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GRAMPIAN AUTISTIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new look November 2015 newsletter where we will update you on what we at Grampian Autistic Society have been doing since our last newsletter in July.

Education Service

After receiving numerous queries over the years regarding helping children on the autism spectrum who are struggling with various aspects of school and have stopped attending, a brand new service has now been started to address this. Outreach support worker, Luke Klinger, is spearheading this and has already started work with three service users using the Flexible Learning Pathway. This service is being funded by Aberdeenshire Council.

Children's Activity Days

Two children's activity days were held in the October holidays at Inchgarth Community Centre. These were organised by Nicolle Housden-Lambert from Wood Group and her friends to help raise awareness of Grampian Autistic Society and to support parents through the holidays. Both days were a huge success with arts & crafts, face-painting, and even a bouncy castle! Grampian Autistic Society wish to express a huge thank you to Nicolle and her team for not only organising both days but running them and taking part as well.



SCILL Training

After a successful presentation earlier this year, Supporting Children In Learning for Life (SCILL) requested that we return to give a second talk on Anger Management in the Autism Spectrum. This took place on Monday the 26th of October and was attended by over 20 people; a mix of parents and professionals, and all feedback indicates that participants found the session to be both interesting and useful. SCILL are a Banchory based charity that aims to spread awareness of various conditions and their impact on people's lives as well as creating opportunities for parents and carers to meet.





Outreach Daytrip

On the 7th of September, GAS went on an outing to Baxters in our minibus. We stopped for coffee then went on to Baxters. I like Baxters. The old grocery shop takes me back in time and tells you the story of how George Baxter opened his first shop and how it grew bigger. The old grocery shop opened in 1868 in Fochabers. I think it is a good story and tells you the story of Baxters. The weather was great and it was a really good day out.

Mhairi Hay

Public Training

Grampian Autistic Society are now holding Autism Awareness sessions that are open to the public. One took place in August and another in October. Both were attended by parents and professionals who took part in discussions and went away with various strategies to try. These sessions aim to improve public understanding of autism spectrum conditions and to help explain some behaviour that people may witness or experience. There is another session taking place in December in the GAS playscheme building. Please contact Craig Henderson for further details.

AGM 2015

On Monday the 2nd of November, GAS had their Annual General Meeting for 2015. The overall outcome of the meeting was positive and everyone at the organisation is enthusiastic about progressing into 2016.

The Curious Incident...

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" was on at His Majesty's Theatre in September, and GAS had set up a stall there to provide the theatre-going public with information about the services we provide (and to send out the message that we are recruiting!) On opening night, we were delighted to cross paths with one of the front-of-house crew, Rose Clayton. Rose was instrumental in setting up our organisation in the 80s, and observed that we have grown considerably.



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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