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November Dates	Time	Activity & Location	Cohort/Age Group	Cost
Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	7 – 9pm	Monday Youth Club Addingham Youth Centre <i>*Ring Sarah Jamieson to attend</i>	HFA/AS 12+ and siblings age 8 - 17 (Parents don't stay)	£1/ person
Fridays 6, 13, 20 & 27	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 10	8.00pm <i>NB change of time</i>	Parents' meeting CDC, Airedale Hospital, Steeton <i>Just turn up</i>	Parents, Carers, Professionals, anyone interested	Free
Wednesday 11	10am – 12pm	Coffee Morning Addingham Youth Centre <i>Just turn up</i>	Parents/carers, babies & toddlers welcome.	Free
Saturday 14	10am – 1pm	Cookery Club	<i>N.B. Now fully booked, sorry – no places left</i>	
Saturday 14 Trampolining	1.30pm– 3.30pm	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 11years, inc siblings	£2 /family + £1/friend
Saturday 21	TBC	Trip Club <i>Contact Linda Porter on 07949576898 for further information</i>	Age 14+ Parents don't stay - young people will have AWARE support	£10 per session, (which includes activities and refreshments)
Saturday 21	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Swimming – Inflatables. Keighley Leisure Centre <i>Please let us know if you have booked and CAN'T come so we can offer the places to another family</i>	All family – please ring/email/text Jo to book places	£2 /family
Sunday 29 Santa Clause 3 	11am Doors open 10.50am	Cinema <i>Just turn up</i> Leeds/Bradford Odeon Gallagher Leisure Park Thornbury, Bradford	All family <i>*Tickets can be pre-booked to avoid queuing, at www.odeon.co.uk Film info line 08712244007</i>	£2.50/child adults free

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

NB The AWARE Library will be available at the Parents' meeting on 10 November and Youth Club on 27 November – please contact Karen or Margaret if you are unable to access these dates and wish to borrow

any particular resources: karenrobertson31@hotmail.com margaretnash@thomasnash.orangehome.co.uk
07854 740071

Parents' meeting, CDC, Tuesday 10 November, 8pm (N.B. new later time)

Georgina Hannaby is a practising artist and art teacher from Addingham and is studying a postgraduate course in children with autism at Birmingham University. Georgina has considerable experience in working alongside children with Autism and Aspergers syndrome in a range of settings, including schools, residential and with AWARE in Addingham. Georgina will offer parents with recently diagnosed children information on identifying and understanding the different characteristics of Autism and Aspergers syndrome. The focus will be on key areas such as communication, social, emotional and behavioural issues and looking at strategies that will help in addressing these issues and there will be the opportunity throughout the evening for parents to share concerns and ask any questions.

Last month's speaker was Amber Burton, Lead for Autism in North Yorkshire. Amber has a wealth of experience and expertise in helping children/young people with an ASC and schools and the parents who came along appreciated her warm, friendly and interesting presentation and her helpful responses to the many questions we asked – we will definitely be inviting Amber to come back! If anyone would like an e-copy of the Inclusion Development Programme autism (please specify whether Foundation or Primary and Secondary), please email margaretnash@thomanash.orangehome.co.uk with IDP in the subject box.

AWARE Christmas Dinner: Tuesday 8 December – book now!

Please find attached the menus and booking form for our annual Christmas get-together at The Cow & Calf, near Ilkley Christmas on Tuesday 8 December from 7.30pm. Please return your form and a £5 deposit per person to Jo. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cinema: Sunday 29 November, autism-friendly screening of 'Santa Clause 3'

Tim Allen returns as Scott Calvin AKA Santa trying to cope with a full house and Jack Frost who's on a mischievous mission to take over the North Pole.

Aiming High Grant: Monthly Trip Club - 21 November

Funds have also been received to run a monthly trip club for young people age 14+; we want the young people to decide the programme of activities e.g. bowling, cinema, eating out, ice-skating etc. Please contact Linda if your child is interested 07949576898 in this, our third outing.

