

# Informe Newsletter

Informe, a multi-agency initiative with Health, Bury Local Authority and NCH

Hello everyone,

Welcome to all those new families who have joined Informe since my last newsletter. **WELCOME!**

This newsletter's main feature is holidays. On page 11 I TV are looking for homes to makeover in the new 60 Minute Makeover Series. I have also included the information about the sibling support group again as no one has shown any interest in this, yet I know from meeting families that you as parents or carers do worry about your other children. If you would like them to have some support and at the same time have fun then please give Julie a ring (see page 10). If there is anything you feel needs to be featured or you wish to contribute to the newsletter I would be delighted to hear from you.

Informe is the Children's Disability and Special Needs database for Bury and is a legal requirement for the local authority to operate one. It is a means to provide impartial information to parents and carers about services in and around Bury and to keep you informed of these services.

It also aims to provide information to service providers on the numbers of children living in Bury, the type of disability and their needs. (It does not identify any individual child). It is completely voluntary to include your child on the database and a child is only included if you have agreed to this and completed a data form.

If you know of any parents/carers who would like further information about Informe please contact me directly by telephone or e-mail. (details on back page).

The next Informe newsletter will be the **June newsletter**. Articles for this newsletter should reach me by **10th May 2007**. If anyone has any articles they wish to include in the next newsletter, please contact me. Thank you for all your continued support.

*Karen Robinson*, Informe Co-ordinator



**March 2007**

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**Important Note to parents and service providers:** If you have moved address or are about to move, have changed your service in any way or if you have developed a new service please let me know so I can keep information up to date. Thank you.



# HOLIDAY INFORMATION

## Organisations Providing Holidays, Holiday Information or Holiday Accommodation for Families and Children with Special Needs

Summer is not that far away and responding to some feedback from parents/ carers I have put together a few ideas about holidays and days out. It is only a small portion and further information regarding holidays is kept in the resource file at the Re:d Centre, which you are welcome to come and have look at. If you have any information you would like to share or experiences about holidays please let me know.

**Free Holiday Guide:** HFT's Family Carer Support Service produces a brilliant guide about holidays that include people with learning disabilities – with and without supporters. Includes places to stay in the UK and abroad, special interest holidays, insurance, benefits and Financial Help, as well as information about other guides that are produced.

Please send a stamped (30p) self-addressed A4 envelope to FCSS Holiday Information, Merchants House, Wapping Road, Bristol, BS1 4RW. Or, go on the website and you will be able to print it off or read it online:

<http://www.hft.org.uk/pdf/HOLIDAYINFORMATION2005.pdf>

**SECOND SPACE** is a new charity with a truly inspirational idea - people with second homes offer one week a year to the charity. We in turn offer these weeks to parents who are carers of children who are either disabled or terminally ill, so that they might benefit from a respite holiday with or without their child depending on circumstances. We are currently looking to increase our list of second homeowners with homes in this country, who are happy to donate a week, for this cause. Our ultimate aim is to establish a national register where people can register their home with us enabling us to organise a greater number of respite breaks at home and abroad. The founding trustee is comedian and presenter Griff Rhys Jones who will be working hard both to raise funds as well as the profile of Second Space. For more information and various application forms, please visit: [http://www.secondspace.net/we\\_are.html](http://www.secondspace.net/we_are.html) or you can Tel us: 020 7792 9043 or email: [amanda.sidwell@secondspace.net](mailto:amanda.sidwell@secondspace.net) or [clare.fincham@secondspace.net](mailto:clare.fincham@secondspace.net)

**Caravan Holidays for Children/teenagers affected by cancer** - Our Holiday Programme UK for families, of children and teenagers affected by cancer (including bereaved families), offers them the opportunity to have a free holiday at one of our luxury caravans, which are sited on prime locations in Wales, which are open from March until the end of October. For further information please contact - Judith May, Christian Lewis Trust, Children's Cancer Charity, 62 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 4PT - Tel: 01792 480500 - Fax: 01792 480700 - Email: [judith.may@christianlewistrust.org](mailto:judith.may@christianlewistrust.org) - <http://www.christianlewistrust.org.uk/content/ukholidaybreaks.htm>

**Helsey House Holiday Cottages, Near Skegness, Lincolnshire** - We are parents of two autistic boys and have experienced interesting and challenging holidays in the past as a family. Because we understand the stresses of planning a family holiday with children with special needs we decided to set up our own holiday cottages within the private grounds of our home. If you would like more information or a brochure please ring Mark and Elizabeth Elvidge on 01754 872927.



