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July Dates	Time	Activity & Location	Cohort/Age Group	Cost
Mondays 2, 9 & 16	7 – 9pm	Monday Night Club, Addingham Youth Centre Ring Tony to attend	HFA/AS 12+ (Parents don't stay)	£1/ person
Fridays 6 13 20	7 – 9pm	Friday Youth Club, Addingham Youth Centre Just turn up Bouncy Castle Trampolining End of term party	Children 7 – 16 yrs, inc siblings (Parents stay)	£2 /family + £1/friend Contribution of party food
Saturday 7	6 – 7pm	Swimming, Aireville Pool, Skipton Just turn up	All family	£1/ person
Tuesday 10	7.30pm	AGM at the Cow and Calf, Ilkley Just turn up	Parents, Carers, Professionals, anyone interested	Free
Saturday 14	11am	Trampolining, Addingham Youth Centre Ring to book	All family	£2 /family + £1/friend
Sunday 22	11am	AMF Bowling, Keighley Ring to book	All family	£2.50 pp or BOGOF
Sunday 29 *Bridge to Terrabithia 	11am	Cinema – Odeon, Gallagher Leisure Park, Thornbury, Bradford Doors open 10.50am *Tickets can be pre-booked to avoid queuing, at www.odeon.co.uk or on the Film info line 08712244007	All family Just turn up	£2.50 per child, adults free

N.B. For further details of all our activities contact Jo 07764432933; for the Monday club contact **Tony** Parkinson on 01274 734018 or mobile 078809 84686.

AWARE AGM, The Cow & Calf, Ilkley, Tuesday 10 July at 7.30pm

Our AGM will take place on Tues 10 July, at 7.30pm at The Cow & Calf. Suggestions for people to stand as committee members should be put forward to Jo at least one week prior to the meeting, please join us to show your support for the continued success of AWARE.

The June speaker was Janet Browne, Education Bradford, who talked about the use of Social Stories with children with an ASD. Parents found Janet's explanations and suggestions very useful and she has kindly supplied the AWARE resource library with examples of social stories we can use with our young people. For further information, please contact Jo. It may also be worth looking on the internet, eg <http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1071&a=13314> 'Story builder' is a new computer-based tool that can be used to create individualised stories for children on the autistic spectrum and is freely available to parents, carers and teachers.

The next monthly CDC meeting will be on Tuesday 11 September.

Librarian STILL needed urgently!

Contact Jo if you are interested, would need to be able to store books and bring to the meetings, only 8 meetings per year, job could be shared.

End of term youth club party, Friday 20th July

Weather permitting we will be hiring a bouncy slide again, this went down well last year, families with children 7+ welcome, please bring a contribution of party food and just turn up.

Summer play scheme

The scheme will be on from Monday 13 – Friday 24 August. Supported places for children 8 – 16 years still available please ring Jo to book, if your child is new to our scheme we will carry out a home visit to discuss their needs, cost £8 per child per day. Parents with their children welcome to just turn up any or all of the days the scheme is on, cost £2 per family plus £1 for a friend.

Summer trips

Bradford Play Development have organised trips for play schemes to attend – they provide the buses and pick up from our venue. If you are interested please contact Jo asap.

The trips are:

2 nd August - Chester Zoo	9 th August - Camelot Theme Park	16 th August - Scarborough
£13/person/under 3's £6	£14/person /under 1 metre £6	£7/person

NAS Signpost to personalised information on ASD

Signpost is a new web resource that has been designed to give parents and carers and people with ASD personalised information relevant to their situation. Signpost matches information about ASD, entitlements and services to the user's profile: age, diagnosis and location. You can find Signpost at: www.autism.org.uk/signpost

What is Shared Care?

