



SPECIAL NEEDS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009

Havant & Petersfield Special Needs Forum Children 0 -25 Special Needs / Disabilities
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HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES SUMMER 2009

The Oaks Playscheme – Steep Nr. Petersfield for children 3-11 years old. The emphasis is on fun and play within a caring environment. Activities are provided to allow free choice dependant on ability. Over the summer there will be three weeks each running Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more details and dates contact Lisa Finch 01730 818457

Havant District Holiday Venture – Havant for children aged 6-18 years old with a physical disability. You can have loads of fun, make new friends and catch up with old ones, go out on day trips and do exciting and interesting activities on site. To be held at Prospect School, Warren Park, Havant For more info and application form please contact 07926 381243 28th -31st July cost £34.00 per week, 3rd-7th and 10th-14th August £42.00 per week.

Kids South East - Havant two weeks for 5-11 year olds and two weeks for 12-18 year olds. Rushmoor for 5-11 year olds. Fareham for 5-8 and 9-13 year olds. For more details please contact Kids South East, Saulters Lane, Fareham PO6 0QS 01329 312312

Pals – will be continuing their programme or events in Havant, Portsmouth, Fareham & Gosport and East Hants. A varied range of activities on Weekday evenings, weekends and holidays. For full details please contact 02392 671846 / 078248 78515 or pals@enableability.org.uk www.wearepals.org.uk

Please also check with your school for playschemes and activities they might be running during the holidays!

Through the Aiming High Agenda, there is money available for extra staff to enable special needs children to attend activities and playschemes. Please talk to the group providers for details of this scheme.

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Recommended Websites;

www.autisumeducationtrust.org.uk
www.asdfreindly.org.uk
www.bblive.co.uk

Making Money Matter



The original aim of the project was to provide consumer and money advice to young adults with a learning disability, chiefly through a DVD aimed at service users and clients and a booklet for those who support them. Both of these are in the final stages of completion and 1500 copies of each will be made. They will be free to anybody in Hampshire who would like one. The DVD is designed to be simple, easy to understand and to prompt discussions around consumer and money issues. It has 4 short films and will be accompanied by briefing notes to guide those who wish to show it. The booklet is more detailed but contains easier to read summaries with key points covered.

The pack can be used for anyone who is about to live independently and is a tool to help those who have a learning disability become independent and savvy consumers. If you would like to request copies of the DVD or for more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. 01962 833343
tim.ward@hants.gov.uk

New Ways To Stay Informed and Have Your Say

Join the 'Parents and Carers Forum for Hampshire'. This is a new Forum that has been running since February 2009 for parents and carers of special needs children. The group meets monthly. There are currently 18 parents on the forum. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Oliver Hine, 01962 846 399, oliver.hine@hants.gov.uk

Last year Rose Road Association received £3,300 from Together for Disabled Children for Parent Participation, This has been used to set up the website:

<http://www.parentvoice.info>

There is an online discussion forum on the website for parents. They hope to apply for another £10,000 to continue to develop the website.



Fundraising Gig!

Raising money for children with disabilities To Include:

Darren Stallard- a young person on our scheme playing some well known tunes on the piano

The Sewell's- a Father and Daughter musical act

Batala- a samba drumming band playing Brazilian carnival music - they will be loud so you may want ear plugs!!

Decade Parade- a blend of rock and pop covers of some well known songs- old and new!

Buckland

Tickets!!

£6.50 Adults

£4.50 Children

To include a buffet!

Contact Enable Ability office- 02392 671846

311-313 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5EG

Or Louise Sewell- 07824878515 Tickets available in advance or on the door if still available!!

Community Centre

Sat 27th June 09

5pm- 9pm

Detached Play Project

For young people aged 11-16 with extra support needs. Come and meet new people with the support of HCC youth workers and enjoy activities in a fun and friendly environment.