**Holiday Care Service** is the UK's central source of travel and holiday information for people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities, older people, carers, one-parent families and those on low income. Their computerised database hold information on all aspects of holidays and travel in this country and overseas. Holiday Care Services works within the framework of the TOURISM FOR ALL campaign for mainstream tourist environment accessible to all regardless of age or disability. For further information telephone: 0845 124 9971 or access their website [www.holidaycare.org.uk](http://www.holidaycare.org.uk) and follow the link 'Holidays for people with disabled children'.



**The National Autistic Society** produces a factsheet on ideas for family days out and Holiday Help – a guide. These can be viewed on their website [www.nas.org.uk](http://www.nas.org.uk) and found using their search box. If you do not have access to the internet contact can be made via their help line or alternatively call in at the Red Centre where a copy is available for viewing in the 'holiday file' and in the parents room.

**Whizz Kidz** have a section on their website that gives details of Kids Days Out. See [whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://whizz-kidz.org.uk) follow the link to Leisure & Services, click General then Kids Days Out.

**Holidays for All:** A website giving information about a variety of holiday providers [www.holidaysforall.org.uk](http://www.holidaysforall.org.uk)

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## TRAVEL CHAIR [www.dawseng.co.uk/chair.asp](http://www.dawseng.co.uk/chair.asp)

The co-ordinator in Sheffield shared this knowledge about the air chair so I thought I would investigate. The Travel chair is suitable for children with special needs who need extra support to sit upright and remain safe in an airline seat. The Travel Chair has all the support harnesses, straps, head, side and foot rests you need, and fits most children aged 3 to 11yrs. The following airlines provide these chairs for their customers free of charge: JMC • Monarch • Virgin

If you are not flying with one of these airlines, check with them to see if they offer any provision, alternatively the Travel Chair can be hired from the company.

One family flew long haul and arranged with Virgin for the chair. The family completed a form with their child's height, weight and size and then Virgin confirmed the Air Chair would be suitable, available and booked for their flight. On the travel day they were the first to board, with plenty of time to settle and the Air Chair had already been fitted to the seat. The parent said the travelling was a breeze, the whole family could relax and enjoy the flight. On the return journey the Air Chair had not been provided. But a few phone calls were made and the seat was fitted. Contact the customer services of your airline before you travel and on the return journey phone to ensure they fit the chair before your arrival.

The unique design of this seat, opens up enormous travel possibilities, such as rail, coach, ferry, car. Alternatively, it could simply be used as a comfortable dining chair in a restaurant.

For a look at the chair go onto the manufacturers website above.

Daws Engineering Ltd, Curtis Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1XD  
Telephone: 01306 881546



**SCOUT HOLIDAY HOME TRUST**, The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a registered charity, founded in 1969 and provides self-catering holiday accommodation in a welcoming family environment for any family or group who has a member with special needs, families with elderly or frail members, people with any special needs with their carers, single parent families, and low income families - irrespective of any Scouting connections.

**Contacts:** Whilst we are always happy to assist with any inquiries you have, please note that the Trust have only one full time Administrator, Lynda Peters, and an occasional part-time assistant, Anne Standing, in the office. We will do our best to help you with any queries that you may have on any of the sites, accommodation or facilities or to provide you with any literature that you may request. We can be reached either by post or telephone as follows:-

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust

Gilwell Park, Chingford, LONDON E4 7QW

Telephone: 0208 433 7290 or 0208 433 7291

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a Registered Charity  
CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 269 946



**HELP (Holiday endeavour for lone parents)** Provides low cost holidays including 2 fully equipped disabled caravans in Primrose Valley (Haven Holidays) for any lone parents and their children. Needy families, especially those with a disabled child, may be sponsored, funds and permitting, usually on the recommendation of a social worker or a doctor.

