



NEWSLETTER

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Free Two Day Family Carer Workshops on Personalisation

Do you support a family member or friend with everyday living tasks that have been or are being jointly assessed with the family and social services?

If yes, there is now a new way of organising individual support; this is called **Personalisation** and **Personal Budgets**.

Shropshire's My Life My Choice are running two day, family workshops to help you think about what is important, what needs to change and what would make for a better life.

Ruby Hartshorn has been a pioneer on the My Life My Choice programme, and is now passing on her experience to other disabled people and their carers. She says:

'Benefits in attending these workshops include

1. Meeting people who already have a Personal Budget.

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Sponsor Megan to Run to the Beat!

Shropshire Disability Network supporter Megan Greenhaigh will be taking part in Run to the Beat, London's music half marathon on Sunday September 26th 2010. You can support our important work by sponsoring Megan. Email Thomas@omega.uk.net to get a sponsorship form.



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Sharing our Family Carers' Pioneer Journeys by Flick Pennal

17 families took part in influencing the process and paperwork of the personalisation journey in Shropshire. This is what they told us:

Before November 2009 a lot of us had not heard of 'Personalisation' – the allocation of personal budgets so that people could control and manage their own support packages. But a "My Life My Choice" workshop inspired us with the possibilities, raised lots of questions, and ended up with a group of families volunteering to be part of the trial in Shropshire for this new and almost revolutionary way of doing things.



Now after a six month trial period these pioneer families are reporting back on their experiences, and two workshops have been held for them to give an honest picture of the joys and frustrations of controlling their own support.

Because these families have been the pioneers (i.e. the guinea pigs) they have faced all the teething problems of a new way of doing things. But the workshops gave them the chance to discuss how it was going and to identify what will help they need - lots of information and support, and well-informed professionals.

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RADAR and Disability Alliance Joint statement on Direct Payments

reprinted from: www.disabilityalliance.org/press13.htm
17/08/2010

Recent coverage of Direct Payments has suggested that the Department of Health and councils need to tighten or clarify the use of this care service initiative. Neither Radar nor Disability Alliance agrees with the sentiment of recent coverage.



Direct Payments make a significant and positive difference to the lives of thousands of disabled people and their families. Direct Payments are used to help families with personalised, essential support. Direct Payments can also represent a more cost effective method for providing the vital support some disabled people need. A wheelchair user can organise support to help them get up in the morning at the right time to get to work, rather than wait for a traditional one size fits all service to arrive too late to get to work. Individual solutions like this can help disabled people participate in society – maintaining tax contributions for example - by removing red tape and enabling people to make the decisions that are right for them. Direct Payments come with requirements on individuals and are part of an agreement with people aimed at achieving outcomes (eg managing good health, avoiding hospital).



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Shropshire Council's Draft Carers' Strategy

The following is an excerpt from Shropshire Council's Draft Carers' Strategy; consultations are to finish on 24th September 2010. With the full document are also five Appendices, on Supporting Families affected by drug and alcohol misuse, Palliative Care, caring and Ethnicity, Jobcentres etc. and Children thriving:

A New Local Carers' Strategy

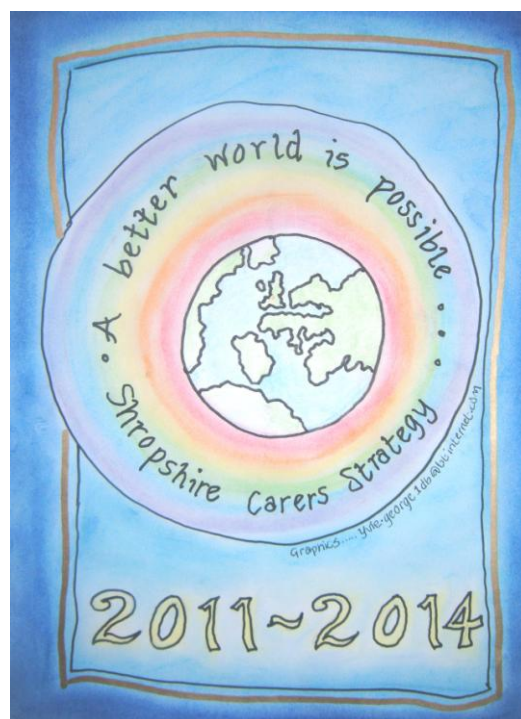
Introduction

Shropshire's strategy for carers sets out to plan for change and further development of services for carers in Shropshire, that are based on discussion with them in a number of different forums and venues throughout Shropshire. The Local Authority, The Primary Care Trust, voluntary and private agencies working in support of carers, will be referred to as 'we' throughout this document.

Facts and figures

- There are around six million carers in the UK.
- There are around 30,000 adult carers and 800 young carers in Shropshire, according to the Census in 2001.
- Around 30% of carers become carers in any one year and approximately the same number cease to be carers.
- Peak age for becoming a carer is 45-64 years.
- 58% of carers are female and 42% are male.
- Two thirds of carers below 65 years of age are employed or self-employed.
- The average age of young carers is 12 years.
- Carers equal 12% of the workforce and around 2.7 million combine work and care giving.
- On average, carers are £9,000 a year worse off due to being carers.
- 33% of carers are, or have experienced, debt problems due to caring.
- One in every five carers gives up work to care.
- One in three young carers of compulsory school age are missing school.
- Three in five people will be carers at any one time.
- Over one million carers in the UK provide 50+ hours care per week.
- One in four young carers do not tell anyone they are looking after someone at home; they may be secretive in order to maintain privacy and avoid embarrassment.
- About 140,000 carers work full time and provide 50+ hours care per week.
- Over 50% of carers have been treated for stress related illness.
- Around 50% have sustained physical injury due to caring.

Research 4 years ago, placed the amount of money carers save the nation at £87.5 billion per year, or £15,260 per carer per year.



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Shropshire Council leaflets for carers:

- **A Guide to Information for Carers**

This is a 6 page leaflet produced by Shropshire Council – you can download it [here](#).

- **Carers Emergency Respite Scheme**

A 2 page leaflet outlining the scheme, which you can download [here](#).

- **Carers one off Direct Payment**

A 1 page leaflet to download [here](#).



Update on Tina Sheppard

As we went to press last month, Tina was having a colostomy operation. We are happy to report that the op went well. Tina says

The op went really well and I am doing great. They managed to do it by key hole surgery which makes it much easier (I imagine) than open surgery. Wrexham hospital staff were marvellous and very caring to me. I have had a few experiences of 'loose bowels' which is quite entertaining! But I realise now I can't eat too much chocolate and vegetables and Indian food! So I am definitely on a learning curve!

Community Council of Shropshire – Carers Support Service

www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/

Being a carer is not easy. When you look after a relative, neighbour or friend who is frail, disabled, ill or has mental health or substance misuse problems, the struggle is daily and sometimes feels unending. Many carers don't realise they can have support and help or where to go to ask.



The Community Council Carers Support Service is a Shropshire wide service. We are here to work with carers to help make life a little easier through direct support and information

How we can help:-

We can arrange for you to have a Carer's Assessment. This is a chance for you to be able to talk about what help you may need to be able to stay well and ensure your caring role can be balanced with other life, work or family commitments. After an assessment we can refer or signpost you to other services that can help with things like

respite, home safety or equipment.

