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## World Autism Awareness Day

The UN has declared 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 "World Autism Awareness Day". Autism organisations from across the UK will be working together in the lead-up to and on World Autism Awareness Day to get this message across and call on all interested parties to take action and to 'Stand up for autism'. For more information got to [www.autism.org.uk/waad](http://www.autism.org.uk/waad)

Berkshire Autistic Society are organising a Great Balloon Race to raise awareness of ASD's and World Autism Awareness Day. The race starts at 1.30pm in Prospect Park, Reading. Balloons are just £1 each and whichever balloon travels the furthest in 3 months wins a prize! For more information call 0118 959 4594.

## Committee contact details

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## A big thank you to Andy Nash!

Sadly, Andy has resigned from the branch and is therefore no longer going to be running any of the activities he had planned, although he will be at the next Dads & Lads night. If you were in direct contact with Andy (about dates, transport etc.) please let Nikki know so she can help. Andy had several projects in the pipeline which we will do our best to takeover. Once again, a huge thank you to Andy for all his time and hard work.



# Dates for your Diary.....



## April

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12:**  
Coffee & play @ Farnborough  
Grange Nursery, Moor Road.

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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7pm:**  
Special needs fun session  
@ Fizzy Kids.

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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 11am:**  
Meet-up at Wellington Country  
Park, Reading, RG7 1SP

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

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**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11am - 12:**  
Coffee & play @ Farnborough  
Grange Nursery, Moor Road.

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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 11am - 12:**  
Special needs bowling at Pine  
Ridge Bowl, at the golf course (see  
pg 9)

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 8pm:**  
Pub meet-up @ The Princess Royal  
in Runfold, GU10 1NX.

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

## May

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7pm:**  
Special needs fun session  
@ Fizzy Kids.

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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:**  
Coffee & chat @  
Costa coffee in Aldershot

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**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12:**  
Coffee & play @ Farnborough  
Grange Nursery, Moor Road.

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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2pm:**  
Meet-up & picnic @ The Look Out,  
Bracknell (see page 9)

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We know some of our activities are  
planned well in advance but we  
wanted to give you plenty of notice  
and time to save up!

## June

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 - 7pm:**  
Special needs fun session  
@ Fizzy Kids.

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm:**  
Thomas Train Walk @  
Frimley Lodge Park (see pg 10)

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 8pm:**  
Pub meet-up @ The Ham &  
Blackbird, Farnborough,  
GU14 7LZ.

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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Special needs fun day @  
London Zoo. See page 10 for  
details of how to book seats  
on our coach!

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**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1:**  
NAS Gaming Zone @  
Mayfield Community Centre.

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## July

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10am:**  
Special needs fun session  
@ Fizzy Kids.

All events and details can be seen at [www.nashandr.org](http://www.nashandr.org) on the Diary Dates page.

## Facebook

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and type "hart rushmoor" in the search box and click on the group name to join. This is a great way to talk to other parents in our group and suggest ideas for activities and places for us to meet up. As it is a closed group (you have to apply to join) only those with permission can post messages and also see the photos of our previous events.



# Activities for kids!

Most of our activities are free, but donations are very gratefully received.

If cost is an issue, please do contact us, as we may be able help!

**You are responsible for your child/children at all of our activities.**

## Saturday morning Gaming Zone

Alternate Saturday's, 10am - 1, at Mayfield Community Centre, Totland Close, Farnborough, GU14 8TX. For all children & teens with an ASD and their siblings (the games are suited to children 6yrs+) There's games consoles, handheld games and PC's with online access too. A parent/carer must stay during the sessions, but there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits. This is free!



## Fizzy Kids special needs sessions!



The first Tuesday of every month (7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June etc.) from 5 - 7pm.

The sessions are for **all children with any kind of special need** & their siblings.

Usual height and age restrictions do not apply! The price is £3.50 per child and food & drinks are available to buy as well.