We have now moved back to Peel Park in Clanfield for the summer months 4-6pm on a Tuesday. We are running over the summer holidays Due to our funding from the Big lottery we are only able to take young people from the east hants distruict which includes Horndean, Petersfield, Clanfield, Liss, Buriton, East Meon, Stroud, Steep, Rowlands Castle, Froxfield and Langish. For more details please contact

vicky.sawyer@hants.gov.uk

Havant & Petersfield Special Needs Forum

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2009 – 9.30 – 11.30 am

Guest Speaker Wendy Eves
District Parent Support Officer

at
Sharps Copse Family Centre, Prospect Lane,
Havant PO9 5PE.

All welcome
Refreshments provided

Caring For You are running their **HIGH 5 CLUB** throughout the summer.

4.30pm - 6pm in the Havant area on Wednesday evenings. For more details ring 02392 381122
We organise trips out, games, arts and crafts, sports & fitness etc for ages 8 - 19



Beyond Boundaries Live 2009 is set to be an exciting, interactive, inspirational and fun day out for people with disabilities, their friends and family, carers and those working with disabled people.

The new-look event is packed with interactive features, including a vast array of sporting activities for you to watch and try, a superb selection presentations, interviews and performances within two dedicated theatres, a whole host of practical demonstrations and over 120 exhibitors showcasing products and services for an independent lifestyle.

Shaping up as the UK's most exciting, energetic and challenging consumer show for disabled people, Beyond Boundaries Live has it all.

Pimp my Wheelchair

Rock Climbing

Dive Pool

Enabled Cooking Centre

Beyond Fashions Stage

Disability Sporting Village

Physio Zone

Ski Slope

Beep Baseball

Life Style Theatre

British Military Fitness

Test Track

[Show opening times](#) Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2009 10am - 5pm

For full details and to book your tickets visit www.bblive.co.uk The Forum has been offered some free tickets to this event, if you are interested please contact Cathryn details on front page.



Community Childminders are experienced childminders in the National Childminding Association (NCMA) Children Come First Approved Network. They have as a minimum, a level 3 qualification in early years and education and regularly attend further training to develop their knowledge and practice in caring for children with special needs. (Recent training has been provided by the Behaviour Support Team, Area Inclusion Coordinators and teachers from Rachel Maddocks School)

We understand some of the reasons why parents might want to make use of a childminder's skills and also about the potential barriers that might make parents of children with additional needs, think this cannot be an option for them. Whilst we can make no guarantees that this type of care option would suit every family and child's needs, we are able to offer a service that aims to support parents in making the right choice.

Community childminders are able to care for children aged 0-19; can provide emergency short or long term placements, not only during the day time but during the evenings, weekends and overnight, for a variety of circumstances, such as....child protection cases, children with disabilities or complex needs, respite, teen parents and parents with a permanent or temporary illnesses. Referrals can be taken from agencies such as Social Care, Portage, CAF, Children's centres as well as from parents.

For further information about how a Community Childminder could help your family, please contact Jayne Baines, NCMA Childminding Development & Network Coordinator (Havant) for a friendly chat: 077347 34100 or email jayne.baines@ncma.org.uk

Inclusion Project

The Special Needs Forum is working in partnership with Streetsport and the Leigh Park CIP (Community Improvement Partnership) on this pilot project. Our aim is to develop a training programme that will support Special Needs children in out of hours activities.

So far 16 coaches from the Streetsport team attended the Sport England Course 'How to Coach Disabled People in Sport' this is to be followed by a short course on the 25th June to raise understanding of dealing with children/young people with Social and Emotional needs. There are some places available on this course, if anyone working with children is interested please contact Cathryn 078679 23995.

Streetsports is holding a '**summer festival**' on the 25th July 2009 in Havant Park. There will be free taster sessions for ALL to try out the activities including wheelchair basketball, an assault course, and bouncy castle. So come along and meet the coaches and have a go. The Streetsport booklet will be coming out via your schools and if full of free activities that your child can take part in from dance to fishing, so keep a look out. If extra staff will be required to enable your child to access an activity, this can be arranged via the Aiming High, but we do need to know in advance so please contact Streetsport. Details are on the leaflet.

If you would like to see any alternative activities on the programme please let us know.