Money is often a worry for carers and many struggle financially. We can arrange a benefits check to make sure you are getting everything you're entitled to.

Carers are often isolated so we can link you in to a carers group in your area where you can meet other carers and enjoy some company and a break from caring.

Currently carers groups meet monthly in Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Shrewsbury, Pontesbury, Oswestry and Ellesmere.

Carers have a lot of practical skills and knowledge but sometimes need reassurance about their caring role

Learning Together is a series of **free** 2 day workshops we are running, which offer carers practical, realistic and relevant advice on topics around being a carer. These are taking place in venues across Shropshire and in Telford & Wrekin

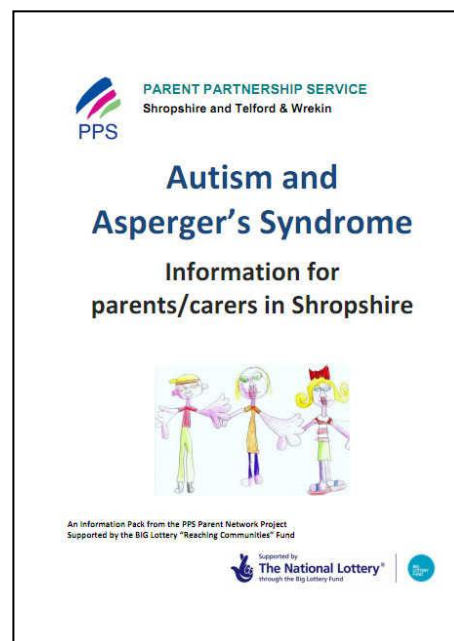
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New Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Shropshire Information Pack

Parent Partnership Service, together with Autism West Midlands and Shropshire Autism Project, have produced a new guide to Autism and Asperger's Syndrome – Information for parents/carers in Shropshire. The pack can be downloaded [here](#) or from the PPS website www.parentpartnership-shropshireandtelford.org.uk/40.html

The pack aims to enable parents/carers to understand the condition and how to assist their child better, to know where to go for more information, which organizations can offer assistance, how to ask for services that they need, and where to go when they need some-one to talk things over with.

Parent Partnership Service plan to bring out a similar pack for Telford & Wrekin shortly.



Shropshire Autism Services Directory

Shropshire Council, Shropshire Country NHS PCT and Telford and Wrekin NHS Community Health Services have jointly brought out a 38 page Directory which is split into 5 sections:

- Support with Understanding your child's diagnosis
- Parenting Programmes
- Leisure Facilities / clubs
- Support Groups
- Educational Support

You can download the Directory [here](#).

The TUC says

More than 900,000 families set to lose £12 a week in housing benefit

TUC analysis of June's Emergency Budget reveals that 936,960 households across the UK will each lose around £12 a week (£624 a year) as a result of changes to housing benefit (HB) announced in the Budget.

Cuts to the local housing allowance will hit almost everyone in private rented housing on the benefit, says the TUC.

The analysis of figures from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) reveals that regionally, the largest cuts will be in London where



159,370 families will see their HB cut by £22 a week, adding up to a loss of £1,144 a year.

Another 123,000 households in the South East will lose £12 a week (£624 a year), while 58,680 families in the East Midlands, 70,970 families in the East of England, 130,900 families in the North West and 80,140 families in the West Midlands will lose £10 a week (£520 a year).

The proposed cuts, due to come into force in April 2011, include:

the restriction of the bedroom entitlement to four bedroom rates;

capping the amount that can be claimed under local housing allowance (LHA) at between £250 and £400 a week (depending on property size); and

removing a £15 a week excess payment for tenants who find a good deal on rents.

From October 2011, LHA rents will also be calculated on the 30th percentile of private sector rents rather than the median.

TUC General Secretary **Brendan Barber** said: 'This cut in housing benefit will make a real difference to some of our poorest and most vulnerable families, and will affect nearly one million households.

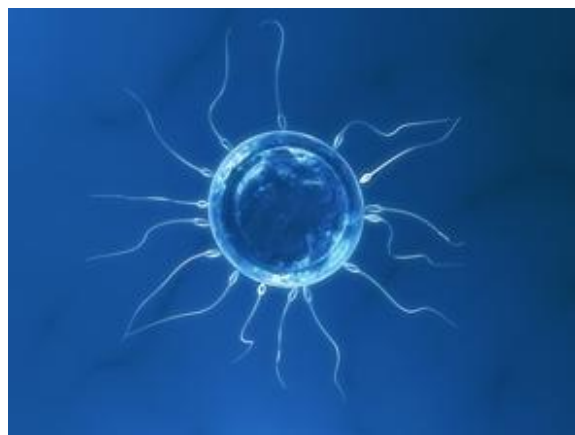
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Judge slams local authority for "social engineering"

Article reprinted from the Solicitors' Journal, 20 August 2010

www.solicitorsjournal.com/story.asp?sectioncode=2&storycode=16831&c=1&eclipse_action=getsession

Forcing a woman with a low IQ to take contraception would raise "profound questions about state intervention", a judge has ruled.



The Court of Protection case concerned Mrs A, a married 29-year-old mother of two, whose IQ of 53 leaves her unable to read, write, tell the time or acknowledge what month it is.

After two babies were removed from Mrs A at birth, a Midlands local authority sought a court ruling that it was in the woman's best interests to be given contraception through force, if necessary.

Handing down judgment on 11 June, in the presence of Mrs A, Mr Justice Bodey said: "It is obvious on the facts of this case, that any step towards long-term court

imposed contraception by way of physical coercion, with its affinity to enforced sterilisation and shades of social engineering, would raise profound questions about state intervention in private and family life.

"While the issue of the use of force has not been argued out at this hearing, I cannot, on these facts, presently see how it could be acceptable."

The authority's initial argument was amended to an interim application for a ruling that the woman did not have the capacity to decide whether to use contraception, and that it would be in her best interests for her to be required to use it.

[Read more](#)

Dance Transformations

Are you looking to develop your career as a dance artist? Do you need time, space and financial support to explore choreographic ideas? Could you benefit from mentor guidance?



Starting this autumn *Dance Transformations* is a part time two-three year training programme. It supports emerging artists with a physical disability and/or sensory impairment and non-disabled dance artists based in the West Midlands.

Dance Transformations is managed and delivered by Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company in partnership with Coventry University's ICELab; (Institute for Creative Enterprise) and with the support of DanceXchange (dx), all of whom have a stake in providing enhanced opportunities for disabled dance artists in the region. Ultimately *Dance Transformations* aims to provide a unique environment that empowers emerging artists to investigate dance making.

They are keen to recruit artists who have significant potential but may have not received acknowledgement as established 'creators of choreography'.

The project offers artists time and space to explore choreographic ideas in a supportive 'unpressured' environment. They will also attend dance seminars, workshops, professional dance company rehearsals and additional events identified by the 'trainees', partake in a seminar event, and the opportunity to create work in 2012 as part of the Cultural Olympiad celebrations.

Mentor support is an essential part of the programme, along with an infrastructure that supports artists to work together. The programme is intended to explore a range of important questions about the experience of disabled and non-disabled dance artists so a commitment to a process of enquiry is expected of all participating artists. The programme will be documented and reflected upon, eventually leading to a multimedia publication.