## Coffee & play!

On Tuesday's during the Easter Holiday's we will be at the nursery in Farnborough Grange Infant School, Moor Road, Farnborough, GU14 8HW, from 10am - 12. As always, there will be toys to play with and tea, coffee, juice and biscuits to enjoy. This is free!

## Special needs bowling

After the success of the session last Summer, we thought we'd organise another! On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-12, we are going bowling at Pine Ridge Golf Club, Old Bisley Road, Frimley, Surrey, GU16 9NX. Tickets are £3.50 per person bowling; see the booking form on page 9 for more info. Food and drinks are available to buy - why not stay for lunch afterwards?

## Thomas Train Walk

Our fundraising team have been busy organising a sponsored train walk around the trim trail for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, at Frimley Lodge Park. We will be at the start of the trim trail from 1.45pm ready to set off at 2pm. The best incentive for the children will be the miniature railway at the end of the walk (£1 per person.) For more information about our train walk contact Gaye on [gaye.goddard@ntlworld.com](mailto:gaye.goddard@ntlworld.com) or 01252 653778. For details from the NAS go to [www.trainwalk.org.uk](http://www.trainwalk.org.uk) for a sponsorship form, as well as printable Thomas flags and masks - colour them in and bring them along on the day!

## Picnic at the Look Out

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May we will be at the outdoor play area next to The Look Out at 11am and we've also booked an indoor room to have our picnic. Entrance prices are: children under 3 - free, under 16's/ disabled guests - £3.75, carers for guests with a disability are free and the adult price is £5.60.



## Thames Valley Adventure Playground

We are planning another trip to TVAP again this Summer, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Those of you who attended last year's outing know what a brilliant day out this is and how much fun the children have in the safe and enclosed environment. The entrance price is £6 per child (siblings under 2 are free). This year we will only be arranging transport for those who have no alternative means of getting there. For more details about what is there and plenty of pictures go to [www.tvap.co.uk](http://www.tvap.co.uk)

To book your places, complete the booking form on page 10.

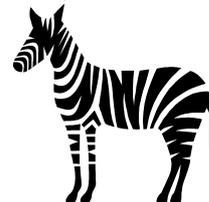
## Wellington Country Park

We will be meeting here on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 11am. If the weather is good, bring along a picnic! Children with a disability - £4.40, other children - £5.50, carers free (1 per child) and additional adults - £6.50. For more details go to [www.wellington-country-park.co.uk](http://www.wellington-country-park.co.uk)

## London Zoo's special day for children with additional needs

Children with disabilities and their families are invited to an exciting day at London Zoo with reduced admission prices on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The day is an annual event organised by London Zoo, enabling families with disabled children to enjoy all the zoo has to offer. As well as all the animals there will be face painting and a live band. Ticket prices are:

- Children under 3 - free
- 3 - 18yrs - £7.50
- Adults - £10
- One essential carer per family is free.



If you are making your own way there you need to book and pay in advance (by 6<sup>th</sup> June, no credit card payments accepted) please contact Steve at London Zoo, 020 7449 6551 or [steve.marriott@zsl.org](mailto:steve.marriott@zsl.org) or go to [www.nasHandR.org/diarydates.htm](http://www.nasHandR.org/diarydates.htm) for the booking form.

For those who don't want to drive to the zoo, the branch will be arranging a coach and charging only £2 per seat. To book your zoo tickets and coach seats complete the form on page 9 and make sure the money is with Nikki by 14<sup>th</sup> May (to ensure we have the right size coach for us all!)

Kerry and her family went last year and said it was a fantastic day but highly recommends taking a picnic along!

## Events for adults!

### Relaxation class success

These finally began at the end of February and are incredibly popular and very calming! If you would like to come along on Monday nights or add your name to the list for the next lot of classes contact Mary.



### Dads & Lads nights

The next evening is planned for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm at the Tweseldown Pub, Church Crookham. This will be Andy's last night, so please make sure it's a good one! If you feel able to take on being the first dad or lad at one of the pub nights please get in touch with Nikki.

