way round 5k at the Detling showground in neon colours, at the recent "Glow in the Park" event.

However, it's not all about running. We have run our "Step into Spring" step challenge that encouraged users of SNAAP to get out and active. Indeed, some of **Team SNAAP** are walking up to 100 miles a month in their fundraising challenges. We have somebody climbing a mountain, Mount Snowdon, to raise money and awareness. We also organised an inclusive sports day for the Stay and Play session.

We have raised nearly £3,000 as a team so far this year and have helped put SNAAP on the map as a local charity. With nearly 50 members so far, and anyone able to join, our reputation is that we are the "Fun and friendly" team on the local running circuit.

We have many fun events planned for the rest of this year, including the big one: helping to organise our own race event which is due to take place in October this year: The Zombie Run.

Other events being planned are: an entry into this year's Herne Bay Carnival (11 August); a summer fair in the garden of Whitstable Umbrella Centre (18 August); Some members are also preparing to run local marathons later in the year.

We have our own Facebook and Instagram pages. Please do follow them to keep up to date with what we are doing or drop us a line if you want to join in!



## All Change at SNAAP

**Goodbye to Natalie Simmons** - After ten years of working at SNAAP – leading clubs, providing family support, and being a lynch pin to many of our services, Natalie decided to leave us for pastures new. In the near future Natalie is hoping to start a new business providing play facilities to children in the Swale district, and she will make sure her facility is fully inclusive to children with disabilities. On behalf of SNAAP's children, young people and families we want to extend our thanks for her expertise and kindness, and we all wish her much success and happiness in the future.

**Congratulations to Sarah Selby Bird** – we are pleased to announce that Sarah has taken over from Natalie and is now SNAAP's Family Support Officer providing advice and support to families. Parents and carers can seek advice from Sarah

at the weekly Stay and Play sessions and at the monthly drop-in sessions at Whitstable Umbrella Centre. Sarah is well known to families from her previous role and is already providing a great service.



**Goodbye to Amy Gullett** – In May 2018, after 7 years of working with SNAAP, firstly as Play Support Worker and most recently as Play Support Lead, Amy decided the time was right to move on to pastures new. She will be joining the team at Bradstow School this month. Amy's energy, bubbly personality and obvious enthusiasm and love for our children and young people will be much missed by us all. We wish her much success and happiness in the future and think that SNAAP's loss is Bradstow School's gain!

**Welcome to Natalie Harris** – In May 2018, Natalie Harris moved from being Play Support Worker to Play Support Leader. She replaces Amy as leader of the regular youth clubs, sports clubs, and some of the specialist weekend and holiday clubs. We were delighted when she applied for the role and are confident that the children and young people will love her as much as we do!



**Welcome to Jane Powell** – we are pleased that Jane has joined our

Stay and Play team to provide the hot food for our children and young people. Jane is also cook at St. Nicholas School in Canterbury which means she is well known to many of our families. Already, she has helped SNAAP achieve a level 5 rating in food hygiene from Canterbury City Council – the highest possible rating.

## SNAAP is Lady Mayoress of Canterbury's Charity of the Year

We are delighted to announce that the Lady Mayoress of Canterbury, Julie Spooner has chosen SNAAP to be one of two charities to support during the 2018-19 Mayoral term of office. We look forward to working with her and her husband Colin, the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, to raise funds for SNAAP and her other beneficiary charity Strode Park Foundation.

We will post opportunities to participate in events on SNAAP's website and Facebook page throughout the year.

## SNAAP supports Festability

A new music festival specifically designed for disabled people was held at Quex Park on 12 May. Thanks to a small grant from Kent County Council, SNAAP was able to send a team of staff to provide support to attendees who needed help on the day. The festival was a huge success, despite the weather trying to put a dampener on it –

literally! Hopefully, it will become an annual event which will grow and flourish for many years to come.



## Local Councils provide funding to SNAAP

We are pleased to confirm that Canterbury City Council has awarded a one year grant contributing to core funding for SNAAP for the financial year starting 1 April.

Also, that Kent County Council has awarded SNAAP funding for weekend and holiday clubs for disabled children and young people with high level of need in Canterbury, Swale and Shepway for the next two years.

### Thanks to:

#### DONATIONS

Since October 2017 we would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the following for their generous donations and support:

- **Shoppers at Tesco** in Whitstable who voted with tokens to secure SNAAP the top award in their Bags of Help scheme through Groundwork UK- a total donation of £3,100 towards Sports Club
- **Dog and Duck Inn in Plucks Gutter** - £2,000 towards Winter Wonderland 2018

- **Seaside and Bambinoes Charity Shops** – donations of £2,400 and £3,000 respectively
- **Barton Court Academy** - £1,850
- **Whitstable Lions** - £1,000
- **F4F Community Fitness, Herne Bay & Bay Running Shop** – £760 towards the Sports Club
- **The Rogers and Thompson families** who lit up their houses for Christmas and raised an amazing £818 for Winter Wonderland 2018
- **Thursday Darts League** - £500
- **New Ash Players Theatre** - £500
- **Whitstable Yarn Bombers** - £485
- **Nationwide Building Society, Herne Bay Branch** - £444
- **Rotary Club Sandwich** - £400
- **6<sup>th</sup> Whitstable Scouts Group** - £400
- **St Bartholomew's Church, Herne Bay** - £466
- **Graystone Lodge** - £375
- **Chestfield Lodge** - £300
- **Girling Solicitors** - £200
- **ASDA, Canterbury** - £200
- An afternoon tea arranged by the residents of **Newport Court, Canterbury** raised £190
- **Joy Lane Primary School** - £173
- **Lyfe Lounge** - £113
- **Herne Bay Belles (WI)** - £110
- And many donations from people who are running individually or as part of **Team SNAAP**

In addition we would like to thank:

- **Waitrose Canterbury** for donating food & decorations for our Halloween Party
- **Herne Bay FC** for donating two PS4 games for our Youth Club
- **VR Sani-co** for donating a microwave oven for preparing food for Stay and Play and 70 Easter Eggs for the Easter Party

- **Heart Kent via Bluewater Giving Tree** – for donating wonderful Christmas Gifts for our children and young people

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Heron Race Night

Join SNAAP at Heron Angling Club, Herne Bay on Saturday 7 July for a fun and affordable evening of horse racing – all proceeds are donated to SNAAP

#### Herne Bay Carnival

Cheer on **Team SNAAP** at the carnival on 11 August

#### Summer Fair at Whitstable Umbrella Centre

Join **Team SNAAP** in the garden to enjoy our Summer Fair on 18 August

#### Lady Mayoress of Canterbury

Walking Netball Tournament 5<sup>th</sup> August at The Burley Fields Netball Courts, St Stephens, Canterbury

Teams required, please visit our Facebook page for more info

#### Dog Show

19<sup>th</sup> August at Swalecliffe Community Centre

Bring your dogs along and join in categories such as; the waggiest tail, best veteran and handsome dog!

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