For further information and to download an information pack visit:

www.blueeyedsouldance.com/dance-transformations/

Email: dt@blueeyedsouldance.com, Phone: 01743 210830

Deadline: Monday 6th September 2010

Shropshire County Primary Care Trust



Shropshire County PCT "is keen to explore the potential of setting up a NHS Community Foundation Trust"

Jo Chambers, Chief Executive of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust, says:

Following national guidance, the PCT has been looking at options for a different local health organisation to manage the community health services which the PCT currently provides itself. Community health services include the four community hospitals, and other community health care such as district nursing, health visiting and podiatry. The recent coalition Government White Paper about the future of NHS services, has now given the PCT a new option of exploring a NHS Community Foundation Trust (CFT) model for managing community health services in Shropshire.

The PCT is keen to explore the potential of setting up a CFT. It would continue to be based in local communities, with the current community health staff - District Nurses, Community Hospital nurses etc, delivering care working closely with local GPs. It has the potential to have all of the benefits of a social enterprise – such as focussing completely on providing local patient care and greater involvement from staff – but it would remain an NHS organisation and therefore the staff working for it would remain NHS staff. The CFT model therefore addresses some of the very specific concerns that staff had around a social enterprise model sitting outside the traditional NHS.

Foundation trusts are independent and not-for-profit. They can decide how to improve services and have greater financial freedom, which mean that they can better match healthcare services to local needs. The difference is that a CFT is an NHS organisation and can be led and managed with involvement of NHS staff.

Such an organisation would enable staff to have a real say in how it is run and this can be a real motivation in developing local services and making the organisation more efficient, effective and responsive to local needs.

The coalition Government's new proposals for the NHS (White Paper and Revision to the NHS Operating Framework) make it clear that the PCT's community services will separate from the PCT's commissioning arm in April 2011, so a lot of hard work is currently taking place to meet this tight deadline.

The PCT Board met on 27 July and supported the proposal to develop a business plan for a Community Foundation Trust for Shropshire's Community Health Services. This will be explored jointly with NHS Telford and Wrekin, because the combined larger size of the services could help strengthen the organisation for the future, and also helps to keep management costs low.

I hope this is a useful update, and if you have any questions or would like to know more, please do contact me, or Paul Tulley, Director of Strategic Planning and Commissioning.



Changing Places

Thousands of people need the Changing Places toilets that would help them to enjoy the day to day activities many of us take for granted.

The Changing Places Consortium has launched its campaign on behalf of those people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. This includes people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and their carers, as well as many other disabled people.

They need Changing Places toilets with enough space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist.

What are Changing Places Toilets?

Standard disabled toilets do not meet the needs of all people with a disability – or their carers.

People with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as other serious impairments such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis or an acquired brain injury, often need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilets comfortably.

Changing Places toilets are different to standard disabled toilets with extra features and more space to meet these needs.

Each Changing Places toilet provides:

The right equipment

- a height adjustable adult-sized changing bench
- a tracking hoist system, or mobile hoist if this is not possible.



Enough space

- adequate space in the changing area for the disabled person and up to two carers
- a centrally placed toilet with room either side for the carers



A safe and clean environment

- wide tear off paper roll to cover the bench
- a large waste bin for disposable pads
- a non-slip floor.

- a screen or curtain to allow the disabled person and carer some privacy.



Why are changing places toilets important?

Thousands of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities cannot use standard accessible toilets.



They need support from one or two carers to use the toilet or to have their continence pad changed.

Standard accessible toilets do not provide changing benches or hoists. Most are too small to accommodate more than one person. Without Changing Places toilets, the person with disabilities is put at risk, and families are forced to risk their own health and safety by changing their daughter or son on a toilet floor. **This is dangerous, unhygienic and undignified.**

It is now accepted and expected that everyone has a right to live in the community, to move around within it and access all its facilities. Government policy promotes the idea of 'community participation' and 'active citizenship', but for some people with disabilities the lack of a fully accessible toilet is denying them this right.

There are almost no public Changing Places toilets in the UK.

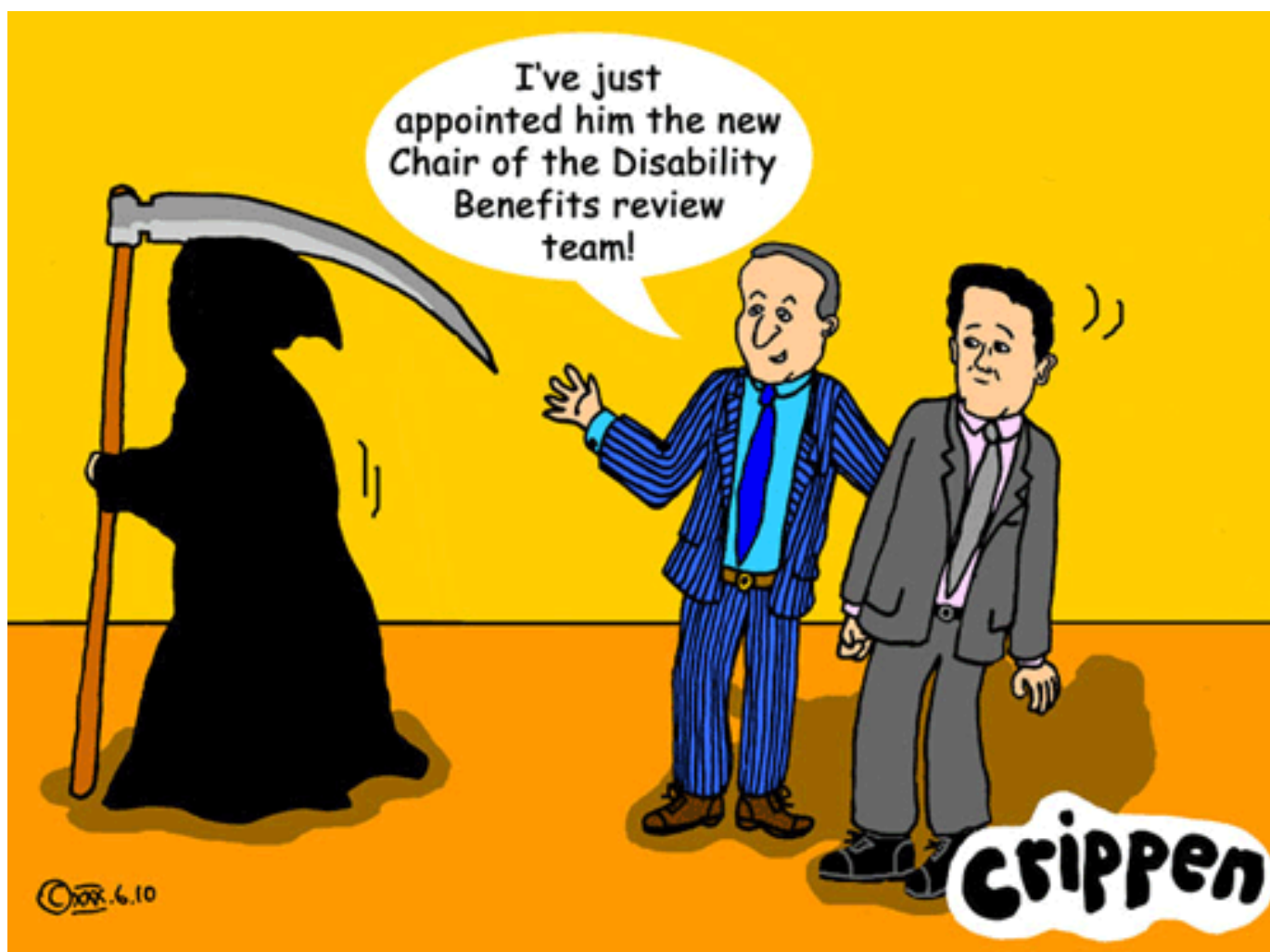
Providing these toilets in public places would make a dramatic difference to the lives of thousands of people who desperately need these facilities.

