

# Newsletter

## Branch Meeting

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**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7:30pm in the Emma Ferbrache Room at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital**

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This months branch meeting will provide interesting information on what the winner of the 2008 Health and Social Services Department Insurance Corporation bursary, Lynne Lewendon, has been doing. Her research was to audit compliance with the National Autism Plan for Children (NAPC) within Guernsey. The NAPC came about following a joint venture between the NAS the Royal Colleges of Psychiatrists and of Pediatrics and Child Health and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism. The NAPC described a model of service for the child with suspected and proven autism, with evidenced based recommendations for diagnosis and treatment interventions.

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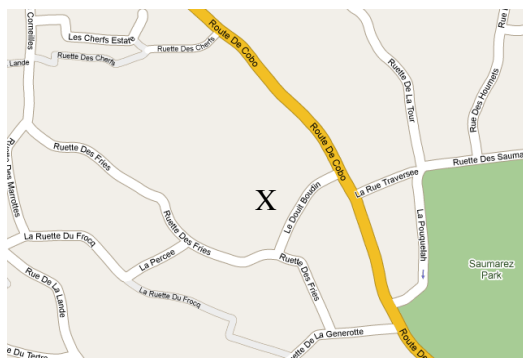
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The aim of Lynn's project was to outline the current services provided in Guernsey for children with autism and to measure the compliance with the recommendations in the NAPC. It was intended that this would demonstrate the remaining gaps in service provision and allow targeted recommendations for change.

The audit is a retrospective case note review of all children in Guernsey with a diagnosis of ASD made between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008 under the age of 18 and aims to address the key audit points as outlined in NAPC.

In addition to the main feature there will be a warm up talk by Sarah Bamford about the new work experience venue that Communicate is setting up as a retail outlet at the site of the old Bridge Motor Traders in St Sampson's.

## Easter Egg Hunt – Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April



The popular Easter Egg Hunt will be again held at the 8<sup>th</sup> Guernsey Sea Scouts headquarters in Le Douit Boudin (X marks the spot!) on Good Friday starting at 2:30pm. Please phone me on 251397 or text me on 07781 151397 to let me know how many children you would like to bring. All ASD kids their friends and relatives are very welcome. Every child will receive a chocolate egg following the hunt and there will be hot cross buns, hot dogs and drinks. There will be a raffle if you want to join in but otherwise the event is free!

If any of the older kids want to play Yu Gi Oh! we can run a tournament in one of the side rooms.

## World Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is on 2 April and the Branch will be launching its new website to mark this event!

If you want to have a sneaky peek go to <http://nasguernsey.com/> to see the work in progress!

This is a United Nations day which aims to highlight awareness of autism across the world. The NAS has teamed up with 12 other autism charities and the theme which has been chosen for this year is 'Stand up

for autism'. More information is on <http://www.worldautismawarenessday.org/>

As part of the promotion of this day the NAS is planning videos around the theme, 'Stand Up for Autism', and would like to involve as many of you as possible by recording a video clip on your mobile phone, and email the file to [Alice Ridley](mailto:Alice.Ridley@nas.org.uk) PR and Media Officer (Fundraising and South West Region) Tel (direct): 020 7923 5769 [alice.ridley@nas.org.uk](mailto:alice.ridley@nas.org.uk)

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## Social Events Meal at White D'Or on 3 April and Other Events!

Jo (tel 07781 122234 ) and Catherine (tel 246025) are organising a social get together for an informal meal on 3rd April at White D'Or. This will be a great opportunity to meet other people outside the normal Branch meetings. If you would like to go please phone either Jo or Catherine to let them know numbers.

We will be bringing you a number of social events this year but if you have any ideas we would love to hear from you either at the Branch meeting or phone one of the Committee whose names are below.

During 2009 The Hotel Bon Port has a - '[Red Ribbon Table](#)' which is a great way for you and your friends to enjoy a fantastic meal and raise funds for your favourite charity.

How the red ribbon table works: Every Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year you can book the [Red Ribbon Table](#) and The Hotel Bon Port will donate 10% of your total bill, which can include drinks, wine & food selected from the Bistro Menu & donate the amount to your nominated charity.

However, during the months of **March & April** 2009 a party of four or more guests can book the [Red Ribbon Table](#) any day of the week Monday to Friday at either lunch time or evening & when selecting from the Bistro menu 10% of the total bill will be forwarded to your chosen charity. Telephone; 239 249 to make a reservation And make sure that you request the '[Red Ribbon Table](#)'. *Go on enjoy yourselves and help others at the same time!*



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## Thomas the Tank Engine Train Walk

We will be holding a fundraising fun day in the summer in line with the other NAS Branches around Britain. This will be held at Saumarez Manor on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June so keep the date free. It will be based on the ever popular Thomas the Tank Engine characters and there will be lots of fun and games. Look out in future news letters for more details!

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