Contact: 57 Owston Road, Carcroft, Doncaster, South  
Yorkshire, DN6 8DA Tel:01302 728791

**Vitalise** (formerly Winged Fellowship Trust) is a national disability charity providing breaks for disabled adults, children and carers at five accessible UK Centres in Cornwall, Nottingham, Southport, Essex and Southampton. We also provide holidays for visually impaired people and day care services for disabled people in Derby and Cornwall. For further information contact:

Vitalise Holidays, Shap Road Industrial Estate, Shap Road, Kendal, Cumbria. LA9 6NZ  
Telephone: 0845 330 0149

**The National Blind Childrens Society**—The National Blind Children's Society's objective is to enable blind and partially sighted children and young people to achieve their educational and recreational goals. We offer help and support from the moment a child is diagnosed, usually at birth, through each key stage of their education to the age of twenty-five. By working in collaboration with other organisations and professionals associated with visual impairment NBCS offer five 'Key Services' which are provided either free or at a nominal charge these are: - Educational Advocacy Advice, CustomEyes Books, ICT & Sensory Equipment, Family Support & Information AND **Holidays & Activities** – a recreational programme offering choices and opportunities to the child and family. For further information please contact:

Hazel Russell at NBCS  
Birmingham Office  
2nd Floor Shawton House, 792 Hagley Rd West  
Quinton, Birmingham, B68 0PJ  
Tel: 01278 764770

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### The Respite Association

The Respite Association is a small but growing National Charity (Registered in May 2001) formed by a group of individuals who had all had personal experience of the need for Respite Care provision. We recognise that unless the Carer is looked after they will eventually become exhausted and unable to continue to provide the vital support that they are giving to their loved one(s).

The charity does not provide carers; it simply provides the funding for a carer. Obtaining the services of a Professional Carer can be very expensive and it is with meeting this sort of cost that we will hope to give assistance. The type of situation in which we will consider providing funding is very varied, examples:

- Funding for a carer to come in once a week for four hours in order for the mum of the child with autism to have a break, go shopping etc.
- Funding a carer for one day a fortnight, for the wife of an elderly husband who needs constant attention
- Funding a weeks residential care whilst a carer had a weeks break with friends.

If you think The Respite Association can help you or someone you know please get in touch with us at The Respite Association, Leadenhall Manor, Leadenhall Road, Holbeach St. Marks, Lincs., PE12 8HA

Tel. 01406 701944

Email [help@respitassociation.org](mailto:help@respitassociation.org)

Please note: funding is for short periods

### ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

**Adventure For All** produces a guide to Outdoor Activity Centres for people with additional needs and activity holidays for children and young people.

You can find it on

[www.bluedome.co.uk/assoc/aforall/a4alhome.htm](http://www.bluedome.co.uk/assoc/aforall/a4alhome.htm). Alternatively there is a

copy in the holiday file at the Re:d Centre.

**The Calvert Trust** provide specialist breaks and holidays for young people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities. Two in particular are Calvert Trust, Keswick telephone: **0178 772254** and Calvert trust, Kielder.

**Calvert Trust Kielder** - offers the opportunity for activity, care and tranquillity for people with disabilities their families and friends.

The Calvert Trust Kielder is a not-for-profit charity and began operations in 1981, and since then thousands of people have come through our doors and experienced both the opportunity to take part in activity and relax in the tranquillity of surroundings here in Kielder forest.

If you would like to know more about us, make a booking enquiry, or would like us to send you an up-to-date tariff and brochure then please contact us.



Calvert Trust Kielder  
Kielder Water, Hexham, North-  
umberland  
NE48 1BS, ENGLAND

Telephone Number : (+44) 01434 250232

Facsimile Number : (+44) 01434 250015

Email : [enquiries@calvert-kielder.com](mailto:enquiries@calvert-kielder.com)

### **Harriet Davis Seaside Holiday Trust**

Provides holiday accommodation for families with disabled children. **GENERAL ENQUIRIES**

For General Enquiries please contact :  
01834 814645

Email : [admin@harriet-davis.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:admin@harriet-davis.freeserve.co.uk)

[www.harriet-davis-trust.brecon.co.uk](http://www.harriet-davis-trust.brecon.co.uk)