[Read more](#)

Magic of Making – DVDs for Deaf Children

Magic of Making are a range of children's DVDs with subtitles and a BSL-interpreted narration. The DVDs are collections of little films showing how everyday things are made, starting with the raw materials and ending with the final product. You can get a flavour of the films by visiting our website: <http://magicofmaking.com/>.

The DVDs can be ordered from the producers, Philip Rogers & Simon Ashcroft email pwrogers@btinternet.com



Crippen cartoon courtesy of disabled cartoonist Dave Lupton

Sensory Resource and Development Service

Introduction

The Sensory Resource and Development Service, run by the Community Council of Shropshire, provides advice, information and support to all people with a hearing or sight loss in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

Aims

To provide a link between Health and Social Services, to improve and maintain the quality of life for people with a sensory loss.

Volunteer Support Service

On receipt of referrals from Audiology, we offer home visits from highly trained support workers.

Our volunteers can offer advice, information and practical support e.g. re-tubing of hearing aids.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from a visit please contact on: 01743 345163/8

Effective Hearing Programmes

EHPs are held at venues all over Shropshire and Telford.

This informal course will help make the best use of your hearing, show you how to maintain hearing aids and use effective communication tactics. It can help you gain better access to services and equipment. You will meet other people with a hearing loss in an enjoyable environment.

The course is aimed at adults of all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring a family member or friend as the course will also be very relevant to them. All our tutors have a hearing loss themselves and understand the challenge of hearing loss.

Future venues and dates are:

- Wednesday 8th September Radbrook Community Centre
- Tuesday 12th October Craven Arms Community Centre
- Tuesday 2nd November Meeting Point House, Telford
- Thursday 3rd February St Johns Church, Muxton
- Monday 7th February Hamar Centre, Shrewsbury
- Tuesday 8th March Wellington Civic Centre
- Monday 14th March St Peters Church, Ludlow

To book a place please telephone: 01743 342163/8



Sight Loss Opportunity Groups (SLOG)

Peer support groups for people with a visual impairment meet on the first Wednesday of the Month in **Oswestry** (next meeting 1st September) and the fourth Monday of the month **Shrewsbury** (next meeting 27th September)

In addition there is a monthly cycling group held on the third Wednesday of the month at Sundorne Sports Village, Shrewsbury (next meeting 15th September).

Training and Exhibitions

We can offer tailor made training for groups and organizations on sensory impairment issues. We also welcome invitations to speak to local groups.

See & Hear Exhibition May 11th 2011 - annual event

In partnership with Shropshire Council, Vision Technology & Training Shropshire and Shropshire Voluntary Association for the Blind we provide an annual exhibition for people with sensory impairment.



It is an opportunity for people to gain advice, information and try out new technology, with over 50 stands specialising in sight and hearing loss.

For more information go to The Community Council of Shropshire,

www.shropshire-

rcc.org.uk/supporting_local_people/Sensory_Resource_and_Development_Service or

contact Celia MacIntyre, email: celia.macintyre@shropshire-rcc.org.uk, Phone: 01743 342170

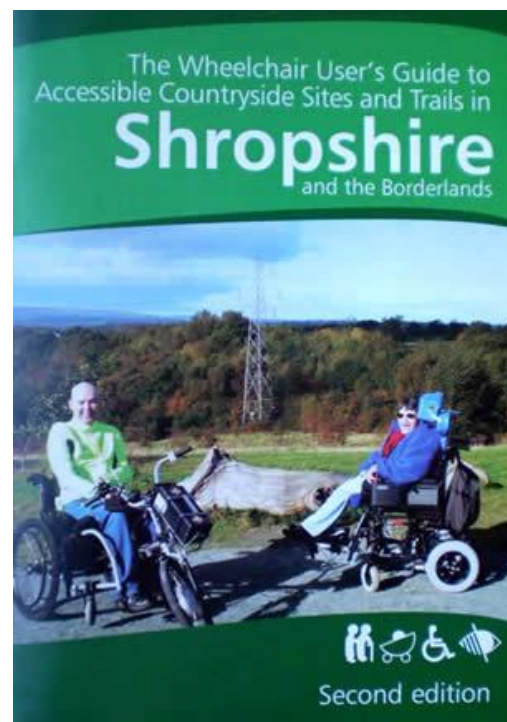
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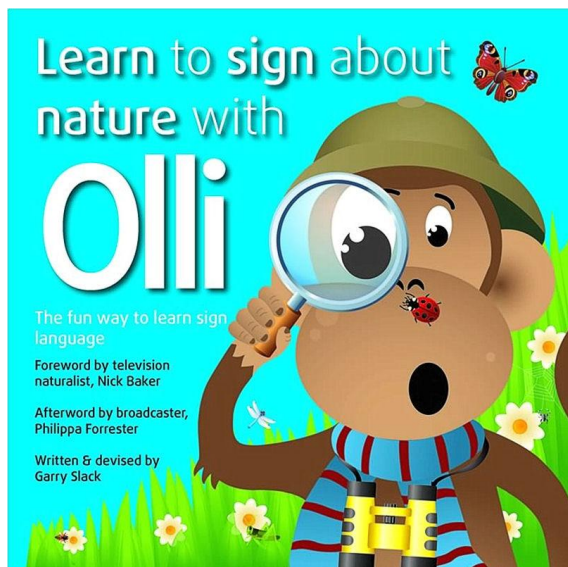
Disabled Holiday Information have now updated their excellent **The Wheelchair User's Guide to Accessible Countryside Sites and Trails in Shropshire** and it can be obtained from Visitor Information Centres, by post from DHI, PO Box 186, Oswestry, SY10 1AF (send an sae A5 envelope plus 1st class stamp for each copy needed) or they can be downloaded as pdf files from the DHI website at **www.disabledholidayinfo.org.uk/publications.htm**

Disabled Holiday Information also produce several other guides, including

- The Wheelchair User's Guide to Accessible Tourist Attractions and Holiday Accommodation for Shropshire
- The Wheelchair User's Guide to Accessible Chester and Cheshire
- The Wheelchair User's Guide to Accessible Activities for Shropshire
- The Wheelchair User's Guide to Accessible Transport for Shropshire

Numerous factsheets on holidaying and getting out and about for disabled people are also available.





Welcome to Action Deafness Books

The UK's leading provider of books and DVDs on D/deafness, British Sign Language, D/deaf culture, D/deaf issues, Tinnitus and more!!

