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GRAMPIAN AUTISTIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our March 2016 newsletter where we will update you on what we at Grampian Autistic Society have been doing since our last newsletter in 2015.

New Website

Grampian Autistic Society are going to launch a brand new website in April, Autism Awareness month. We are hoping that this website proves to be helpful and informative. A huge thank you goes to Gayle Veitch, who has helped make this possible through her expertise and advice. Also, a thank you to our Board Member, Tom Wilson, who took some new photos of our premises, staff, and service users in order to give our new website a fresh up to date look. Keep your eyes peeled for the new site!

A New Facelift For The Play Scheme!

Thanks to recent donations and some extra fundraising, we have managed to give our Aberdeen play scheme a fresh new look. This has helped the premises seem brighter and more fun for the children in the play scheme and those who attend our social groups.



Anonymous Donation

Over the Christmas holidays, Grampian Autistic Society received a Christmas card that included £150! The card contained a lovely message to all of us at GAS however it did not include a name. We wish to thank whoever donated this money and gave us such a nice message over the holidays. Your donation will be put towards helping our service users get new equipment and outings.

Outreach Client Christmas Lunch

Once again, GAS had its Christmas lunch at Ghillies Lair, Bridge of Dee on Thursday 17th December. We all had a nice time and a good laugh. I wish you all a happy New Year for 2016.

Mhairi Hay



Easter Eggs

We wish to extend a large thank you Nicole Begbie of Cloud Nine Beauty in Bielside who donated 48 chocolate eggs for the children in our Aberdeen play scheme.



Services ending at Banchory and Carronhill

Unfortunately we must announce that Grampian Autistic Society will no longer be running the play schemes in Hill of Banchory School or Carronhill School. As of Monday 18th of April 2016, the Banchory play scheme will be run by Crossroads Caring Scotland and the Carronhill Youth Groups and After School Club will be run by Childcare At Home. We thoroughly enjoyed providing these services and engaging with some wonderful children. Families can still use these valuable services and should contact these other organisations to inquire about spaces.

Raffle Prize Appeal

Grampian Autistic Society will once again be holding a stall at the Culter Gala on May 28th. We are asking people to please donate anything that could be used as prizes in our raffle on the day. Please send in any donations to the office and address them to Pearl Begbie, Service Manager.

Golf Event 2016

Our popular annual golf fundraiser will be held on Friday 2nd September this year.

We can accommodate up to 18 four-ball teams at this event, being held at the picturesque Banchory Golf Club.

Please contact us for details.

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

We had a wonderful afternoon tea fundraiser in February. Over 70 ladies gathered at Hazlehead Park Cafe for a pre-Valentine's celebration. One of our star fundraisers, Pat Kennedy, worked really hard with her team to create a fabulous "Love is in the Air" theme. Our fund-raising total has now been worked out - it came to over £4000! This enabled us to go ahead with the refresh of our premises.

Do you have anything that you would like included in the next newsletter? Feel free to contact us with your ideas on 01224 277900. If you would like to contact any of our staff about the above mentioned training, services, or events then see email addresses below.

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