The Shared Care Scheme consists of a team of Link Social Workers and Link Carers who offer family-based, short-term care to disabled children. By offering to care for a disabled child, Link Carers give families a much needed break and the chance to relax – even if its only for a few hours at a time. They also give disabled children and young people the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy new experiences. There are approximately 121 Children's Link Carers on the scheme. The Scheme operates within Fostering Regulations and payments are made to Link Carers to cover any expenses involved in providing care. Referrals to the scheme are made via

the Children's Assessment Team. Currently there are approximately 130 children and young people using Shared Care.

If you are interested in becoming a Link Carer contact the Shared Care Scheme on: 01274 434596

If you have a child who has a disability and are interested in knowing more about what is available contact the Children's Advice Team on: 01274 437500

ASD Resource Pack For Teachers and Autism Awareness Pack

The National Autistic Society (NAS) have an ASD resource pack for teachers that is downloadable from their site so is available to everyone. It covers topics such as: What is autism? A school's guide to Asperger Syndrome (AS), Lesson guide, Introducing AS in your classroom, Bullying, Pointers to good practice for schools and LEAs. Go to www.autism.org.uk/teacherpack and once you reach that page click on teachers' awareness pack. There is also an Autism Awareness Pack available from a group called Public Autism Awareness in North Somerset (PAAINS) and available at www.paains.org.uk This site was designed to guide an individual through all aspects of autism and related disorders. There are also links to many support organisations throughout the world.

Early Intervention Can Help

Source: *DN EXTRA* May 2007

A new report has found that intensive early intervention can raise the language skills and IQ levels of children with autism. The children participating in the study received intensive tutoring in a wide range of skills, known as Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention (EIBI), over 2 years. IQ increased "very substantially" for a quarter of participants and two thirds of participants benefited from some increase, the research conducted by the University of Southampton found. Professor Bob Remington, deputy head of the school of psychology at the university said: "The positive changes we see in IQ, language and daily living skills – as a result of EIBI – can make a real difference to the future lives children with autism. "A spokeswoman from the National Autistic Society welcomed the research, but said: "Quality evaluation of any therapy requires more than one study".

The results came as the charity Research Autism launched an online information centre on autism interventions, which include behavioural therapies, structured education and communication techniques. All of this, along with the new, report can be discovered at www.researchautism.net

Editor's Note: nb The EIBI used was actually ABA, Applied Behavioural Analysis.

Fundraise for AWARE with old mobile phones and used stamps!

Please collect old mobile phones, and used postage stamps (with as much paper cut off as possible please) to raise money for AWARE. Please save them and bring them along to any of our sessions, or ring Jo and she will arrange collection.

Please 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, Littlewoods, Adams kids, Early Learning Centre.

Printer Cartridges

Please check to see if empties are recycled at your place of work. If not, please 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.

From BADASG Newsletter: SACAR

Whoops! In last month's article about adult services we overlooked SACAR! We recognize that SACAR do excellent work with young people and adults with ASDs and their service caters for people from 16 to 60, covering the transitional period into adulthood that many people find difficult, and well into adulthood. 'SACAR' means 'positive creation' in Sanskrit, and the name reflects the ethos of SACAR, who are keen to emphasize the positive aspects of ASCs and work in a progressive way to support young people and adults on the autistic spectrum. The services they offer have grown out of their recognition of the kinds of things people have needed and asked for in the time that SACAR has been established, and their services are evolving all the time to meet need and demand. One of SACAR's main aims is to empower and enable people with Autism and Asperger Syndrome to lead independent lifestyles and they achieve this in a number of ways. As well as the activities they run in the day, such as music workshops, art activities, home skills, social skills and independent living skills, SACAR offer an employment programme, training and offer support in education. They also have an outreach service to enable people to access the service who may otherwise find it difficult to do so, and do a lot of one-to-one work with individuals on the autistic spectrum. Their holistic approach means that they can provide help in many different areas for parents and carers in addition to the work they do with people on the autistic spectrum.

SACAR have a great deal to offer people on the autistic spectrum and if you would like more information about their services, please contact them on 01274 778888.

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: 0207 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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