Message from Craven & Harrogate Aiming High for Disabled Children Parents'

Forum

Are you unhappy with the provision of services that you receive as a parent or carer of a disabled child or young person in North Yorkshire? Do you want to make a difference and change things for the better? Then please join the Craven & Harrogate 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' Parents Forum. It has been set up by parents in North Yorkshire to improve and develop services for our families. More information about the NY forum is available on www.cypexchange.org.uk (register with Sara Christie to obtain a password and you can access all our Steering group/Locality Group meeting minutes and other relevant information). Further information and a chance to chat to other NY Parents Forum members is available at www.cravensupport.org.uk. Visit the 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' Parents discussion forum on this website and tell us how the provision of services should be improved, if you are unfamiliar with using an online discussion forum, please email your message to kathryn@cravensupport.org.uk. All your concerns will be raised at the next meeting. The aim of the Parents Forum is to provide feedback from you, the carer, on the development and direction of services for disabled children and young people in North Yorkshire, and to relay this back to key policy makers. It is hoped that the resulting disabled children's review will improve service provision across the board for disabled children and their families, enhancing equality and opportunity for them.

There's an article about the Parents Forum in June's edition of the North Yorkshire Times (page 11), <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=4859&p=0>

'Aiming High for Disabled Children: Better Support for Families', is the transformation programme for disabled children.. More details can be found at: <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/ahdc/>

News from the NAS

“Today we have made legal history! The Autism Bill has made it through its last parliamentary stage, and will now become the Autism Act 2009: the first-ever disability-specific law for England.

The Act will guarantee a future Adult Autism Strategy that will introduce a range of legal duties to improve local services. We will of course continue to campaign until the strategy makes a real difference to people affected by autism.

You, our members and campaigners, and the wider coalition of autism organisations across the UK, have all been vital to achieving this landmark victory. Thank you!”

For further details please visit www.autism.org/autismact2009

Local Help! courses

Help! aims to provide parents and full-time carers with information and advice to support them in the care of their child with an autism spectrum condition (ASC). The following Help! events are due to take place in Halifax and Bradford in November and December and places for PARENTS and CARERS are FREE:

Halifax

- Halifax 1 day *help!* Programme - **Tuesday 10th November 2009**

Bradford

- Bradford *help!* 2 Seminar - Meeting the sensory needs of a child with and ASD - **Wednesday 25th November 2009**
- Bradford *help!* 2 Seminar - Common toileting difficulties in children with autism - **Wednesday 9th December 2009**

For further information/to book a place, contact Jan Fuller on 0191 568 0732 and jan.fuller@nas.org.uk. or Wendy I'Anson on 0191 568 0731 and wendy.i'anson@nas.org.uk.

The NAS has launched a new model of befriending: **e-befriending**, a scheme for children and adults with an ASC. Email-based befriending will complement the face-to-face befriending schemes and may also remove existing barriers to participation (among both beneficiaries and volunteers, geographical, people who don't like face- to-face, house-bound etc. The scheme aims to reduce social isolation, to broaden the range of social experiences open to individuals and to build supportive relationships that can increase a person's overall confidence and wellbeing. For more information, contact alan.bicknell@nas.org.uk

Message from The Children's Society: The Children's Society Befriending Scheme

A new Scheme funded through Aiming High for disabled young people aged 11 – 19 years. We recruit, check (including CRB) and train volunteers to become befrienders to support young people in doing activities they choose to do, such as going bowling, to the cinema, a walk in the park or to a café for a drink. Volunteers give a few hours a week to spend with the disabled young person. For more information contact: Tel: 0113 2363900 or email: leap-office@childrenssociety.org.uk

Looking for people to work with your child/young person?

If you access direct payments, you may be interested in recruiting workers through:

PULSE Staffing - a Specialist Search and Placement service for Social Care Workers on a Temporary, Permanent and Contract basis. For further information on any of our candidates or to place a booking: samantha.atkinson@pulsestaffing.co.uk or call 0800 043 9808

Or: Ethical Care Agency Tel: 01274 720012 email: info@ethicalcare.co.uk For out of office hours, please call: 07970 843972

Understanding the keys to Autism

Wendy Lawson (author and adult with an ASC), 10 November. For further information, contact Gemma Sampford, Tel: 01282 41 455 Email: info@actionasd.org.uk Website: www.actionasd.org.uk

PECS Basic Training Workshop – 24 & 25 November at The Midland Hotel, Forster Square Bradford

For more dates, information or to register online visit Pyramid Educational Consultants UK at www.pecs.org.uk or call 01273 609 555.

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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 a free, confidential service for any parent, any time.

Parent Partnership Lines: Bradford 0127 4 481183 Leeds 0113 3951200

Craven & Harrogate 01609 534983

Social Care: 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>

The Children's Information Link is a key part of the Bradford Early Years and Childcare Service, enabling parents and others to obtain comprehensive up-to-date information about childcare, nursery education, children's activities and family support services. Tel: 01274 437503

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

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

Bradford Young Carers Older children often help their parents to look after disabled siblings. For advice and information contact 01274 481183

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