

# Newsletter

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## Branch Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm – Reading Room, Les Cotils Transition – Diane Allison

Diane Allison, Teacher in Charge for Social Communication and Language Service which provides the Communication and Autism Support services to local schools, will be talking about transitions for children at school. It will be a chance to ask a local expert about anything you want to know about the different stages in school life and how teachers and parents can prepare pupils for change.

## Christmas Family Social – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Styx Community Centre, St Peters

We are planning to hold a Christmas family event on 29<sup>th</sup> November. There will be activities, games Christmas crafts and teas and coffees. There will also be an area for Yu Gi Oh players so the older guys can bring their decks. It will be a great day for all the family. More details will be in the next newsletter.

There are ideas about Christmas on the main NAS web site: <http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp> and more details of up coming local events are at our local website: <http://nasguernsey.com/news.php>. NAS Christmas cards are now available to order from [info@nasguernsey.com](mailto:info@nasguernsey.com) and will be available at various events and locations.



## Wigwam Chocolates for Chocoholics Party

Wigwam are holding a 'Chocolates for Chocoholics' Party on Thursday 29 October 2009 at the Ron Short Centre at 7.30pm.

There will be a presentation then the opportunity to purchase chocolates, gifts and novelties for Christmas. Please put this date in your diary and bring along as many family, friends, work colleagues etc as possible.

All commission proceeds will go to Wigwam a support group that helps families and friends of local youngsters with special needs.

You can take a look at the products available at [www.chocolate-parties.com](http://www.chocolate-parties.com) or you can contact Jan Aslett on 252410, mobile 07911 152410 for a catalogue. You don't have to attend to place an order!!!

## Carey Commercial Ltd Sponsorship

Many thanks to Simon Tanguy for nominating our Branch as the local charity which Carey Commercial Limited supported as part of their sponsorship for the inaugural Channel Islands Stock Exchange International Business Summit held last month.



On their stand thanks to the creative minds of Matt Palmer and Ben Snook, they organised a very colourful and popular "Sock Exchange" to raise additional funds to the £500 we were given as part of their exhibitor's fee. We also had plenty of awareness raising materials displayed too, so all in all about £650 was raised which we intend to put towards education and training programmes

## AGM - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Notice for the AGM will be going out shortly. We will be losing at least one committee member so please think about joining the Committee.

If you would like to help, perhaps at specific events or with fund raising, but not be a member of the committee please also let us know. Contact Judith or one of the Committee listed overleaf.

We are hoping to have a short AGM followed by the film Black Balloon. Details of venue and times will be given later.

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## Fashion Show Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Communicate and HSBC are holding a fashion show on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be available soon so keep the date free in your diary.

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## Communicate AGM - 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Communicates AGM will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8pm at the Youth Service Brock Road. Communicate Guernsey has been set up as a non-profit entity to provide certain services to people with social, language, or communication difficulties.

Communicate run a shop on the Bridge which provides retail work experience for people with communication difficulties. You can help Communicate at any time by: donating goods; volunteering to help; and visiting the shop and buying something.

Anyone interested in finding out more can come to the AGM or tel. Sarah Bamford on 07781 112085.

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## Guernsey Disability Alliance (GDA) – Lobby for Disability Officer

The GDA has come up with a battle plan to encourage deputies to vote for the amendment that will put the Disability Officer back into the States Strategic Plan at the end of October. If you feel you want to help here is what you can do.

### **ACTION 1. FILL THE GALLERY**

The debate is likely to be the 27 or 28 October and you can show your support by going to the public gallery in an NAS T-shirt if you would like!

### **ACTION 2. TELL REAL LIFE STORIES TO DEPUTIES**

Tell your own story to your deputies to give them a better understand how ASD affects people lives.

### **ACTION 3. GET AMMUNITION FOR JANE**

Jane Stevens will be seconding the amendment (Andrew Le Lievre will propose) she has asked for help in making the point that, by spending money on a Disability Officer, Guernsey will save money in the long term. Jane therefore needs current evidence of wastes of time, inefficiencies, duplication of effort, small spends that could have avoided big problems later etc. Please let her know if you have any examples.

### **ACTION 4. USE THE MEDIA**

The GDA will be using the media to explain what a Disability Officer will be used for and want to support current services.

### **ACTION 5. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GET INVOLVED**

Hence this section of the Newsletter! Posters will also be going up encouraging involvement and if you want to lend your support that would be great!

If you want more information or if you want to let the GDA know you are supporting them and feed back any experiences or reactions

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