### Coffee Mornings

We all know how important and enjoyable it can be to chat to other parents/carers.

We get together every other month at one of the local Costa Coffee shops.

Find us easily - there will always be a copy of NatterS on the table!

### Parent & Carers Pub Evenings

We hold regular pub evenings (alternate months to the coffee mornings), at various pubs within the Hart & Rushmoor area. See the 'dates for your diary' page for information about when and where.

## Pamper day

We are busily trying to organise a pamper day for the parents of those on the autistic spectrum. We hope to have various therapies and treatments available and more details will follow as soon as we have them confirmed!

## NEWS FROM NAS HEAD OFFICE

The **NAS Autism Helpline** number is 0845 070 4004.

Open Monday to Friday, 10am - 4pm, e-mail [autismhelpline@nas.org.uk](mailto:autismhelpline@nas.org.uk) or go to [www.nas.org.uk](http://www.nas.org.uk)  
For Community Care issues call the Helpline or e-mail your enquiry to [communitycare@nas.org.uk](mailto:communitycare@nas.org.uk)

Alternatively, the NAS run a **Parent to Parent line** on 0800 9 520 520. It's a free and confidential telephone support service offered by volunteer parents of an adult or child with an ASD.

### Autism Bill

Autism was debated for four hours in Parliament on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009, with a full examination of the Government's recent commitment to improving the lives of both children and adults with autism in England. This parliamentary time and support for autism from over 100 MPs is unprecedented. At the end of the debate, the Cheryl Gillan Autism Bill was voted through to committee stage by MPs. The committee stage is an opportunity for further detailed analysis of the Government's landmark commitment.

### Investing in a brighter future

If you or your dependent child has autism and you work, or have worked, in the UK banking sector then you can apply for a package of services and support, funded by the Bankers Benevolent Fund as well as life membership of the NAS. This will run until November 2009.

### Life membership

Newly launched, the life membership scheme will provide ongoing information, support and additional benefits and discounts exclusive to life members. It's expensive at £300 but you would be a member forever! Call the NAS membership team on 020 7903 3563 to find out more or to upgrade your current membership.

**NAS Surrey Branch:** [www.mugsy.org](http://www.mugsy.org) or call Sara on 01483 822630.

**NAS Basingstoke Branch:** [www.nasBasingstoke.co.uk](http://www.nasBasingstoke.co.uk) or e-mail [basingstoke@nas.org.uk](mailto:basingstoke@nas.org.uk)

**NAS South Hampshire Branch:** [www.shantsnas.org.uk](http://www.shantsnas.org.uk)

**Support in Alton:** At Bushy Leaze School, call 01420 87675 for details of their parent support group.

**Support for parents of disabled children in Bordon:** Run by parents at Hollywater School, call 01420 474396 or [Stephanie.souidan@hollywater.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Stephanie.souidan@hollywater.hants.sch.uk)

### Branch books

If you have any books that are due to be returned please phone Nikki to arrange collection or drop-off. We have parents who are waiting for some of the books currently overdue.



### Try before you buy!

We now have a few pushchairs in our store of useful equipment (Nikki's garage!); one single Maclaren Major Buggy (with basket, sunshade and raincover) and one double Maclaren Major Buggy (with basket and double raincover) - these are suitable for children up to 50kg.

For the full specification of the single go to [www.shop.babyworld.co.uk](http://www.shop.babyworld.co.uk)

And for information about the double go to [www.lotsofbabies.com](http://www.lotsofbabies.com)

If you would like to borrow one of these for a short period to see if it meets your requirements, just get in touch with Nikki.

## A man on a mission.....

One of our branch members, Richard Elliot, is getting nearer to his challenge of running in the Flora London Marathon in April. He is doing really well at raising money for the NAS, but still needs more! If you would like to sponsor him go to [www.justgiving.com/richardelliott](http://www.justgiving.com/richardelliott)



## Lions walk

On the 19<sup>th</sup> July the Farnborough Lions are holding a sponsored walk in King George IV playing fields. Walkers are asked to raise funds, 50% for the Lions and 50% for a cause of your choice (we'd be very willing to be named!) Participants get a cup of tea and a T-shirt! Call 01252 546428 for more information.

