

Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support
Registered Charity No 1066859

November 2010

HACS News in brief

The HACS Winter newsletter will be sent out in December but here is some information that could not wait until then!

HACS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BARCLAYS CHRISTMAS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

When: Wednesday 1st December 2010 starting at 7.30pm

Where: Battle of Britain Club, Uxbridge

More details: See flyer attached

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HACS MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday 8th December 2010

10.30 am-12.00 noon

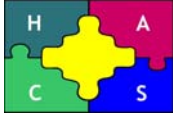
Join us for an informal meeting and Christmas refreshments

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Activities for Children

DRAMA SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

I have been contacted by Irene Lawrence from Kids Can Achieve regarding new drama sessions. These are open to children in the London Borough of Harrow and cost £5 per session. The sessions will be on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm at St Peter's Church, Colbeck Rd, West Harrow and are for children with an autistic spectrum condition aged 12 to 18 years. The course will be starting in the next couple of weeks so parents need to book as soon as possible. Further details from Nicola on 0208 868 5629 or email info@kidscanachieve.co.uk

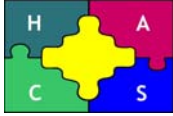
DISABILITY SPECIFIC GOLF TUITION AT THE NINE OF HERTS GOLF CENTRE

A fantastic chance to try a new sport, make new friends and improve co-ordination, balance and flexibility. Around the corner from Mt Vernon Hospital

- Every Sunday morning, 1000-1200
- Led by PGA Professional Mark Tompkins (experience of teaching Autistic golfers)
- Individuals will get around 45 minutes tuition and free golf balls for the full one and a half hour session
- Golf clubs and unlimited golf balls will be provided
- Tea and coffee and light refreshment facilities for parents and carers
- Fully wheelchair accessible
- £10 a session fully inclusive
- No upper or lower age limit
- Bookings can be made for groups, day centres, SEN schools or individuals with carers during the week

For more information call Mark Tompkins, The Nine of Herts, London Road WD3 1JS. Tel: 01923 848636. Website www.disabilitygolf.com

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SNAKES AND LADDERS BALLPIT (INDOOR ACTIVITY PLAYGROUND) IN SLOUGH

NAS Bucks have told us that on **4th December** they have another visit booked for Snakes and Ladders, Slough, which is an activity centre for all age groups, 6.30-8.30pm (www.snakesandladders.co.uk) This event is for all the family; you do not have to be a member of the main NAS charity to attend nor have a formal diagnosis. All you need do is turn up on the night or if you would like more info please contact Simone Monk on 01753 647285 or e-mail simonemonk@aol.com.

The NAS says "Join us to make sure the Autism Act lives up to its promise!"

The Autism Act became law in 2009; an amazing achievement. This was the first ever law passed for a specific disability, and a landmark step towards getting people with autism and their families the support they need.

The Government must now publish statutory guidance to tell local authorities what services and support they should be providing. The draft guidance that was put out to consultation earlier this year did not go far enough to help achieve this aim and meet the expectations of the Act. Time is running out to amend the draft and make sure that the guidance that has to be published by the end of this year is as robust as possible.

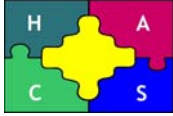
Please send an email or letter to your MP to ask them to tell the Government to make the guidance strong enough to improve the lives of people with autism. For more details please see the NAS website (see below)

<http://e-activist.com/ea-campaign/clientcampaign.do?ea.client.id=10&ea.campaign.id=8338>

HACS WEBSITE

Remember to regularly check the HACS website for events and important updates. Forms for events can also be downloaded here.

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Workshops

Thursday 25th November 2010 at 10.00am to 12.30pm

There are a few spaces left on the HACS Attention Autism Workshop 'Outings - let's go on some!'

This workshop is presented by Gina Davies, founder of Attention Autism and Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, who has over 25 years experience in the field of autism. It is suitable for Professionals and Parents and carers of pre-school and primary school age children with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder. Cost £20 for parents/carers or £25 for professionals. To book a place please contact Louise on 0208 606 6780 or email louise@hacs.org.uk

Monday 6th December 2010

Seminar on Asperger's Syndrome - Self-Esteem Positive Achievements. Aimed at adults with Asperger syndrome, parents, carers and professionals supporting those with Asperger's syndrome.

Speakers:

Fiona Speirs is an Education Consultant specialising in working with children and adults with ASC, their families and those who support in a professional capacity.

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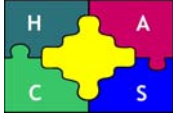
Chay Osler is 25 years old and has an autistic spectrum condition. He prefers to regard it as less of a disability and more of something that can be a gift if only one's energies and obsessions (if present) can be tuned in the right places working to break down barriers, misconceptions and ignorance regarding the condition.

Venue: RIBA London

More info:

http://aspergerfoundation.org.uk/seminars/asf_flyer06122010.pdf

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Christmas Wrapping

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13TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS WRAPPING - IN CHIMES 9.30AM TIL 7PM

14TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS WRAPPING IN STAINES 10AM TIL 5PM

16TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS WRAPPING IN MALL PAVILIONS 9.30AM TIL 6PM

24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS WRAPPING IN MALL PAVILIONS 9AM TIL 6PM

Please bear in mind that if we have support from members (only an hour or two of your time) then we can continue to offer HACS services to parents/carers and their children. We would really like to be able to offer our young people some exciting Christmas events this year.

If you are able to help please contact Maggi on maggi@hacs.org.uk or 0208 606 6780

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