# MONEY MATTERS

## GRANT INFORMATION

**Caudwell Children Charity** - Caudwell Children is a charity based in Stoke on Trent who helps sick and disabled children throughout the UK by giving donations of therapy, treatment, equipment or dying wish holidays to individual children. We receive applications from parents, carers and health professionals and have so far donated to over 105 different conditions. We endeavour to make donations within one month of application wherever possible and we deal with suppliers directly to ensure families have no additional stress! Anyone wishing to apply for a donation or wanting more information about the application procedure, please visit our website [www.caudwellcharity.com](http://www.caudwellcharity.com) or phone 0845 3001348.

## 3H Fund Grant Programme 2007

Depending upon incoming funds, 3H Fund has a grant programme to assist disabled people (whether physically or mentally disabled) their families and carers, on low income, to organise a modest holiday for themselves. **Grants are given for the accommodation part of a holiday and the holiday must be taken in the UK.**

The programme is open to applicants throughout the UK although some funding donated to 3H Fund has to be spent in specific regions. Applicants are asked to complete an application form and submit it with evidence of disability and low income. Full details are found in the guidance notes which accompany the form. We liaise with social workers and other caring organisations to assist applicants and, when possible, to identify those needing assistance.

Most funding is for individuals and their families, however a few larger grants are awarded to groups organising holidays for their disabled members or carers. The grant programme for 2007 will be open to applications in **January, March, May, July and September**. A grant application form is available which clearly sets out the areas of information required. For further information, please [contact](#) the 3H Fund office.

Contact details: 147A Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RA  
Telephone: 01892 547 474 Fax: 01892 524 703 E-mail: [info@3hfund.org.uk](mailto:info@3hfund.org.uk)  
Website: <http://www.3hfund.org.uk>

**KidsOut** is the national charity providing fun and happiness for disadvantaged and special needs children throughout the UK. The KidsOut team operates a highly successful Funds for Fun scheme, which gives small financial grants to individuals, families, schools and groups for the purchase of special play equipment, toys, holidays, and outings.



For more information about KidsOut, the children and young people it helps, or how to get involved please visit [www.kidsout.org.uk](http://www.kidsout.org.uk); e-mail [kidsout@kidsout.org.uk](mailto:kidsout@kidsout.org.uk); or telephone its head office on 01525 385252.

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Looking for details of **charities which give grants** to families with disabled children?

Contact a Family Helpline 0808 808 3555

**Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm & Monday, 5.30-7.30pm**

Textphone 0808 808 3556



## IMPORTANT! ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY RECEIVING THE RIGHT BENEFITS?

Contact-a-family are running a campaign called 'pounds for parents—claim what's yours'. A Welfare rights specialist is available through the freephone helpline to check families' benefits and tax credits. It will take a few minutes of your time to check and it will cost you nothing. There is access to Language line interpreters if you would prefer to speak to us in a language other than English. Have your details of current benefits ready when you telephone. It is free and confidential.

Tel: 0808 808 3555

Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and  
Mondays 5.30pm to 7.30pm



## SPECIAL VIRTUOSI

is a new music group set up to provide instrumental support to musicians who have learning difficulties ranging from dyslexia, autism, Aspergers syndrome and Down's Syndrome to name just a few. Our aim is to provide a new music making activity focused on young people with SEN which is completely inclusive and fun for all involved. The project is open to anyone who can get to Manchester. For more information e-mail:

[specialvirtuosi@googlemail.com](mailto:specialvirtuosi@googlemail.com)



Do you need to know about playschemes, childminders, nurseries or other activities.

Bury Children's Information Service can provide you with information on all these. We are in the process of putting together an information pack for Summer.

Holiday Playschemes will be running at various times and venues throughout the borough and will offer a wide range of activities for children. For more specific information on venues, times and costs please phone our free helpline

number on: **0800 731 4611**

We can also provide information on other activity sessions run specifically for children such as: swimming; Fit Kid clubs; cycling; gymnastics; trampolining; music; pond dipping; football and other sporting, art and craft activities.

