

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

Culter Gala

On the 28th of May, Grampian Autistic Society again had its tombola stall at the Culter Gala. This year's dress theme was "bring on the games" so we went as dominoes. The sun was out so that helped and altogether we made £298 – a good result!

Mhairi Hay



Autism Friendly at the Belmont Filmhouse

The Belmont Filmhouse on Belmont Street, Aberdeen held an autism friendly screening of The Jungle Book on Sunday 3rd of July. This came with support from Grampian Autistic Society who had a stall there with information as well as having our Training and Development Coordinator, Craig Henderson, there to talk to anyone who had questions or needed assistance. We would like to express a thank you to Colin Farquhar who helped organise the event and Jessica Spedding who helped the night run smoothly.



Racing for GAS

Jonathan Atkinson is a local racing driver who has a diagnosis of Autism and despite all that he has achieved so far, he only seems determined to push himself even further. Jonathan has recently been in touch with GAS to ask if he can display our logo on his car in future races in order to raise awareness of the conditions as well as the support that is available from local services. We are flattered and more than happy to provide Jonathan with our logo. Please look at Jonathan's facebook page and see all of his accomplishments so far and keep up to date with his upcoming races where he will proudly be spreading awareness of GAS and Autism – www.facebook.com/jonathanatkinsonracing



Easy Fundraising

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Grampian Autistic Society now has an Easyfundraising page! So if you shop online from sites like Amazon or Next then you could be helping Grampian Autistic Society with fundraising.

Easyfundraising is a system that pays money to good causes when you buy from certain sites. Your items cost exactly the same but a portion of it is donated to GAS.

You'll need to sign up for an account first and once you've done that you can download a "browser add-on" which will flag up when you visit any of the registered sites. This makes it a lot easier for you to donate.

There are lots of shops included in the scheme like Argos, ASDA, and John Lewis. We can even receive donations when you book flights or hotels from Expedia or Booking.com

Parent Training

We still have some space left on our parent training sessions. The next session will be on Sunday 7th of August at 10am to 12.30pm. If you would like a space or know anyone who would then please get in touch with Craig Henderson on 01224 277900.

Day Trip

Our day trip this year was to Perth on the 23rd of May. We went to see Stanley Mills which produced cotton at the height of the industrial revolution in the 1780s, repeatedly adapted to changes in the textile industry and finally closed in 1989. We had lunch in Perth and it was a nice day out.

Mhairi Hay



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Prize Draw Winner!

Our recent membership survey came with an opportunity to win a £50 gift voucher for Amazon if you took part. We have now had our survey answers returned and the prize draw has taken place. The lucky winner is Lisa Ranson. Information from the survey will be collated and results will be shared in our next newsletter in November.

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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