## Funfest 2009

This year's Lions Funfest day is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June (though places must be booked by 28<sup>th</sup> May.) Held at Calthorpe Park School, Hitches Lane, Fleet (next to Hart Leisure Centre, which is where funfest will take place should it rain) 11.30am - 4pm. If you are interested in purchasing food from the BBQ, please make sure you add details to the booking form. For more info contact Susan Jackson on [suejackson50@btinternet.com](mailto:suejackson50@btinternet.com) or call 01252 626341.



## Free swimming in Rushmoor & Hart

From April 2009 - March 2011 Rushmoor Borough Council and Hart District Council will be offering free swimming for children aged 16 and under and people over 60! Hart says you will need to join the scheme for a small one off fee. Ask at your local leisure centre for more details.



## Free bowling for kids

At Farnborough Bowl on Sunday mornings 10am - 12pm, kids bowl for free when accompanied by a full paying adult. Go to [www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk) for more details.

## Kids AM sessions at The Vue, Camberley

See selected kids films for just £1.70 per child, accompanying adults go free (One adult with each child goes free.) Kids AM screenings take place every Saturday and Sunday. Go to [www.myvue.com/kidsam/](http://www.myvue.com/kidsam/)

## Parent Action Group for special play

PAG are a local group who organise several activities for children with disabilities and their siblings. For more info go to [www.pagforspecialplay.co.uk](http://www.pagforspecialplay.co.uk) or contact Debbie Morgan on 01252 377623.



## Kidz South Exhibition

This year the exhibition is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 9.30am - 4.30pm, at the Rivermead Leisure Complex, Richfield Avenue, Reading, RG1 8EQ. For free tickets or more information go to [www.kidzsouth.co.uk](http://www.kidzsouth.co.uk) or call 0161 2145962.



## Carers Week

Carers Week takes place from 8-14 June 2009. The theme this year is Carers...the UK's secret service. Go to [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org) for up-dates on events and how you can have your say.

## Special needs information day - Havant

This is a free event for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs, and professionals involved in supporting them - just like the one in Alton in October last year. There will be workshops and information talks on topics relating to: dyslexia, Makaton, understanding children's behaviour, emotional literacy, epilepsy, direct payments, sleep related issues, the Autism Alert Card, Aiming High for Disabled Children, Parenting courses and more. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009, at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, PO9 4BU. 10am to 3pm. Pre-bookable childcare facilities available throughout the day. For further information and to book free places on the workshops/information talks, contact Parent Partnership Service on [enquiries.pps@hants.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.pps@hants.gov.uk) or 01962 845870.

## SOS!SEN post-16 transition workshop

Special Educational Needs - Post-16 Provision: This Workshop focuses on what to do when preparing your Case for Post-16 Provision. This is a difficult area but it is one that has the most at stake, because once a child leaves the school setting, their statement may lapse. To be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 9.30am - 5pm at the United Reformed Church in Twickenham. Tickets cost £60 per delegate to include a sandwich lunch (£50 if booked before Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.) The speakers will be Melinda Nettleton; a well known SEN Solicitor, John Friel; an eminent SEN Barrister, Robin Jacobs; a Barrister, specialising in Education Law. This very useful charity now has a website, [www.sossen.org.uk](http://www.sossen.org.uk) Launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> March it contains details of how they can help and of course, their contact details.



## Challengers samba drumming workshops

Challengers Samba Drumming workshops are run by Disability Challengers at Farnham. Each workshop is lead by a musician supported by Challengers staff. The sessions are planned and staffed for disabled and non-disabled young people aged 11-18yrs to attend. Samba Drumming is great fun and loud - all drummers are supported to work together and have fun learning rhythms and tunes. Every Wednesday during term time, 6.30pm - 8pm. At Challengers Farnham Youth Centre, St James's Avenue, Farnham, GU9 9QF, places are £4 per session. Ring the Challengers booking line on 01483 230 939.