So if you are looking for any activity for your child this summer then please use the freephone number above to discuss your specific requirements with a member of the team or even call in to see us at Hilton House on Irwell Street in Bury (next to Castle Leisure Centre). We are open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

**HENSHAWS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**—run youth groups and holiday clubs for children with a visual impairment, including children with additional needs. For further information contact: **0161 872 1234** e-mail: [info@hsbp.co.uk](mailto:info@hsbp.co.uk)

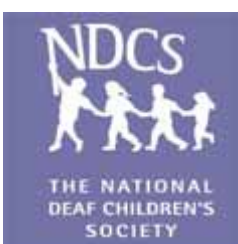
# Events and conferences

**30<sup>th</sup> April - workshop for parents - Making Every Disabled Child Matter:** using the campaign in your participation work – Manchester - 10.30am to 3.00pm - Are you a parent involved in participation work in your local authority? Would you like to meet other parents from other areas? Would you like to learn more about the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign and how you can use it in your work? If so, this is a day for you. Across the country there are many parents who are involved in shaping services for disabled children. Some sit on strategy groups, others on working groups, some on the board for the children's trust and others are involved in running parent forums. The Every Disabled Child Matters campaign is challenging politicians, policy makers and service providers to make good on the government's commitment that 'every child matters'. Campaign Manager, Steve Broach, will provide an update on the campaign and illustrate how it can be a useful tool to you in influencing service provision in your area. (For more information about the campaign before the day log on <http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp>) The day will also provide an opportunity to meet parents from other local authority areas, find out what they are doing, how they are getting involved and to share successes with them. It will aim to be informative but relaxed and will look at practical issues that you might be facing in your participation work. Who should attend? Any parent involved in participation in their area. The day will be of particular relevance if you are involved in representing parents of disabled children on boards, committees etc. For a booking form go to <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/northwest/300407.pdf> or phone Liz Ranger, Parent Participation Manager on 020 7608 8784 or [liz.ranger@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:liz.ranger@cafamily.org.uk).

**14<sup>th</sup> May – Self-Directed Support for Children and Young People – It's Our Life!** – Individual budgets and self-directed support are central to the government's plans for social care and support. What will this mean for disabled children and their families? What will this mean for the services supporting children, young people and families? This conference will tell you about what it means to a growing number of families across the country – 9.30am – 4.00pm – Manchester Conference Centre – Tel: Sue Canavan 01254 306850

**17<sup>th</sup> May - 2 Day PECS Workshop - basic training - Manchester** [http://www.pecs.org.uk/asp/event\\_view.asp?SeminarCounter=396](http://www.pecs.org.uk/asp/event_view.asp?SeminarCounter=396)

**5<sup>th</sup> June - Positive approaches to working with challenging behaviour in ASD** - The National Autistic Society - Venue – Manchester - This one-day conference will aim to explore issues within challenging behaviour and give delegates practical advice and approaches to be taken away and implemented appropriately into a range of different settings. The name of the website for more information is [www.autism.org.uk/conferences](http://www.autism.org.uk/conferences). Tel: 0115 911 3367, fax: 0115 911 3362 - <http://www.autism.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1162&a=11449>



## New and updated NDCS publications

We regularly publish new resources for professionals and families, and continuously revise

existing ones to make sure they are up-to-date and as useful as they can be. Recently, we have published a new booklet called 'Parenting a deaf child with additional needs' and have updated our 'Bullying and deaf children' booklet. Freephone helpline: 0808 800 8880

## Visit the new NDCS Website [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)

The National Deaf Children's Society has launched a new website. The new site will meet the growing demand for information from families, professionals and deaf children, about the charity's unique services, fundraising and campaigning work. The website is constantly being updated, so check it regularly for up-to-date news and information.

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April – Special Needs North** – The G Mex Centre, Manchester - <http://www.teachingexhibitions.co.uk/Exhibitions/NASEN+&+TES+Special+Needs+Exhibition/North/2007/>

**Ideas, advice, resources and CPD training for all inclusive teachers**

Special Needs North is the leading exhibition in the north of England for teachers and school support staff; bringing together 6,000 teaching professionals, over 160 relevant resource and service suppliers and a dynamic, and inspirational continuous professional development seminar programme, presenting over 30 pertinent topics over two days.

