

AWARE News July 2008


Registered Charity 1089617

Issue 100

www.homestead.com/awareuk/



Contact details: AWARE phone line: 01943 466543 Mobile: 077644 32933
email: jo.galasso@tesco.net Mrs. Jo Galasso, 52 Chippendale Rise, Otley LS21 2BJ

July Dates	Time	Activity & Location	Cohort/Age Group	Cost
Mondays 7 & 14	7 – 9pm	Monday Youth Club Addingham Youth Centre <i>*Ring Sarah Jamieson to attend</i>	HFA/AS 12+ (Parents don't stay)	£1/ person
Fridays 4, 11 & 18 (no library this month)	7 – 9pm	Friday Youth Club Addingham Youth Centre <i>Just turn up</i>	Children 7 – 16 yrs, inc siblings (Parents stay)	£2 /family + £1/friend
Tuesday 8	8.00pm	AGM The Cow and Calf Hotel, Ilkley in the meeting room upstairs.	Parents, Carers, Professionals, anyone interested	Free
Wednesday 9	10am – 12pm	Coffee Morning Addingham Youth Centre <i>Just turn up</i>	Parents/carers, babies & toddlers welcome.	Free
Saturday 12 with trampoline	10am – 12pm	Junior Youth Club Addingham Youth Centre <i>Please ring, text, email to let us know you are coming, as equipment will be left out from the Friday club, some help will be needed by those who attend to put it away again.</i>	Families with younger children up to about 10 yrs, inc siblings	£2 /family + £1/friend
Sunday 6 July 	11am	Cinema Leeds/Bradford Odeon Gallagher Leisure Park Thornbury, Bradford Doors open 10.50am <i>*Tickets can be pre-booked to avoid queuing, at www.odeon.co.uk Film info line 08712244007</i>	All family <i>Just turn up</i>	£2.50/child, adults free
Wed 23 July	10.30am -3pm	Nell Bank Activity Centre Visit, Ilkley	All family <i>Ring to book</i>	£7.50/child
Tue 29 July	10am- 3pm	Family Play scheme day <i>Just turn up</i> Any age up to 16 years		£2 /family + £1/friend
Thurs 31 July	8.30am 4pm leave Zoo	Chester Zoo Journey takes about 1¼ hours	All Family <i>Ring to book</i>	£15/person £7.50 under 3's

See additional sheet for further summer activities and trips

N.B. For further details of all our activities contact Jo 07764432933; for the Monday club contact **Sarah Jamieson* on 01274 734018 or email sarah.jamison@bradford.gov.uk

Please remember to send us your used stamps; mobile phones and ink cartridges!

AWARE AGM: Tuesday 8 July, Cow & Calf pub, nr Ilkley 8pm

All AWARE members are invited; the meeting will take place in the meeting room which is upstairs, ask staff for directions. If anyone would like to join the committee nominations must be received at least 7 days prior to the AGM. To nominate someone or yourself please ring or email Chris Moor, Chair, on 07846612005, moormeister@gmail.com

Info from June meeting: Shared Care

The speaker at last month's meeting at the CDC, Helen Wheat from Shared Care, talked about the services the scheme offers, how it works and how parents and carers can access it. This FREE service does not have a waiting list at the moment and has recently recruited some new carers, including people with experience of caring for children and young people with autism, so call NOW for further information if you missed the meeting on 01274 434596!

Cinema: Sunday 6 July

Underdog – a Superhero Beagle, Shoeshine, saves the world in this family adventure movie. Autism-friendly showing, ie no adverts, low lighting, reduced volume.

Coffee Morning Wednesday 9 July, 10am – 12pm

Vicky Donnelly, from the Transitions team, will be available to give information and answer parents' questions. All parents/carers, babies & toddlers welcome.

Friday Youth Club – further info

4 July – Bouncy Castle

11 July – Trampoline

18 July – End of term Party (youth club with food), please bring a contribution of food for the buffet. If the weather is good we will hire a bouncy slide for outside, if not our bouncy castle will be inside, everyone welcome.

Summer play schemes dates – supported places filling up, book now!

29 July and 12 August no supported places available, families with children 0 – 16 years welcome to turn up and play, £2/family/day. Bring a packed lunch and stay all day!

Dates for supported places:

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd Aug and Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th Aug, cost £8/child/day.

Initially, we can offer up to four days per child, but if more places are available then extra days will be offered to those who want them. We can carry out a pre-scheme home visit if this will help your child access the scheme. Please let Jo know which days you would like asap.

Inclusion Project Summer scheme dates Weeks 1- 5, Ages 8 – 18

Contact: Chris Russell (01274) 734018 chris.russell@bradford.gov.uk

- Prism Project, Walker Drive, Girdlington, BD8, Wed & Fri.
- Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Rooley Ave, BD6 1EZ. Mon & Wed.
- Nab Wood Sports Centre, Cottingley Old Road, BD16 1TZ. Fridays

B.A.D.A.S.G. Summer Scheme Weeks 1 – 6, Ages 5 – 18

Contact: David Riley (01274) 721932 badasg@btinternet.com 89 Caledonia Street, BD5 0EN

Bradford Toy Library Summer Fun Days: 21 July – 1 August

Sensory fun; story sack day; messy play; treasure hunt etc at St Luke's hospital.

For information and to book a place, call Michelle or Emma on 01274 365463

Monthly Raffle – Cow and Calf meal for two

Tickets are £1 each; pick one up next time you attend an event! May winner was Glynis Lee.

Summer Trips

Thursday 31 July – Chester Zoo, depart Addingham 8.30am buses leave Zoo at 4pm.

Thursday 7 Aug – Theme park – Camelot, depart Addingham 8.30am buses leave park at 5pm.

Thursday 14 Aug – Seaside – Bridlington, depart Addingham 8.30am buses leave at 5pm. Please book with Jo (£5 deposit to secure places). Prices - Chester Zoo £15/person/under 3's £7.50, Camelot Theme Park £16/person /under 1 metre £7.50, Bridlington £9/person.

Nell Bank Outdoor Activity Centre Weds 25 July & Weds 6 August

We have booked two Family Days (children must be accompanied by an adult) for 'A Great Day Exploring' on Wednesday, 23 July and Wednesday, 6 August, from 10.30 am to 3.00 p.m. (picnic lunch on site). We will spend the day exploring the environment with all that it has to offer: from pond dipping, nature trails and minibests, to the adventure playground. And there is plenty of shelter in case of bad weather. Cost is £7.50 per person, but AWARE will pay for the adult places (max. 2 per family), therefore only £7.50 per child; adult and child friends are also welcome at £7.50 per person. To reserve places please contact Jane Guillard a.s.a.p. phone 07903744698 or e-mail matignon@tiscali.co.uk

Thank you to our fundraisers!

Thank you to Joe McTigue, son of Mary, one of our regular volunteers, who ran the London Marathon and raised £90 for AWARE, and also to Wendy Brooksbank, AWARE member, who works at the Abbey, and who put us forward as recipients for funds raised at her works 'Dress Down' event, total £106.62. Well done!

Finding out about post 16 – 19 options

There will be another parents' meeting at Braithwaite School, with professionals from the Transitions team and Connexions, giving information on options at post 16 -19 years. All parents/carers welcome – this is not just for parents of children at the school. Friday 19 September, from 9.30am onwards.

