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## Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Dr Wendy Lawson, The Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils Centre, 7pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Dr Wendy Lawson seminars, The Reading Room, Les Cotils Centre
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Help! training for parents/carers
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Help! 2 training on siblings
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Picnic – more details to be confirmed.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Annette Henry Walk with meal – more details to be confirmed.

## Flag Day 2010

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly volunteered to help collect money on our behalf and to everyone who donated – we raised a fantastic £1,738 which will help fund various projects throughout the year.



## Dr Wendy Lawson

*Dr. Wendy Lawson (PhD) is an adult with high functioning autism. As well as presenting internationally and publishing many journal articles, Wendy has written 9 books varying from her autobiography to an everyday text on Autism. Wendy's work explores the influence of neurological development in individuals with autism with reference to impact upon learning styles. Wendy was awarded fourth place as 'Australian of the year' in 2008. As a writer, poet and adult educator, Wendy is well known both in the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Becoming a psychologist and sharing her knowledge, understanding and experience of life encounters, including autism and Asperger's diff-abilities, is an ongoing journey that Wendy welcomes.*

We are delighted to have arranged for Wendy to visit Guernsey from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. While she is here she will be presenting a range of seminars open including:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.00pm, The Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils Centre.

7.00 pm – 'The Passionate Mind: How Individuals with Autism Learn' - This talk explores AS, social demand and how to bridge some of the gaps so AS individuals can truly be involved with an inclusive society.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – The Reading Room, Les Cotils Centre

11.00 – 12.30pm 'How to prepare for Transition in young people with ASD'  
2.00 – 4.00pm 'Being a teenager with ASD'

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – The Reading Room, Les Cotils Centre

9.15 – 11.15am 'Understanding challenging behaviour in young children with ASD and strategies for improvement'

To book a place on any of these sessions please contact Judith Pattimore, Branch Officer, on 243320 after 6pm or email [jpattimore@cwgsy.net](mailto:jpattimore@cwgsy.net)

## Sensory Toy Library

We now have the sensory toy library re-housed at Le Rondin School, and after a quick clean up it will be ready for borrowing. For more details please contact Catherine Hall, telephone 246025 or email [catherinehall1@mac.com](mailto:catherinehall1@mac.com) or watch out for photographic listings on the website soon.

## Caring for Carers

Caring for Carers is one of the services that The Information Exchange oversees. It is aimed at offering support and friendship for those caring for a loved one. The role of a Carer could be that of a husband caring for his wife with dementia to a parent caring for a child with a special need.

The Health Information Exchange appreciates that the caring role can be a tiring and sometimes isolating role and with this in mind has an ongoing programme of support events. Caring for Carers provides 'Away days' held at Les Cotils 3 times a year where ladies come together and chat over refreshments, have a massage, enjoy a craft and a lovely lunch. They also have 'pop in days' on the first Monday of each month at Les Cotils for tea and a chat.

If you would like to know more about the Carers events or if you wish to have your name put on their mailing list whereby invitations can be sent directly to you. you can contact Claire at The Information Exchange on 707470 or by email [Claire@information-exchange.org](mailto:Claire@information-exchange.org) .She will be more than happy to hear from you.

## Previous Events



### Easter Egg Hunt

We had a really successful Easter Egg Hunt with 31 children taking part who enjoyed a huge bouncy castle, Easter craft activities, toys and some yummy cakes. A big thankyou to everyone who came, we hope you had fun! We will be repeating this type of event in the future as it really seems to work, and for your diaries, Western Community Centre is already booked for Sunday 5th December for our Christmas Party.

### Film Night

On Monday 22nd March 23 of us enjoyed a meal at Fermain Valley Hotel with a private screening of the film 'Adam' in the cinema afterwards. For those of you who couldn't make it the DVD is now in our library and available for borrowing.

## Help! Training

Angie Robins, Help programme development officer will be visiting Guernsey in July to deliver help! training for parents and carers.

Monday 12th July and Tuesday 13th July 9.30 – 2.30pm, The Reading Room, Les Cotils Centre.

The programme, which runs for 2 Sessions, is for parents/carers of children who have received a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) within the last 18 months, or are undergoing an assessment process for an ASD.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15-2.00pm, The Kelvin Smart Room at Le Rondin Centre

Angie will be presenting a Help! 2 course called 'Supporting the siblings of your child with an ASD' and is aimed at parents and carers who already have a basic understanding of ASD and who have a child with an ASD and additional siblings (aged up to 18). It focusses on the needs of the siblings of your child with an ASD, and strategies to teach the siblings about their brother/sister and ASDs.

These are free sessions with refreshments and a buffet lunch included each day. For more information or to book a place please contact Judith Pattimore, Branch Officer on 243320 after 6pm or email [jpattimore@cwgsy.net](mailto:jpattimore@cwgsy.net)


Information leaflets and booking forms can also be found on our website by [clicking here](#)

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