Challengers are also celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009, watch out for more details.

## Beyond boundaries

Beyond Boundaries Live brings together activities from the physically challenging right through to the cultural and creative. Combining an eclectic mix of exhibitors, a variety of unique show features and plenty of side events such as motivational speakers the show brings something completely new to the table, giving you the power to realise your potential in a fun, adventurous and safe environment.

Open from 10am daily, free parking available - book your tickets now for Beyond Boundaries Live at FIVE in Farnborough, GU14 6FD on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2009.

For more info go to [www.beyondboundarieslive.co.uk](http://www.beyondboundarieslive.co.uk) or call 0208 971 8286.

## Are you aged between 13 and 17 with a disability?

There are 3 young disabled people working with Hampshire County Council to help make services better for people going from Children's Services to Adult Services. They would like to find out from you what's important in your daily life and how things can be made better.

[www.hantsfish.org.uk/hantsfish/practitioners/aiming\\_high\\_for\\_disabled\\_children.htm](http://www.hantsfish.org.uk/hantsfish/practitioners/aiming_high_for_disabled_children.htm) for more info.

Transport costs and any other support needs will be covered. To book a place, please contact Emma Stanbury on [emma.stanbury@hants.gov.uk](mailto:emma.stanbury@hants.gov.uk) or 01962 845877.

## Cerebra

This charity organise two voucher schemes; one for speech and language therapy - providing you meet their criteria you may receive up to £500 of SALT from a list of approved therapists. The other is for setting up a will or trust for your child - the voucher is worth up to £350 towards the cost of a solicitor or professional will writing service preparing a will and discretionary trust to make provision for your child's future. For full details of the schemes and the criteria go to [www.cerebra.org.uk](http://www.cerebra.org.uk) or telephone 0800 328 1159.



## [www.AuKids.co.uk](http://www.AuKids.co.uk)

AuKids (orchids!) is a new magazine produced by a parent and a speech and language therapist. They aim to bring ideas, inspiration and triumph to all parents bringing up young children on the autistic spectrum. A quarterly magazine is available to download for free at [www.aukids.co.uk](http://www.aukids.co.uk)

## [www.thenoveltywarehouse.com](http://www.thenoveltywarehouse.com)

This website sells a huge amount of fantastic toys that will delight and help to explore the senses. They even have the brilliant Boing Balls and plenty and pocket money toys!

## Space Place DVD

The Space Place is series of films about a space museum especially designed for young children, particularly those with autism. The museum is full of model space vehicles and rockets with friendly faces, very much like the Transporters DVD. Using simple stories the aim of the series is to help children to have a better understanding of the link between facial expression and emotion. The series also explores important areas in social development particularly the role of friendships in a child's life. The DVD contains 12 episodes and is priced at £38 + £2 p&p. If there is enough interest in this the branch will purchase a copy for the resource library - so let Nikki know. For more info, to watch an episode and to play the games go to [www.spaceplace.tv](http://www.spaceplace.tv)

## Skills for Work with Disabled Children (SWDC)

As part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children's programme, SWDC are currently analysing the training currently available from providers to the voluntary sector, parents, families and carers who work with disabled young people, and a needs analysis of what is required in the future. Please complete the questionnaire on page 10 to let them know what, if any, training you have ever received and what you would like to receive.