Buy online, browsing our extensive range of books and DVDs - BSL textbooks, learning resources, fiction books and children's are just some of the lines we carry - and if we haven't got what you're looking for - then we'll get it in for you!

As a Social Enterprise activity all the proceeds generated from the sale of books and DVDs are invested back into our work in supporting D/deaf writing, literacy and publishing!

www.actiondeafnessbooks.org.uk/

Glastonbury Festival 2010 by Sue Downes, reprinted from Shrewsbury & District MS Society Newsletter, Sept 2010

'Calvin, have you packed the Wellies and cagoules? and my fleece and hot water bottle are on the landing – don't forget them'.

'Yes, don't worry, they are in the caravan and the wheelchair is in the boot. I've packed everything else'

We were preparing for what has now become an annual trip to the Glastonbury Music and Performing Arts Festival. Having been most years since 1997, before I was diagnosed with MS, we know what to expect Mud! Well that's not altogether true; we have had a couple of good years, but with close to 100,000 festival goers, if it rains well you've seen the pictures.

For some inexplicable reason, Glastonbury was one of the Festivals that we didn't attend in our younger days. We first went because our daughter and some friends wanted to go to celebrate the end of their GCSEs. Being responsible parents we said 'only if we go as well' – always looking for an opportunity to turn back the years! However, we were past the tent stage, and the thought of a clean toilet persuaded us to buy a caravan. The girls of course took a tent and pitched it out of our sight! It was the start of a thoroughly enjoyable annual pilgrimage for us.

When I was diagnosed with MS in early 2008, we thought it would bring that chapter of our lives to a close. The caravan fields are outside the main site and the site is in a valley, so plenty of uphill/downhill walking, but we discovered that the organisers had opened a field **exclusively for the disabled**, on-site, for both caravans and tents. I was determined to avoid my MS



Picture by Andrew Allcock, from the Glastonbury website
<http://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/news/wednesday-pictures>

becoming an obstacle to as many of the activities we used to enjoy, as possible, so we applied for the disabled access. It was only then that we discovered the extent to which the organisers have gone to make this wonderful event accessible to the disabled.

For 5 days at the end of June each year (except for the odd rest year), in the middle of a 900 acre site, a cow field in the depths of Somerset is transformed. No need to worry about filthy toilets or even showers, **the disabled field has their own exclusive provision** (access to the field is limited to only those camping there). If you need refrigeration for medication, even that is catered for with Electric hook-ups albeit limited in numbers and subject to temporary failure as people try to find suitable points in the spaghetti of extension sockets, to hook up to! The facilities don't stop there either.

[Read more](#)

News from the West Midlands Regional Disability Network

Disability Harassment Inquiry

The Equality and Human Rights commission are investigating whether public bodies and public transport providers are fulfilling their legal obligations to prevent



Disabled people from being harassed. Their consultation on Disability-related harassment is running until 10th September. It is really important that we as Disabled people take part now in this inquiry to make change happen. Go to www.rdn-wm.org.uk/Consultations/EHRC-Inquiry-in-to-disability-related-harassment.aspx to have your say.

RDN Equality Act Toolkit

We are putting together resources for Disabled people's organisations and groups on the new Equality Act. The toolkit will focus on how your group can use the Act when lobbying and negotiating with your local authority. We would like to hear from you what would be most useful to include in these resources. Call Lisa on 024 7671 6217.

www.rdn-wm.org.uk

SDN - Our Vision

By 2025, disabled people will have the same opportunities, choices and responsibilities as non-disabled people to be respected and treated as equal members of society.

SDN's next General Meeting will take place at 11 am on Thursday 9th September 2010, at the Mereside Community Centre, Sutton Farm, Shrewsbury. Our guest speaker will be Sally Edwards, from the Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company in Shropshire. This is an innovator of inclusive dance with disabled and non-disabled artists of all ages. We think this is an inspirational story. Please note the date in your diary.





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August 2010

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Understanding the local impacts of proposed court closures in the West Midlands and Warwickshire

On 23 June 2010 the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Kenneth Clarke announced a consultation on the most strategic locations for magistrates' and county courts across England and Wales. These proposals are based on a series of principles around the importance of operating high quality courts within a reasonable travelling distance for communities, while ensuring value for money for taxpayers.

In West Midlands and Warwickshire, we currently operate out of 24 magistrates' and county courts however the number and location of these does not necessarily reflect changes in population, workload or transport and communication links over the many years since they were opened. Many others lack appropriate facilities for victims and witnesses or are not easily accessible to disabled court users. These issues limit the type of case that the judiciary can hear and often brings the standard of facilities below that expected in a modern justice system.

The consultation period will continue to run until 15 September during which time everyone with an interest in local justice services will be able to give their views on the proposals. All the considerations will then be taken into account before the Lord Chancellor decides whether to close individual courts. An important part of this process will be to assess the potential impact on the communities within the jurisdiction of those courts and those with special needs and requirements. We are therefore inviting comment on any potential impact these proposals may have on those people your organisation represents.

The consultation documents can be found on <http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/consultations.htm>, along with information on how to respond. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jacqui Grosvenor

Acting Area Director, West Midlands and Warwickshire Area

Campaign for Sativex

People with multiple sclerosis (MS) are being denied access to the new symptom relief treatment Sativex. Over the past few weeks the MS Society has learned that several Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) have refused to fund the treatment, claiming it's not cost effective.



Have you been denied Sativex?

We have published a new guide on our website to help you challenge this. The guide gives information about your rights, how to make a request, what exceptional circumstances are and how you can appeal. It includes template letters to your PCT and MP, and even advice on taking your campaign to the press! If you don't have internet access please phone 0208 438 0700 and ask for the Policy and Campaigns team, who will send you a paper version.

Let us know

If you or your branch members have been denied Sativex then contact the policy and campaigns team on campaigns@mssociety.org.uk and let us know.

About Sativex

The cannabis based mouth spray was licensed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in June to treat people with MS who experience serious symptoms of spasticity. A full fact sheet with more detail is available at www.mssociety.org.uk/research/fact_sheets.html

[Article taken from Team Spirit, No. 172 September 2010]



Shropshire Disability Network focuses on Employment Support for people with a disability

Our first meeting will be held on the 15th September at the Mereside Community Centre 9.30am -12.00

The focus of the group will be:

- to look at barriers to employment (to include self employment)
- to look at gaps in support to people with disabilities seeking various forms of employment
- to look at gaps in support to employers in assisting employees with a disability
- to look at gaps and barriers to support for those in employment (to include self employment and voluntary work)
- to look at gaps in information for people seeking work in Shropshire

The group will set its own action plan and terms of reference in order to meet recognised objectives

Who should attend ?

Those organisations:

- providing employment support
- currently in education services - providing the skills for employment
- with an interest in improving service or filling a gap in support
- providing support to the self employed

Individuals who are

- Looking for work and want a voice in improving services
- In work and see gaps in the support
- Have ideas for change

So if you feel passionate about making employment work for people with disabilities in Shropshire then this will be the group for you. To attend contact Ann Johnson (who will be leading the group on behalf of Shropshire Disability Network) on husk@uwclub.net

Ann Johnson

Refreshing the national Carers Strategy – call for evidence

Deadline 20 September 2010



Paul Burstow, Minister of State for Care Services, is calling for evidence before delivering a clear plan of action. He says

'The previous Government's Carers Strategy – *Carers at the heart of 21st century families and communities* – set out a vision that by 2018:

'carers will be universally recognised and valued as being fundamental to strong families and stable communities. Support will be tailored to meet individuals' needs, enabling carers to maintain a balance between their caring responsibilities and a life outside caring, while enabling the person they support to be a full and equal citizen.'

