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September Dates	Time	Activity & Location	Cohort/Age Group	Cost
Mondays 10, 17 & 24	7 – 9pm	Monday Night Club, Addingham Youth Centre <i>Ring Tony to attend</i>	HFA/AS 12+ (Parents don't stay)	£1/ person
Fridays 7, 14, 21 & 28	7 – 9pm	Friday Youth Club, Addingham Youth Centre <i>Just turn up</i> (Bouncy castle 7, 21 & 28) (Trampolining on 14 th)	Children 7 – 16 yrs, inc siblings (Parents stay)	£2 /family + £1/friend
Saturday 8	6 – 7pm	Swimming, Aireville Pool, Skipton <i>Just turn up</i>	All family and friends	£1/ person
Tuesday 11	7.30pm	Monthly meeting at the CDC, Airedale Hospital <i>Just turn up</i>	Parents, Carers, Professionals, anyone interested	Free
Saturday 15	11am – 12pm	Trampolining, Addingham Youth Centre <i>Ring to book</i>	All family	£2 /family + £1/friend
Saturday 29	10am – 12pm	Junior Youth Club, Addingham Youth Centre <i>Please ring or 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 30  Happily N'ever After	11am	Cinema – Leeds/Bradford 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 <i>Just turn up</i>	£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.

Monthly CDC meeting Tuesday 11 September at 7.30pm

This month's speakers, Kay and Leon, will speak about the **Son-Rise program**, 'a powerful, effective and totally unique approach for children and adults challenged by Autism...'

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

Our AGM took place on Tues 10 July, at 7.30pm at The Cow & Calf. Two committee members, Kathy Altringham and Nina Prosser, retired from their roles after having worked so hard in making AWARE the success it is today. Both were thanked and commended for their initiative, commitment and diligence over the years – we shall miss them greatly and hope we can still call on them occasionally for their expertise! Two new committee members were elected: John Riley and Helen Benzie. Gary Owen continues as Treasurer, Margaret Nash is now Chair, Caroline Whitaker is Minutes Secretary and Karen Robertson is the Librarian (thanks again to volunteer Jenny for all her help with these valuable resources whilst we were without a librarian).

Jo was congratulated on her work this year, particularly the success of our first residential, and Jane Guillard, our new Project Worker, was welcomed to the group.

Thanks to our fundraisers!

AWARE would like to thank the following people for their kind donations and hard work: 14 year old **Ashleigh Miller**, who did a sponsored silence raising £75; friends of the Palmer family who raised £167 doing a coffee morning, and donations of £200 from Ilkley Rotary House Trust via **Dawn Emsley** and £50 from the Rotary club of Otley Chevin via **Martin Sharp**.

The Cow & Calf are very generously giving us a regular monthly raffle prize of **a meal for two including a bottle of wine**. Tickets are £1 each, pick one up next time you attend an event.

The July winner was **Sheila Crowe**, who attends our Friday youth club, and who has just got married, so congratulations on both counts!

Summer activities update

The trips to Chester Zoo, Camelot theme park and Scarborough we well attended and enjoyed by all who attended, thankfully the weather stayed fine on those days.

The play scheme ran from Monday 13 – Friday 24 August. We provided supported places for 23 children (age 8 – 16 years) plus 24 parents attended with 41 children. On offer were art, crafts, sport, woodwork, baking, making wormeries, bouncy castle, trampolining, computer games and lots of other activities.

Market Place Event to be held at Leeds Civic Hall, October 17th, 10am to 3pm

This event organised by the NW SILC Parents Forum is for all parents who have a child with additional needs. There will be guests from education, health, benefits agency, youth services, children's service and many more who will be on hand to answer questions and give information. Refreshments and free buffet lunch provided. For further info contact sueknights14@msn.com

Donna Williams lectures:

Wed 19th Sept 2007, 10am – 12pm 'Understanding & Working with Challenging Behaviour'. The Castlefield Rooms, 18-20 Castle Street, Castlefield, Manchester. M3 4NA

Wed 19th Sept 2007, 6pm – 8pm 'Just Act "Normal' St. Mary's Community Centre, Bramall Lane, Sheffield S2 4QZ. Cost per lecture: £20 Professionals £10 Parents/ People with an ASD
Contact: Christine Breakey, christine.breakey@SPECTRUMFIRST.CO.UK

Action for ASD Conferences Venue: Burnley Football Club. 9.30am – 4.30pm
Introduction to Autism, 28th September, **Managing Behaviour in a school environment**, 4th October, **Sensory Issues**, 7th November. Cost £50 Parents/carers and individuals with ASD, £100 Professionals. Discounts for Action for ASD members and if more than one date booked. For more info visit <http://www.actionasd.org.uk/trainingconferences.html> or ring 01282714218