As schools become more inclusive, the need to support individual pupils with special educational needs become ever more common. Special Needs North provides the opportunity for teachers and support workers to seek specific advice, information and support that is essential to deal with particular pupil needs or certain classroom situations. It also provides fantastic networking opportunities and superior educational content.

For further details and latest availability contact 020 7782 3402/3401/3037 or visit the website.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May** - EDUCATION - **Dual Diagnosis: Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Down's Syndrome** Bath - This conference is geared towards parents of children with a dual diagnosis of ASD and Down's syndrome as well as a range of education professionals working in schools. The day may also be of interest to health and social care professionals. The conference will look at dual diagnosis from a clinical perspective, an educational perspective, a behavioural perspective and a parental perspective. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking. If you require any additional information regarding this conference, or any others, please contact Lesley Alabaf on 0845 230 0372 or email [lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk](mailto:lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk). [http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA\\_detEvent.aspx?ev=109](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA_detEvent.aspx?ev=109)

**21<sup>st</sup> April - DSA - Family Day** - York - This conference has been organised in association with Down's Syndrome North Yorkshire and is geared towards parents of school-aged children with Down's syndrome. [http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA\\_detEvent.aspx?ev=118](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA_detEvent.aspx?ev=118) If you require any additional information regarding this family day, or any others, please contact Lesley Alabaf on 0845 230 0372 or email [lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk](mailto:lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk). [http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA\\_detEvent.aspx?ev=109](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/DSA_detEvent.aspx?ev=109)

Some local events:

**The Countryside Rangers are organising a variety of events and activities** over the Spring holidays, ranging from Treasure Hunts in the local parks to making bird boxes and kite making/flying. For details of dates and parks contact **0161 797 6524**.

**The Sports Development teams are organising Multi-sport Play Sessions** at various parks around the Borough. Contact **0161 253 6660** for further details.

**The Jungle Book is showing** at the Met for ages 5 years + on the 7th April 07 at 2.00pm. Contact **0161 761 7107**. Tickets are £7, £5 concessions, £20 family

**HURDLES 'GREAT BEAR HUNT'** takes place at Burrs Country Park on Saturday 5th May, 11.30am—2.30pm. Everyone welcome. As well as the 'Big Bear Hunt', lots of little teddies will provide clues to where Big Bear is hiding. The Country park Rangers are organising a pond dipping and a mini Beast Hunt, there will also be face painting and craft activities, lots of prizes, music and story telling.

**LAUNCH OF NEW MEDICAL TRANSLATION WEBSITE**— by Dr Berge-Venter. The website is designed to allow anyone with a medical condition to enter their details—anything from necessary medication to a history of operations—and print off the information in any of 37 most-used languages. This document can then be taken abroad and used to communicate essential information when language barriers prove to be a problem. Several organisations—including Epilepsy Action—have worked closely with Dr Berge-Venter to make sure that the website is useful and accurate. The website address is:

**[www.doctorbabel.com](http://www.doctorbabel.com)**

## New development for 2007 SIBLING SUPPORT GROUP

Hurdles in partnership with NCH are hoping to pilot a support group for children and young people, aged 8-13 years who are siblings of children and young people who have disabilities and special needs. The group aims to give support, information, introduce siblings to peers who are in similar situations, make friends and have fun on-site and in the local community. The workshops would run once a month during term time on Saturday mornings. If anyone is interested in their child/ren attending this group please contact Julie Hawkins on 0161 763 3939.

### BURY GATEWAY CLUB



Bury Gateway is a club for young people and adults who have a learning disability and anyone else who would like to join. It is based at the Mosses Centre in Bury. The young people are involved in a variety of activities. The Seniors club is for young people aged from 14 years upwards and is open on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm till 9.30pm. Gateway is run by trained volunteers. They are currently seeking funds for a Junior Gateway club. For further information about these clubs or to get involved in the fundraising events below, please contact Bury

Gateway on telephone 0161 797 2463.

### Bury Gateway's Silver Jubilee June 2007

#### 9<sup>th</sup> June "Abseil"

Abseil down Peel Tower, Holcombe Hill, Ramsbottom.