If you have any queries please contact Kaz Lodge on 01420 547720 or email [karen.lodge@treloar.org.uk](mailto:karen.lodge@treloar.org.uk)

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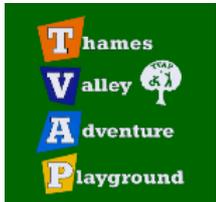
# Hart & Rushmoor Branch April/May 2009 activities

Parent/carer's name: _____ Telephone no.: _____ Address: _____ E-mail address: _____	
Please ✓ or X the boxes	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11am - 12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special needs session at <b>Pine Ridge Bowling,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The price is £3.50 per person bowling (Places must be booked &amp; paid by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we'd like to come along.</p> <p>There will be .....children and .....adults bowling.</p> <p>I enclose payment of £.....</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Look Out</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we'd like to come along.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we would like to eat our picnic indoors.</p> <p>Our group will consist of .....children and .....adults.</p>

Pay by cheque (made payable to **NAS Hart and Rushmoor Branch**) cash, if you put it through the door at the address below, hand it to Nikki at one of our events or send it to:  
**Nikki Smith, 26 Fleet Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 9RA.**

# Hart & Rushmoor Branch

## June/July 2009 activities

Parent/carer's name:	Telephone no.:
Address:	
E-mail address:	
<b>Please ✓ or X the boxes</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsored Thomas Train Walk</b> at Frimley Lodge Park.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we'd like to come along. There will be .....children and .....adults.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, our coach leaves at 9.30am</b> from outside the OWL's children's centre, Mayfield Road, Farnborough.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>London Zoo</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tickets prices are:</b> Children under 3 years - no charge    Children 3 – 18 years - £7.50 Adults - £10.00    Essential Carer FREE (1 per family) Places must be booked &amp; paid for by <b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we'd like to come along. We will require .....children .....adults tickets and coach seats. I enclose payment of £..... (<b>Remember: 1 essential carer is free!</b>)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><b>On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 10am - 3pm</b> (places need to be booked &amp; paid for by <b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>.) <b>£6 per child (siblings under 2 are free)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes we'd like to come along. There will be .....children and .....adults. Child/children's names, ages and difficulties:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Would you like to use the sensory room? If yes, how many children?.....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you require transport? (If yes, you will be contacted nearer the time.)</p> <p>I enclose payment of: £.....</p>

Pay by cheque (made payable to **NAS Hart and Rushmoor Branch**) cash, if you put it through the door at the address below, hand it to Nikki at one of our events or send it to:  
**Nikki Smith, 26 Fleet Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 9RA.**

**RE: Skills for Work with Disabled Children (SWDC)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You may be aware that Skills for Work with Disabled Children (SWDC) was established by Hampshire Children's Services with funding from the 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' programme to facilitate training and qualifications for social care staff in the independent and voluntary sector to enable them to acquire the skills and knowledge they need for the work they do. We are currently developing and producing a comprehensive database for all our social care employers (in both residential and domiciliary care) so that they are able to identify training provision that is suitable for their needs.

However, this database will also be available to families, parent and carers of disabled young people. This will eventually be available through 'The Hampshire Alliance' website (<http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/web>)

As a precursor to this database, we are currently analysing the training currently available from providers to the voluntary sector workforce, parents, families and carers who work with disabled young people, and a needs analysis of what is required in the future.

I would be most grateful for your assistance with this, in your completing the questionnaire overleaf and returning to myself.

This project will also organise a Training Fayre, bringing together training providers and users. If you would like information about this, please indicate your interest in the box provided on the questionnaire.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me direct on 01420 547720 or email [karen.lodge@treloar.org.uk](mailto:karen.lodge@treloar.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Kaz Lodge  
SWDC Project Worker  
Treloar Trust  
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GU34 4EN

## Skills for Work with Disabled Children (SWDC)

Contact Name	
Contact No.	
Address	
E mail	
Brief description of your child's disability	
Training currently available to you	
Current training providers available to you	
<p>Wish list of future training</p> <p>e.g. complex care needs training.</p> <p>e.g. physical handling.</p> <p>e.g. THOMAS training in our area.</p> <p>e.g. how to help siblings of disabled children?</p> <p>e.g. training for carers.</p>	
Distance willing to travel to attend training	
Would you like information on the 'Training Fayre'	