Author of Autism book needs your assistance

' **Playing, Laughing & Learning with Children on the Autistic Spectrum**', a book by AWARE member Julia Moor. Julia is currently putting together a revised edition and is keen to include information on activities and resources on the internet and computer which weren't accessible when the book was first written in 2002. She is particularly interested to hear about experiences / sites that others have used and found invaluable and strategies used to enable students / children to access them. If you can help, please contact Julia on 01132505537 or email at robinmoor@onetel.com

Bradford and District Disabled People's Forum Website Launch

September 20th 11am – 2pm, Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Bradford, BD8 8BD. Learn about the new website and hear speakers from Equality 2025, Regional Disability Rights Project and Contact Peer Support. Lunch provided. To book a place, call 01274 481590

Inaugural Autism Research Conference Wales, Cardiff, 9th November 2007

Autism Cymru, Wales' national charity for autism, has joined forces with specialist autism research charity Autism Speaks to host the first conference dedicated entirely to autism research to take place in Wales, with **Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Professor Anthony Bailey, Professor Anthony Monaco, Professor Martin Raff, Dr Dawn Wimpory, Professor Mark Johnson, Professor Declan Murphy, Lois Grayson, Professor Martin Knapp and Dame Stephanie Shirley** – who will be discussing the latest in research developments ranging from genetics to biological differences to the economics of autism. Contact: Jennie on 02920 463263.

NAS News

North of England Members Meeting, & Sensory Needs Seminar, a **FREE** event for Members and Branches of the NAS in The North of England; at the Next Generation Club, St John's Playing Field, Off Hull Road, York YO10 3LG on Wednesday 3rd October 2007, 9.30am – 2.00pm, buffet lunch provided. To confirm a place please contact: Bev Sullivan on 01915680734 or email: bev.sullivan@nas.org.uk Before Friday 21st September 2007

Structured Teaching in the Home

6th October Crowne Plaza Hotel, Wollaton Street, Nottingham NG1 5RH

Introduction to Autistic Spectrum Disorders

13th November The Jury's Inn, Scotswood Road, Newcastle NE4 7JH

Cost for both events: Professional - £105.00 + VAT (£123.38) Parent, Carer or individual with an ASD - £63.00 + VAT (£74.03) NAS Member (who is a parent, carer or individual with ASD) - £45.00 + VAT (£52.88) For further details and bookings visit www.nas.org.uk or contact NAS on 0115 911 3367

NAS help! 2 Seminar: Meeting Your Child's Sensory Needs

10th October, Huddersfield. To enquire about this seminar please email: help2@nas.org.uk or telephone 0115 847 3539

The NAS is carrying out a survey on the experiences of adults with an ASD as part of their research for an **adult campaign** and to help to improve services. The survey can be filled in at www.autism.org.uk/questionnaire

A **new book** tells of an extraordinary friendship, how Henry, a golden retriever puppy, made the world of difference to a family's life as they tried to support their young son Dale, who has autism. The author is donating a percentage of the royalties to the NAS.

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=253&a=14009>

The NAS is planning to publish a **new book for the siblings of teenagers with autism** or Asperger syndrome. They would like to hear from people who are willing to share their experiences, both positive and negative, of having a brother or sister who has autism or Asperger syndrome. Share your experiences of having a brother or sister on the autistic spectrum

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=253&a=13988>

The **NAS's report 'Moving on up'**: negotiating the move to adulthood for young people with autism, highlights the difficulties young people with autism, including Asperger syndrome, often face at transition between school, higher education, training and employment.

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1085&a=13956>

EarlyBird get autism support in Punjabi and Urdu. The NAS has joined forces with South Birmingham Primary Care Trust to launch a new EarlyBird programme supporting Urdu or Punjabi-speaking parents of young children with autism.

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=253&a=13969>

Useful information/links

Harrogate & District Branch of the National Autistic Society has recently formed, aiming to develop support and training for individuals, families, and professionals in the area, including Knaresborough, Boroughbridge, Ripon, Wetherby, and surrounding villages. They will be holding their first conference 'Autism Awareness' on 20 September in Harrogate, aimed at anyone working with children or adults with an ASD.

For more information: email Harrogate@nas.org.uk or Tel: 07824 473871

This site is full of **useful info for parents/carers**. www.netmums.com/bradford (or /leeds)

The Education and Inspections Act: Better Schools for All. Attendees at this inside government event will have the opportunity to explore the main provisions within the act designed to raise standards, give parents more choice, schools more freedom to innovate and improve discipline and behaviour. If you are interested in finding out more about this event or would like to book a place, please visit: <http://insidegovernment.msgfocus.com/c/1fOkRQir4JNG>
www.insidegovernment.co.uk/

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 collect them for AWARE. Bring them to meetings, youth club or contact Caroline Whitaker on 01535 657402 to arrange collection. (NB. not refilled or damaged ones thanks)

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

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

Health Care Professionals Information: 0207 903 3599

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

Barton Hill Advice Service www.bhas.org.uk

Looking for childcare

The Family Hub Leeds www.thefamilyhubleeds.org/

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

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The Cow & Calf, Ilkley