Organised by fully a professional and fully qualified organisation- Bury based Alternative Adventure.

Raise money while either having fun or facing a fear for Bury Gateway.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> June "Metro Walk"

*Three teams are walking from the furthest away towns of Bury. Ramsbottom, Prestwich and Radcliffe all meeting in Bury Kay Gardens for a "Party in the Park" Collecting money for Bury Gateway and raising awareness of the unique service.*

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> June "Grand Birthday Meal"

*Big birthday bash at "The Elizabethan Suit" with meal, band and disco. All of Bury is invited to attend £30 a ticket.*

#### 30<sup>th</sup> June "Duck Race"

Buy a duck!! Many prizes!!

1000 or so little yellow ducks are launched at Burrs Country Park and swim to the finish line. Gala stalls and disco to entertain you through the day.

Please support Bury Gateway, local Charity supporting people with learning difficulties.

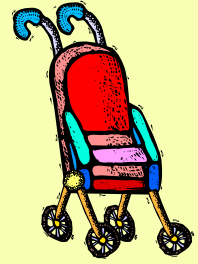
# PARENTS/ CARERS/YOUNG PERSONS' PAGE

Informe Newsletter

I would just like to say a big thank you to Maclaren for donating two major buggies to the Re:d Centre. Thanks to Mim and Wendy who visited the Re:d centre and delivered the buggies safely.

*Many thanks*

*Claire Nolan and everyone at the Re:d Centre*



Dear Parent/carers

My name is Gill and I am writing to ask if any parents would like to support me with securing a play therapist within Bury. I have already spoken with the Health Services regarding this matter and it is felt that a play therapist would benefit children. However, there has to be an identified need for such a service. If you feel that your child/ren would benefit from play therapy then please can you contact me. You can either e-mail me on

[gill.jimmy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gill.jimmy@tiscali.co.uk) or via Karen Robinson on 0161 763 3939. Thank you.

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minute  
makeover

**ITV are looking for homes to makeover in the new series of the hit daytime programme *60 Minute Makeover*, on ITV1.**

**We are looking for deserving people who need a complete interior restyle – we've got the money, the designers and the people power.**

**In just an hour it will be out with all the old cushions, curtains, appliances, rugs, blinds and furniture, and in with a whole new set of brand new gear in up to four rooms of the house!**

We are looking for people who want to surprise their deserving friends or loved ones with a home makeover. Do you live with an extra special someone whose life would be transformed by a makeover, and loves a surprise?

**If so we need to hear from you very soon!**

Please contact our research team below to answer a few quick questions, and you could be in with a chance to give the surprise of a lifetime.

**email: [keith.mackin@itv.com](mailto:keith.mackin@itv.com) / Call 0161 835 6129**

## DO YOU NEED SOME EDUCATIONAL AD-

### BURY PARENT PARTNERSHIP

(Also known as BPP)

This is a service which provides independent, impartial information, advice and support to parents of children 0-16 years with special educational needs in Bury.

Services include:

**An enquiry line...** offering information and advice to parents

**Accurate impartial information** and support for parents, in a variety of formats

**Ongoing practical support** in

meetings

**Late night surgery** on Wednesdays by request

**Access to other parents** of children with special educational needs

**Access to Independent Parental Supporters**

**Contact Liz or Theresa on telephone 0161 763 5001**

**Address: The Re:d Centre, Morley Street, Bury, BL9 9JQ**

**E-mail: [liz.dyer@fwa.org.uk](mailto:liz.dyer@fwa.org.uk)**

## NHS—HELP WITH HEALTH COSTS

Guide HC11 explains the help available with Health Care Costs including prescriptions, dental treatment, sight tests, glasses or contact lenses, wigs and support fabrics and with travel to receive NHS treatment under the care of a consultant. Pick up a leaflet from your medical centre or from the Re:d Centre.

Have you any articles on events or are you involved in a club or group you would like to let other parents, children or young people know about? Please contact me if you have. Details on back page.

Informe, Bury Children's Disability Database  
Re:d Centre, Morley Street, Bury, BL9 9JQ  
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Informe, Bury Children's Disability Database has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of all the entries in this newsletter but cannot accept responsibility for the services and organisations listed inside.