... The Coalition Agreement sets out a number of priority areas, which includes supporting carers, and I am keen to maintain a cross-Government approach to implementing the Strategy and to work with local and national partners, and carers, to deliver a clear plan of action.

... I have announced the Government's intention to 'refresh' the Carers Strategy with a view to producing, before the end of this year, a clear plan of action for 2011 to 2015. This does not mean re-writing the Carers Strategy, but rather that we will develop a plan setting out the key activities upon which the Government – working in partnership with carers, Local Authorities, the NHS, employers, the voluntary sector and local communities – can focus from April 2011 onwards.

... I am keen to seek your views now on the **key priorities, on what will have the greatest impact on improving carers' lives in the next four years.**

N.B. There are some issues that are **not** covered by this 'Refresh'; For example, benefits are excluded as they will be dealt with separately, so the Government is "*interested to hear about support other than cash benefits that would help to improve carers' lives*". See attachment *Call for Evidence2*, on page 2 **here**

Make your views known by either:

From Tuesday 3rd August you will be able to type your views and ideas directly into The Carers Centre website via our CarersVoice pages completely anonymously and we will pass them to the government without identifying you:

www.prtcarscentre.org.uk/carersvoice.html

You can email the Minister directly (this will not be anonymous) to carersevidence@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Write to:

Carers Evidence
Carers Strategy Team, Department of Health
Area 116, First Floor, Wellington House
133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG

What's On

Arthritis Care – Wrexham Group

Wrexham group

Meets at 2pm on the third Tuesday of the month at St Margaret's Church Hall, Chester Road, Wrexham.

Arthritis Care Wales
One Caspian Point
Pierhead Street
Cardiff Bay
CF10 4DQ

Phone: 02920 444 155

Email: Wales@arthritiscare.org.uk

Lorraine Fletcher

regional administrator

Tel: 02920 444 155

Victoria Kalmaru

information services manager

Tel: 08452419676

Mary Cowern

Local Development Manager - South Wales, **Tel:** 01554 705 001

Bridgnorth Buddies Events

10/09/10	Coffee Morning	9.30am onwards	Cinnamon Café	-	Great opportunity to have a chat & swap experiences.
11/09/10	Multi-Activities	10.30am - 12	St. Leonard's Church Hall	50p per child	Fun & games for all with Ping Pong John & friends.
24/09/10	Coffee Morning	9.30am onwards	Cinnamon Café	-	Great opportunity to have a chat & swap experiences.
25/09/10	Multi-Activities	10.30am - 12	St. Leonard's Church Hall	50p per child	Fun & games for all with Ping Pong John & friends.
26/09/10	Swimming	5pm - 6pm	Bridgnorth Leisure Centre	Free	Buddies have exclusive use of the pool. Bring the family!

Contact Person: Sharon Morris or Mags Osborne

Phone: Sharon 01746 767612 or Mags 01746 762190

Mobile: Sharon 07790 780631 or Mags 07968 544182

Address: 88 Sydney Cottage Drive, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 4PQ

Email: info@bridgnorthbuddies.co.uk,

Website www.bridgnorthbuddies.co.uk/



Community Council of Shropshire – Courses:

September

Being An Effective Committee

Tuesday 14 September 6.30pm-9.30pm at Chelmarsh Village Hall, Shropshire. Cost: Shropshire VCO - £15 or Statutory/external organisations £40

Social Media in the Voluntary Sector (Shropshire)

Tuesday 14 September 10.00am-1.00pm at The Qube, Oswestry, OR

Tuesday 14 September 2.00pm-5.00pm at The Qube, Oswestry.

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £15 or Statutory/external organisations £40

Successfully Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers

Tuesday 14 September 10.00am-3.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £30 or Statutory/external organisations £80. Lunch is included.

Volunteer Management

Thursday 23 September 10.00am–4.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO £15 or Statutory/external organisations £80. Lunch is included.

Making the Case for Funding

Thursday 23 September 10.00am-4.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £30 or Statutory/external organisations £80. Lunch is included.

Charity Accounts for Smaller Charities & Voluntary Organisations

Tuesday 28 September 9.30am-1.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £15 or Statutory/external organisations £40

Charity Accounts for Larger Charities & Incorporated Organisations

Tuesday 28 September 2.00 pm - 5.30pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £15 or Statutory/external organisations £40

Introduction to Marketing Your Organisation

Wednesday 29 September 10.00am-3.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO - £30 or Statutory/external organisations £80. Lunch will be provided.

October

Introduction to Business Planning

Wednesday 6 October 10.00am–3.00pm at The Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury.

Cost: Shropshire VCO £30 or Statutory/external organisations £80. Lunch is included.

Bookings

For further information or to book onto any of the courses please contact:

Lorraine Smart at The Community Council of Shropshire on **01743 237880** or by email:

lorraine.smart@shropshire-rcc.org.uk

Postal address for the Community Council of Shropshire: 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG, www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/voluntary_sector_support/training_programme/index.html?sid=9998fa64ba935636d198c64c81aca932

Have you attended a beginner's lip reading course in the last two years?

Would you like to improve your skills?

Improvers lip reading courses available in Shrewsbury (United Reform Church) 10 – 12 hrs.

And in Telford (Meeting Point House) 14 – 16 hrs.

FROM 20 SEPT 2010.

Limited funding available, cost is £2.00 per hour, payable at first lesson – sorry!

Contact: The Workers Education Association on 01952 583886

www.sishropshire.org.uk/



‘Learning Together’ Comes To Telford

The Community Council of Shropshire have announced four dates for ‘Learning Together’ workshops Telford and Wrekin. Learning Together is a 2 day free workshop specifically designed to meet the needs of family carers. They are fun, informative, and practical and address the real issues carers face.

Dates and Venues 2010/2011:

Thursday September 23rd & 30th 2010 DONNINGTON: Turref Hall, Turref Avenue TF2 8HG

Friday October 22nd & 29th 2010 NEWPORT: Cosy Hall, Water Lane TF10 7LD

Friday January 21st & 28th 2011 WELLINGTON: AFC United Football Club, The Learning Centre TF1 2TU

Friday February 18th & 25th 2011 WOODSIDE: Park Lane Centre TF7 5QZ

For more information or to book a place on this free workshop please call:

Fiona 01743 342165 or Glenda 01743 341995

MS Society Events

- Our **Monthly Social** is open to any person affected by multiple sclerosis (MS) i.e. carers, family or persons with MS.

A 'drop in' social with a gentle exercise session, light refreshments, and a hands on activity for you to try.

Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates 12.30pm-3.30pm

9th September 2010, this month, **Christine's Florist** will be joining us.



www.mssociety.org.uk/branches/west_midlands/telford/diary.html

• Bungee Jump

11 and 12 September at West Midlands Water Ski Centre, Tamworth Road, Cliff, Warwickshire B78 2DL.

