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Chat 'n' Chill continues thanks to KPCP



Chat 'n' Chill has found a new sponsor and will now run until April 2017 at its bases in Chislett, Kimberworth Park and the Linx Centre in Maltby. KPCP is confident it will be able to source new funding opportunities to keep it running beyond this time.

Rotherham Council's Children and Young People's services have made a financial contribution towards the group's running costs, which will fund them until mid-July 2016, plus contributed the use of the Linx Centre in Maltby for their Thursday activities.

KPCP's Youth Work Manager Dawn Heald said: "Young people and their families are both relieved and delighted at this turn of events, which they see as hopeful for the group's future."

Zoe Ellis, a member of the Chislett group said "I can now continue to feel supported and see people I consider family. It's so important to me to come here, I was heartbroken it was going to end. It's changed my life."

Holly gives me strength

Liverpool boxer Callum Smith explains how his sister, Holly, gives him and the rest of his boxing brother's strength.

Callum Smith is one of four boxing brothers who wear shorts with the word Autism emblazoned on them. The brothers want to raise awareness of autism and support for those who live with it.

"To see her battling through life every day, but to also see her happy, is inspiring. You see

people moaning about life and you think, 'It could be worse.' So she does inspire us. We wear 'Autism' on our shorts to raise awareness and show support for other families dealing with autism, because for my mum and dad it is like a 24/7 job looking after her. When she was first diagnosed we didn't really know what it was. So when someone asks, I explain it. We're doing our bit."

You can find out more information on Autism at www.autism.org.uk (Excerpts taken from www.boxingnewsonline.net)



To receive this newsletter for free register online at:

www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=980



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MEGA ACTIVE

Active ability

This summer 4 Mega Active Camps will have 1 Active Ability Coach available to support any young people with SEND.

- 18th to 21st July at Todwick Recreation Ground (Multi Sports camp)
- 8th to 11th August at Herringthorpe Stadium (Multi Sports camp)
- 15th to 18th August at Thrybergh Country Park (Multi Sports and nature activities)
- 30th August to 2nd September at Herringthorpe Stadium (Athletics camp)

(These camps are not suitable for participants who require one to one support.)

Times: 10am – 3pm

Places for the holiday camps must be booked. 11yrs+. Places are limited. Tel: 01709 363355

How to book

Booking is essential and confirmed by payment. There are two ways to book – online or by phone.

Online: www.activerotherham.org.uk

Telephone: 01709 822453

Please complete the online consent form prior to attending the camp.

BIG APPLE PLAY CENTRE SEND DAY

1st August 2016 9am – 11am

This event is exclusively for families of children with special educational needs or disabilities; siblings and friends are welcome too.

The entire play centre is available to use in addition to games, dance and crafts.

For group bookings please email:

gemmaodson@bigappleplay.co.uk

or call 01709 372229

Old Sheffield Road, Rotherham, S60 1DE



SUMMER FAMILY DAYS OUT!

Clifton Park day out – 20th July

Doncaster Wildlife Park day out – 6th August

Scarborough day out – 11th August

Cleethorpes day out – 26th August

For further information on our summer days out or any other activities please email: info@rpcf.co.uk or Tel: 01709 296262

In IT Together Family Information Day

Sunday 10th July 11am – 3pm

Clifton Park located at the back of Clifton Museum near the Garden House

Free event – Stalls, Displays and Free Activities for the Children

This event is an opportunity for: Families, Young People, Schools, Services and Providers who have an interest in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to come together and learn from each other.

Everybody welcome!

Summer Activities 2016

At Get Sorted Academy Of Music

20th July – 12 August

Closing date – Friday 15th of July

Phone or email to book.

info@getsortedmusic.co.uk

www.facebook.com/getsortedmusic

01709 513099

please be aware that most of our activities involves arts and crafts so ensure your child wears appropriate clothing.

AGES 5 to 12



YMCA White Rose has been successful in their application to continue to provide short breaks for disabled young people in Rotherham.