Government gives Family Fund £8.4m to help the families of disabled young people lead ordinary lives

Severely disabled young people and their families living on a low income are going to get extra financial support to buy the things they need for everyday life, thanks to an £8.4 million boost for the Family Fund from the Department of Children, Schools and Families. The extra cash will enable the Family Fund to extend its support to severely disabled young people in England aged 16 and 17. The Family Fund now expects to make over 16,000 grants for essential items to disabled young people aged 16 and 17 over the next three years. Teenagers are expensive for all families, but especially for those with disabled children, who cost three times as much to bring up. At the moment, when the Family Fund's grants stop, many families are driven into debt, which they find hard to pay off as they are caring unpaid for their disabled child. Hopefully, the extra £8.4m will enable the Family Fund to keep more families out of the debt-poverty trap. For more information about the Family Fund call 0845 130 4542 or visit www.familyfund.org.uk

New browser designed for children with autism – download for free!

ZAC is the first web browser developed specifically for children with autism, and autism spectrum disorders such as Asperger syndrome, pervasive developmental disorders (PDD), and PDD-NOS. This browser is specifically for their enjoyment, enrichment, and freedom. Children touch it, use it, play it, interact with it, and experience independence through ZAC.

<http://www.zacbrowser.com/>

Autism concert Hosted by Jools Holland

Musicians include Derek Paravicini, Rozagy, Bugra Cankir and The Beathovens. 6pm, Sunday 5th October 2008, The Playhouse Theatre, London. Buy tickets at

<https://etickets.theambassadors.com/EventSBAndPrices.aspx>

or phone 0870 060 6631

Boardmaker Software

Boardmaker software is now available in 10 Leeds libraries, with training available, for more info contact Jason Tutin, Learning Co-ordinator, Leeds Library and Information Service.

Tel: 0113 3952357 E-mail: Jason.Tutin@leeds.gov.uk

Free PECS: <http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>

Fundraise for AWARE by giving us your old mobile phones, used stamps and cartridges.

Please bring them along to any of our sessions, or ring Jo to arrange collection.

Visit our webshop: make internet purchases via our webshop at <http://www.buy.at/aware>. It doesn't cost you any extra, but we get a percentage of the profits, so please buy here! Shops include - Amazon, John Lewis, M & S, Adams kids, ELC.

Useful information/links

Play Partners can help children with a disability access play or holiday schemes 01274 431571

Carers UK log on to www.carersuk.org to find out how you can show your support

Bradford Young Carers Older children often help their parents to look after disabled siblings.

For advice and information contact 01274 481183

Bradford Toy Library, St Luke's Call Emma or Michelle on 01274 365463 for opening times

www.entitledto.co.uk This website provides free online calculators to help you work out your entitlement to benefits and tax credits.

Help Lines: Need help or support?

The National Autistic Society www.nas.org.uk Parents' Help line: 0845 070 4004 (Mon-Fri 10-4) autismhelpline@nas.org.uk

The Autism Services Directory <http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=113&a=5704>

Parentline Plus 0800 80 2222 Parentline is there for any parent, any time. Free, confidential, 24/7.

Parent Partnership Lines: Bradford 01274 481183 Leeds 0113 3951200
North Yorkshire 01756 792427

Social Services – Children's Services Bradford 01274 437500 Leeds 0113 3984702
Craven 01756 793700

Support for Carers - Carers Connection Bradford www.carers-in-bradford.nhs.uk 01274 363440

Carers Resource Skipton http://carersresource.smartchange.org/mw_bran2.phtml 01756 700888

Carers Leeds www.carers.org 0113 246 8338

Benefits Advice Services - DIAL (Disablement Information and Advice Line)

Bradford 01274589162, Leeds 0113214 3630, Benefits Agency, Skipton 01535 617400

Looking for childcare The Family Hub Leeds www.thefamilyhubleeds.org/

Children's Information Link www.bradford.gov.uk/childcare

Transitions service. <http://www.dimensions-uk.org/index.php>

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter or material AWARE produces, AWARE Management Committee (Trustees) and any staff (paid or unpaid) cannot accept liability for any matters connected with or arising from this information. AWARE does not recommend any particular approach to autism: we merely seek to inform so families can make their own decisions, tailored to the individual concerned.

AWARE thanks the following for their support this year: *Bradford Carers Grant*

Cow & Calf, Ilkley