160 foot jump

Minimum sponsorship £50 and aged 14

The events company, UK Bungee Club, can help with any questions about the suitability of jumping by people affected by MS or other conditions. 07000 286433 or by email info@ukbungee.co.uk

• West Midlands Fundraising Workshops

Start date 02/10/2010

Location Sapphire Training, Coleshill Manor, B46 1DL

The Fundraising workshops are aimed at all branch volunteers interested in fundraising and especially fundraising officers / leads, fundraising team members and branch chairs, They will help increase your confidence and skills for fundraising.

For more information on the workshop see:

[West Mids Fundraising Workshops Autumn 2010.pdf \(21 kb\)](#) 

To register for a place email Andy Jarret at ajarret@mssociety.org.uk or phone on 0208 438 0943.

Bookings for the Coleshill Manor workshop by 25th September 2010.

• Shropshire MS Support Group Meeting

First Thursday of every month 10.30am - 4.00pm

Location: Hamar Centre in the grounds of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road

Come for the day, or drop in for 10 minutes and a cuppa! Always an enjoyable day with a lively bunch of folk living with MS.



These sessions start with a one hour physiotherapy session followed by lunch. The afternoon starts at about 1.00pm and takes the form of guest speakers, demonstrations, entertainment etc. and varies throughout the year. A care assistant is available all day to help with your personal needs. For further information contact the branch on 01743 364484. www.mssociety.org.uk/branches/west_midlands/shrewsbury/events.html

Thursday 2nd September, 10:30-11:30 Exercise session, 1.00-3.00pm: Speaker Malcolm Castle
'The Lighter Side of a Fireman's Life'

A neurological physiotherapist from the RSH takes the exercise sessions. Everyone is welcome to stay all day, at no charge, although we ask for a small contribution towards teas and coffees. Bring a packed lunch if you wish. A care assistant is available ALL day to help with your personal needs. For more information ring the Shrewsbury Branch Help Line 01743-364484

• **'The Abbey', Monkmoor Road**

Join a group of MS Society members and friends for Lunch. If you just want to join us for an afternoon drink, you are more than welcome.

At 12 noon, on a Thursday, 16th September, 21st October

There is plenty of parking, ramp access and a downstairs disabled toilet and the staff are always very helpful.

deafPLUS Events <http://deafplus.org/>

Sunday 5th September at 7 pm to 10 pm

'Snooker and Pool at Rileys in Erdington'

Cost £ 12.50 group booking and you can divided to share the cost

Wednesday 15th September at 10.30 am

'Museum of Jewellery Quarter'

Free entry

Saturday 18th September at 11 am

'REP Theatre backstage tour'

Cost £ 3.00

Sunday 19th September at 7 pm to 10 pm

'Snooker and Pool at Rileys in Town Centre'

Cost £ 14.60 group booking and you can divided to share the cost

Wednesday 22nd September at 3.30 pm

'Back to Back Museum Tour', Birmingham

Cost £ 5.45 Adult and £ 2.70 Child

Sunday 26th September at 7 pm to 10 pm

'Snooker and Pool at Rileys in Erdington'

Cost £ 12.50 group booking and you can divided to share the cost

Wednesday 29th September at 11 am

'Pre-Raphaelites and general art tour at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery'

Cost £ 5.00

To be confirm the date and time

'Birmingham Football Stadium tour'; 'Subtitle film screening shows at MAC'; 'Barber Institute of Fine Arts'; 'The Drum'; 'Aston Villa FC tour at Sat or Sun'

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND - SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER PROVIDED

PLEASE CONTACT OLIVIER JAMIN, TELEPHONE(0121) 678 88 50, VOICE TO TEXTPHONE 18002 (0121) 678 88 50, EMAIL olivier.jamin@deafplus.org





Telford DCD Group

Does your child have co-ordination problems?

They may have been diagnosed with Dyspraxia or DCD (Developmental Co-ordination Disorder).

We are a new group of parents/carers whose children have co-ordination difficulties and would welcome you to come along to our friendly, informal meetings.

First Friday of every month - term time only*

9.30 -11.30 am

Family Room, Stepping Stones Centre,
Brunel Road, Malinslee, Telford, Shropshire. TF3 2BF

Contact Alex or Clare

Tel: 01952 458018

Email:

telfordddcd@btinternet.com



Find us on
Facebook

Telford DCD Group

***Due to school holidays our next meeting is -**

September 10th 2010

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Spectrum Meeting

The next Spectrum meeting is on **Thursday September 2nd at 8pm** at the Lord Hill Hotel, we have Harry Cade coming along to speak about his recent projects and to answer your questions. Please feel welcome to come along. Harry Cade is part of the Disabled Children's Team in Monkmoor and is involved in the "All In" project. "All In" is the new name of the Shropshire Short Break Project. It offers a programme of activities for children with disabilities or additional needs and their families. www.paccshropshire.org.uk/events



Migraine Awareness Week

5-11 September 2010, The Migraine Trust

During Migraine Awareness Week this year, The Migraine Trust wants to highlight the fact that 1 in 7 people in the UK suffer from migraine. We want to focus on why migraine matters and why the condition should be taken more seriously. Many people think that

migraine doesn't matter because it can't kill you, it's not contagious and it's mostly episodic.

Migraine is all too often trivialised as "just a headache" but we know that migraine can be extremely disabling and can destroy peoples' lives. To get our message across, we have pulled together some of the key facts about the condition to show why migraine matters:

If you want to find out more about getting involved with Migraine Awareness Week then please call us on **020 7462 6606** or email us at events@migrainetrust.org, www.migrainetrust.org/C2B/document_tree/ViewADocument.asp?ID=264&CatID=93

Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week

13-19 September 2010

If you'd like to help us to raise awareness of lymphoma during this week, please email your name and address to

sarah@lymphomas.org.uk and we'll send you an information pack which contains lots of ideas on how you can get involved.

www.lymphomas.org.uk/news/news.asp?newsid=140



Carers Contact Centre - Carers Walk

The next walk will be on 15th September starting at 10.30 am at the Carers Contact Centre, Lightmoor, Telford. Why not join us for a walk to blow away the cobwebs, get some exercise in the fresh air and chat with fellow carers? www.carerscontact.org.uk/diary.html



Walkabout Wrekin – Walking for Health

The National Osteoporosis Society, Telford & Shropshire Support Group are joining Walkabout Wrekin on Friday 17th

September 2010 2 pm for a 30 – 45 minute walk around Telford Town Park. Meet at 1.45 pm at Spout Farm House, wearing suitable shoes, and join us for tea or coffee afterwards.



Disability & Hate Don't Go Together

The West Midlands Police working in partnership with Gallant2000 are holding a conference on the 14th September 2010 at the Tally Ho Police Training Centre Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7RN.

Together with your support we hope to establish a baseline for both the police service and user led organisations in dealing with disability hate.

The conference will commence at 0900 and finish 4.30pm lunch and refreshments will be provided. Attached is the agenda and you will note we have some excellent expert speakers producing a full range of perspectives on Disability Hate.

The cost for this conference has been kept to a minimum at £65 per head we appreciate current financial restraints.

Information stands will be available from a variety of organisations throughout the day.

Please attend the conference and share your expertise in dealing with disability hate.

To book your place visit www.gallant2000.com/disabilityhatecrime or call 0121 212 3410 and ask for Alex.