Each young person and their family have a free 18 hour short break entitlement per year. The 18 hours can be taken consecutively or spread out over the year.

In addition to your 18 hour entitlement you can self-fund extra activities by purchasing further sessions directly from YMCA White Rose.

YMCA White Rose will be running term time and through the holidays for disabled children and young people from 1 to 19 years of age.

Contact the office for any further information.

Tel: 01709 830154

 **YMCA White Rose Disability Service**

Chat 'n' Chill

Diagnosed with Autism? Come join us.

Term time only youth clubs for young people aged 13 – 25 diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum.

Monday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Chislett Youth Centre

Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Maltby Linx

Telephone: 01709 559805

Email: chatnchill@kimberworthpark.org.uk

Social Eyes Rotherham

Breakfast and Social Club for young people 16+ with mild/moderate learning disabilities.

- 9am – 12 noon every Saturday
- Make friends/mix with existing friends
- Have breakfast
- Variety of activities to participate in
- Relax, have fun, be happy

For further information please contact Clair and Faye

Mobile: 07939250663

or email info@socialeyesrotherham.co.uk

Based at Manor Farm Community Centre, Rawmarsh



Open Minds Theatre Company run an inclusive youth theatre group for young people aged 7 to 18 years old, during term time.

This summer, Open Minds Theatre Company will be hosting two fun filled theatre schools for students aged 7 to 11 (Juniors) and 11 to 18 (Seniors)

Junior Summer School:

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July

ROAR Art Space, S60 1AN

10am – 3pm

Senior Summer School:

Monday 1st August – Friday 5th August

ROAR Art Space, S60 1AN

10am – 3pm

There are only 40 spaces available in each class, so book fast to avoid disappointment!

For more info, please contact:

Junior Summer School

Amy Cawthorn, Email: amy@omtc.org.uk

Phone: 01709 829446

Senior Summer School

Pete Williamson, Email: pete@omtc.org.uk

Phone: 01709 829446

Children's Disability Family Support Service

This service offers parent and carer programmes to groups of parents who want to find out more about how to manage behaviour and sleep difficulties of children with a disability.

The programmes are delivered over six weeks and are free to access. Parents and carers who come along are able to meet other parents and explore information around either sleep or behaviour.

They also receive home visits from family support workers to help families devise their own individualised plans.

For more information or to receive a copy of the programme calendar please call the team on **01709 555967** or email ellen.senior@rotherham.gov.uk

Children with Disabilities Team and Family Support Team

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council has recently revised the criteria for assessment for the Children with Disabilities Team and Family Support Team.

This identifies where a specialist assessment is required.

The revised criteria is hoped to give families of disabled children and young people a clear understanding of the criteria for an assessment.

The full criteria can be found by clicking on the eligibility criteria tab at:

www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=980#

New Book Out Now!

Basic strategies to support children with Autism and other social communication difficulties. For Families.
By Karen Baker

This booklet aims to provide simple, straightforward information to support children and young people with a social communication difficulty including Autism.

It was created by Karen Baker of the Autism Communication Team as a companion to 'the blue book' (a booklet produced for schools) which has just been revised and reprinted. The book for families has been produced in consultation with representatives from RDASH, Parents Forum and RMBC.

Where can I get one?

Parents may receive a copy at the point of diagnosis from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services or Children's Development Centre.

They may also be obtained from Rotherham Parent Forum Ltd as part of their support for families at drop in sessions.

Or

Andy Lound; Children Disability Information Officer, contact: 01709 336423 or Andrew.Lound@Rotherham.gov.uk



Special Offer from

Twisted Scissors Hair Salon

**1st Sunday of each month
10am – 3pm reduced noise
and smells**

30 minute appointments

To book call the salon on
01709 378510

**Twisted Scissors, High Street,
Rotherham S60 1PT**

For up to date information on activities and events for disabled children or to go to:
www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org or contact Andy Lound tel: **01709 336423**
email: andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk