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AWARE NEWSLETTER

AWARE AGM Tuesday 11th July 7.30 pm.

The AWARE AGM will take place at The Bridge Inn, Keighley on 11 July at 7.30pm. Some committee members who have been with AWARE for a long time will be stepping down that evening, so please come along and show your appreciation of their hard work over the years. We shall, of course, be looking for some members to take their places, preferably parents whose children are currently accessing AWARE events so that they are already involved.

Last month's speaker, Claudia Dickinson gave a helpful introduction to sensory issues in ASDs. Claudia is currently researching how mums of young children with classic autism manage to develop a good relationship or are able to tune into their children and is keen to contact mums of children currently aged 4 - 6 . Please let Jo know if you are willing to be part of Claudia's research.

The September speaker will be Julia Peacock of Autism Partnership who will be talking about ABA (Applied Behavioural Analysis) for children with an ASD. There will be an opportunity for questions.

Librarian needed urgently!

We are still looking for a new librarian to look after our valuable resource of books so please can anyone take over the role, which involves keeping the books at your home and bringing them to the monthly meetings at the CDC? Please contact Jo asa

Summer Play Scheme

AWARE Holiday Play scheme will run from Mon 14th to Thurs 24th Aug, it will be open to families of children all ages, cost £2 per family, plus there will be 8 supported places per day which must be pre-booked asap, depending on demand we will try to offer each child 2 days per week ,cost £8 per child per day. Booking form enclosed

Summer Trips

Please see enclosed information sheet and booking form, please return with payment asap.

Autism friendly screenings

These are proving popular and we hope to resume them on a monthly basis in September.

Swimming Sessions

Craven (Aireville) swimming pool, Saturday 8 July, 6-7pm. Cost £1 per person - a committee member will try to be at the sessions, will make themselves known and will collect the money; please pay

them not the centre staff and show your AWARE membership card.

Youth Club

AWARE Youth Club takes place at **Addingham Youth Centre 7pm-9pm Fridays** for 7-16 yr olds, for children with ASD/siblings/friend. £2 per family + £1 a friend. A parent must stay with each family, and new members are always welcome. Finishes on Fri 21st July till 8 September.

Monday Night Youth Club for 12-18 yr olds

This club for teenagers with Asperger's Syndrome or high functioning autism is run by Tony Parkinson from Bradford Children's Disabilities Team, with the help of a group of trained and dedicated volunteers. The club meets at Addingham Youth Centre, 7-9 pm, Monday nights, with a weekly sub of £1. If you think your son or daughter would be interested, please get in touch with Tony on 01274 734018 or mobile 07880984686.

Trampoline Sessions

The next session will be Saturday 15 July at 11am. Please book ahead with Jo.

Bowling

AWARE's next family bowling session will take place on Sunday 23 July at 11am, at AMF Bowling, Alston Retail Park, Keighley, at a reduced price of £2.50 per person per game. If you would like to join us, please call Jo by Friday 14 July.

AWARE Coffee Morning - Tuesday 19 July

We will have a speaker to talk about benefits and answer individuals' questions and queries; please drop in, everyone welcome. Addingham youth centre, 10 - 12am.

Fundraise for AWARE with old mobile phones and used stamps!

Jo has found another way of raising funds for us: by collecting old mobile phones which can be recycled, and used postage stamps. Please could you give Jo any old mobile phones you are no longer using and also all stamps cut out from envelopes.

www.buy.at/aware

It doesn't cost you any extra, but we get a percentage of the profits.

Printer Cartridges

Please check to see if empties are recycled at your place of work. If not, you could offer to collect them for AWARE. You can bring them to meetings, youth club or contact Caroline Whitaker on 01535 657402 to arrange collection. Please note that previously remanufactured inkjet cartridges or damaged ones are no good.

S.N.A.C. Play scheme for young people with special needs.

All on weeks 1 – 5 of the school hols

Tues & Thurs, , at Keighley, Victoria Leisure Centre, age 8 – 16.

Friday only, at Nab Wood Sports Centre, New Road, Cottingley

Mon & Wed, at Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Rooley Ave, Bradford

Wed & Fri, at Police Club for Young People, Walker Drive, Girington, Bradford

Tues & Thurs, at Café West, Wanstead Cres, Allerton, BD15, age 3 – 8

Contact Chris Russell on 01274 734018 or email chris.russell@bradford.gov.uk

Bradnet Play scheme for young people with additional needs, age 8+.

Mon & Tues, weeks 1 – 5 of school hols, at the Highfield Centre, Drewry Road, Keighley

Drop in Sessions for Carers in July

Wed 5 10.30 – 12.00 Bingley Drop in Bunters café, Myrtle Park, Bingley
Tue 18 10.30 – 12.00 Drop in, Wetherspoons, North Street, Keighley.
Tue 25 10.30 – 12.00 Oakley's Brasserie, The Moors Centre, Ilkley

For further information contact Carers Resource: 01756 700888

Bradford Info

From the very large to the small and local - the best of living, working, playing and visiting Bradford will be celebrated across the summer in a series of events running from June until the end of September. Contact the Big Summer team: 01274 432552

www.bigsummer.info

Clarosip Straws

These straws are a new product devised for children who have a problem taking antibiotics. The straw contains flavourless crystals of the antibiotic as the child sips their favourite drink. They are available on prescription for children aged 2 – 12 years but if you have a child with a special need who is older, you would probably be able to put forward a good case for their use.

Fun at Lineham Farm

Lineham Farm Children's Centre on Swan Lane, Eccup, Leeds is holding its summer fair on Sunday, July 16th between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Entry is free for children and £1 for adults. There will be a chance to meet the animals as well as games and competitions, stalls, a barbecue and cream teas. For more information call 0113 281 7880.

AFASIC Young People's Day

These days are for young people aged 11-18 years who have speech and language difficulties and offer youngsters the chance to meet and get to know others and chat about things which are important to young people. There will be games and activities and a time to relax and eat. The young people need to be happy at spending the day away from their parents/carers. The event in this area is taking place on Saturday, 8th July 2006 at Herd Farm Activity Centre, Eccup Reservoir, Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 7EZ www.afasic.org.uk

NAS Courses: Telephone 0115 911 3367

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=404&a=5433>

Conferences organised by the NAS Conference and Events Department taking place in our Northern region.

A-Z list of NAS services in England

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=800&a=9577>

An A-Z list of the services the NAS provides in England

Son Rise

Raun K. Kaufman, international lecturer, writer and teacher for The Son-Rise Program® at the Autism Treatment Center of America™ will be giving a free talk on "Breakthrough Strategies for Autism Spectrum Disorders," on 21 September 2006. This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information: visit www.autismtreatment.com, email tour@autismtreatmentcenter.org or call 01413 229 2100

Help Lines: Need help or support?

The National Autistic Society Parents' Help line: 0845 070 4004 (Mon-Fri 10-4)

email Help Line: autismhelpline@nas.org.uk

PARIS (Public Autism Resource and Information Service): www.info.autism.org.uk

Health Care Professionals Information: 0171 903 3599

Bradford Parent Partnership Line: 01274 481183

North Yorkshire Parent Partnership 01756 792427

Bradford MDC Children's Services: 01274437500

Leeds Social Services: 01133984702.

Carers' Resource, The Wheel House, The Water Mill Park, Broughton Hall Business Park, Broughton, Skipton, BD23 3AG: 01756 700888

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

Barton Hill Advice Service (guides to claiming disability living allowance, attendance allowance and incapacity benefit) www.bhas.org.uk

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