'50 Ways' professional development training

Sunday, September 19th, 2010

To complement our LIKE Youth Dance Programme **Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company** are running a FREE professional development training session. Inspiring and informative training, it's an 'absolute must' for all those involved in inclusive arts. '50 Ways' is tailor-made training for artists, dancers, community workers, educationalists and organisations. The training workshop will be led by disabled and non-disabled dancers from the company, who are able to adapt the workshop to the specific needs of participants.



It Offers:

- Insight into working with sensory, physical and learning disabled participants in dance.
- A route towards complying with the Disability Discrimination Act
- A 'shopping trolley' of inclusive dance ideas, tasks and games to take away.
- A breakdown of good inclusive dance practice, exploration of processes and techniques.

Time: 10am - 4pm

Booking: Spaces are limited, and booking is essential. For a booking form please contact Moya Malekin on 01743 210830 or email admin@blueeyedsouldance.com

N.B. A further session is planned for Spring 2011, to take place in South Shropshire.

Venue: The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury SY1 4NG

Cost: FREE - restrictions may apply to those working outside of Shropshire

www.blueeyedsouldance.com. Download the application form [here](#)

World Alzheimer's Day

21st September 2010

Dementia. It's time for action!



The theme for World Alzheimer's Day™ 2010 is 'Dementia. It's time for action!' In our materials and activities we will focus on the need for governments and the general public to take any action they can to raise awareness of dementia and improve service provision for people with dementia and their carers.

Every year on 21 September Alzheimer associations across the globe unite to recognise World Alzheimer's Day in many ways and 2010 is no exception with events taking place internationally.

www.alz.co.uk/adi/wad/

Community Council of Shropshire - Carers Conference



On **Friday 24th September** we are holding our carers conference which will focus on the carers strategy for Shropshire and on Personalisation and what it means for carers

The afternoon will offer an interesting range of workshops and there will be a marketplace of information stands.

To find out more or to book a place please contact Glenda Jordan on the number given below

If you are a carer or know someone who is caring please get in touch. We're here to help

For more information about all our carers services contact Glenda Jordan on 01743 341995

Shropshire Memory Walk

Sunday 26th September 2010, 2.30 pm

Meet at Attingham Park National Trust, Atcham, Shropshire, SY4 4TP (free entry)

Parking, Pets allowed, Disabled Access, Toilets on site

Length of walk: 1 mile and 3 miles

How to get there: The entrance to the park is on the B4380 opposite side of the road to the Mytton and Mermaid pub.

Contact: Valerie Brown, Alzheimer's Society, Roy Fletcher Centre, 12-17 Cross Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JE, phone 01743 341800, email shropshire@alzheimers.org.uk



World Heart Day

26th September 2010 The World Heart Federation

Download 10 Steps to Heart Health on www.world-heart-federation.org/what-we-do/awareness/world-heart-day/world-heart-day-2010/10-simple-steps/

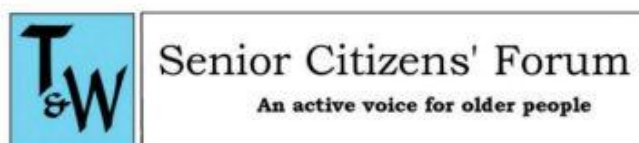


Equality Workshop

**28th September, to facilitate the consultation element of
Community Services Equality Impact Assessments**



Contact: Gillian Herdman, Information Officer (Culture, Leisure & Learning)
Performance Unit, Community Services Directorate, Shropshire Council, Ptarmigan Building, Sitka
Drive, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG
Phone 01743 255 831, email gillian.herdman@shropshire.gov.uk



**Monday 13th September 2010,
at Oakengates Theatre
Limes Walk, Telford TF2 6EP**

**Ableworld and Telford & Wrekin
Senior Citizens' Forum
invite you to a**

**Mobility Show and Disability
Information Day**

Open to the public from 9 am to 3 pm

EQUALITY ACT 2010 Seminar

HUSK is hosting an EQUALITY ACT 2010 Seminar in Shrewsbury on the 20th and the 29th September 2010. Free to attend - go to www.husk.uwclub.net and go to 'Workshops and publications' for more details. Contact: Ann Johnson, email: husk@uwclub.net, tel : 01743 245356, Mobile 07966591043

HUSK is a specialised Disability Management and Training Company.

National Autism Society – help! 2

Meeting your child's sensory needs, 30th September, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm
at the Warstock Community Centre, 1 Daisy Farm Road, Warstock, Birmingham B14 4QA

A chance to explore the effect the world has on your child's senses and using activities that can help them deal with this.

The seminar is aimed at parents/ carers of people who have a diagnosis of autism, Aspergers syndrome or ASD.

Seminar delivered by Lorraine MacAlister, help! Programme Officer

Free; apply to The help! 2 Team, The National Autistic Society, Castle Heights, 6th Floor, 72 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6BJ, Michaela Krupinski on 0115 847 3530

Download more details [here](#)



October is Lupus Awareness Month

Further details:

www.westmidlandslupus.co.uk/events/get_ready_for_october.htm

Yvonne Norton, Tel 01902 498236



October is Walk to School Month

Although it seems a long way away, Walk to School Month (October) will be with us before you know it, so make sure you're ready to use the new school year to get children excited about walking.

Walking to school promotes health, physical activity, concern for the environment and safe and walkable communities. This year, join schools around the world as they celebrate walking during the month of October.

Communities are encouraged to pick a day, a week, once a week or the entire month to celebrate. Actively promoting Walk to School for a month could also transition smoothly into the launch of a year-round program.



www.iwalktoschool.org/october.htm, www.walkingschoolbus.org/

National Autism Society – help! 2

Managing anger in young people with Asperger Syndrome, 10th October, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm at the Warstock Community Centre, 1 Daisy Farm Road, Warstock, Birmingham B14 4QA

This is a practical seminar that focuses on communication strategies and dealing with difficult behaviour. It also looks at dealing with your son's/daughter's anger and some coping strategies. In this particular seminar we will not be covering physical interventions.

The seminar is specifically aimed at those parents/carers with children aged 8 – 16 years of age with a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome or a child with an ASD who attends a mainstream school.

Seminar delivered by Lorraine MacAlister, help! Programme Officer

Free; apply to The help! 2 Team, The National Autistic Society, Castle Heights, 6th Floor, 72 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6BJ, Michaela Krupinski on 0115 847 3530



Carers' Rights and Our Responsibilities

A Series of Free Training Events for Professionals in Shropshire

Led by Helen Ogilvy – Independent Social Work Consultant

Thursday 21st October 2010 – Wildlife Trust, Shrewsbury

10.00 am to 4.00pm

Lunch Provided

The objectives of this course are:

- To understand the definition of a carer and the crucial role that carers play in our society
- To understand the legal and policy framework around carers issues
- To understand the range of needs carers have and the impact that caring can have on people
- To understand the rights of carers
- To examine our roles and responsibilities
- To consider what constitutes good practice in assessing the needs of carers
- To consider how we make clear and fair judgements about who is eligible to receive services
- To consider the range of available resources to support carers
- To hear the experiences, both good and bad, of some local carers

**To book your place, please contact the Community Council of Shropshire
tel 01743 341995**