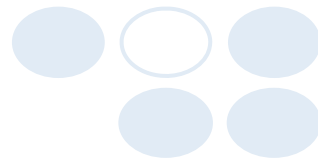


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Wow! What a beautiful Autumn! Its been quite good weather so ideal for getting our little ones out for walks and family fun identifying the trees and seeing who can find the most colourful leaves!

Traditionally people now look back at the year and here at CoDPUK we are no different.

We are here for YOU and so we invite members to come to CoDPUK's AGM on 31st January (see diary overleaf) to tell us what you want from us so that we can plan the way forward. Do you want more social events? If so- what? More workshops? Other things? Come and tell us at the AGM!

July's Family Challenge Day !

Last July at East Horsley CoDPUK set into motion their Fun Family Challenge day - its aim being to promote communication within mixed Deaf / Hearing families, whilst having lots of fun.

A series of family challenges were set up inside & out We



had parents and kids collecting various bits of nature for the Eco Art, blowing ping-



pong balls around an obstacle course, building the highest, stable, Lego tower & more!



.....afternoon tea was served up at 4pm prompt with cakes, ice cream and other treats shelled out to all.

As we were tucking in,

there was a very important announcement... the Sinclair family, topping the leader board in the Challenges, won a family quoits set.



Last, but, by no means least, heartfelt thanks must be expressed to all of the very cheerful volunteers for all their hard work.

Claire Ingham

Tilgate Park Annual Picnic day

Last August, during the wet summer holidays.... and despite the gloomy weather forecast- several families bravely made the trip to Tilgate Park, for an afternoon of fun, exercise and laughter.



All the families enjoyed their picnics under a great big oak tree, overlooking the lake. This provided a great opportunity to chat swap news and generally support each other.

All the children had great fun in the play area nearby; also joining the adults in playing football and throwing Frisbees around! It was wonderful to see everyone playing cricket together- everyone had a good go and there was much laughter trying to get the adults out!

Families toured the Nature Trail, the maze also proved popular running around to get to the watchtower in the middle. We all rounded off the day with....shhh.. ice creams and hot drinks outside the café before making our tired but happy way home.



Many thanks to Anthony's children for bringing their Frisbee, football, tennis balls and their cricket set to share with the other children.

Last, but not least, many thanks to everyone for making this such a fun day!

Anthony Clarke

Thanks to

Our Volunteers

Without the support of all our brilliant, willing and enthusiastic volunteers; we couldn't run our events and you all helped make them loads of fun! Thanks!

Massive thanks to **everyone** who helped at the **Family Challenge Fun Day & Tilgate Park**

and our Organisers

Special thanks to **Claire and Dave Ingham** for their hard work thinking up and coordinating the Family Challenge Fun day in July!

Also Ant Clarke who swept in like a Hero to do the Annual Tilgate Park Picnic day!

Deaf Access for their ongoing support.

Ed's note; If you email codpuk@gmail.com by 19th November (saying 'Free Tickets') telling us what you think CoDPUK should do for the future- you will be entered into a raffle for **FREE tickets** to the FUNharmonics concert on 29 November!

Editor's Corner



Hello!

Yes, it's CoDPuk newsletter time!

I am new in this driving seat so I have used that as an excuse to have an autumn theme! Hope you like it!!!!

Come on you artistic lot— why not send us your letters and articles for inclusion? If you had a good time why not tell us all about it? Did your children feel inspired to draw a picture? CoDPuk is for you it would be lovely if the newsletter had items by you too!

Hope to hear from you soon!

Bye for now! *Ed*

Please send all letters/ articles /emails to- given in box Contact us!



Off to live in Oz! CoDPuk would like to thank The Niklaus' family for their support of our events over the years and wish them all every happiness in their new life abroad!

Contact us!

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CoDPuk Committee News

We need your support.

The CoDPuk committee is made up of Volunteers who are mainly parents like yourselves- with growing families- so we really need more people with a passionate belief in what we want to do, skills and some spare time to join us! It can be exciting, challenging and tiring but it's always rewarding!

We are delighted to welcome Helen Farthing - a fantastic addition to the team, read what she has to say about joining the team. Welcome aboard!

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Committee member before deciding- do contact David Ingham via the CoDPuk website or for a chat at the AGM!

Hope to see you soon!

CoDPuk Committee.

Horton Park Bike Ride Update

Although the Cycle challenge was briefly reported on in our Summer edition Bron would like to say... A HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the Horton Country Park event!

The aim was to raise money for Codpuk. Many people chipped in the last minute which was fantastic. Well done to the children who walked or rode their bikes around the Park.

Incase you don't remember it was a lovely sunny day and the kids enjoyed the two bouncing castles, a lovely cake stall, ice cream van,



Hello, I am Helen Farthing. I am a parent to two lovely hearing children.

I work as a Senior Early Years Educator leading and managing the Nursery at Frank Barnes School for Deaf children in London. I really enjoy meeting & supporting families.

Being a deaf parent with two adult children, I have been through it all! I think it's great that CoDPuk was set up for deaf parents to be able to meet up and for their children too.

It's a great opportunity for me to meet other families and to organise good social events with the team too.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Cheers

Helen

face painters, and the yummy BBQ!

Claire dramatically finished her 50 miles despite the heat! Bron managed 25 miles on the day plus overseeing everything! She finished on Tuesday with a friend.

Well done Girls!

Special thanks go to the Horton Country Park Staff for their valuable support on the day with lifts etc and also o .

Thank you to all the volunteers of CoDPuk, (and partners) plus the Face painters !

A BIG Thank you to all the sponsors/BBQ/Face painters- £2202.76 was raised!

Ed; What a fantastic fund-raising day- thanks to Bron for all her hard work!

CoDPuk Diary

2008 Family Events

FUNharmonics
Saturday 29th November
at 11.30am

Festival Hall, London.

Sign Interpreted family FUN concert with face painting and an opportunity for everyone to try playing instruments afterwards! See website for details and Booking!

One adult & child ticket to be won!

To be entered in the draw Email us with the words; 'Free tickets'

Tell us what you think of CoDPuk and what families need from us

Christmas Party
Saturday 13th December

East Horsley Village Hall,
East Horsley, Surrey.

Join us for more traditional seasonal laughs!

AGM
Saturday 31st January
at 2pm

The annual AGM will take place at Deaf Access South Street, Bromley. BR1 1RH.

Parking available on first come basis. Refreshments provided.

Trustees

David Ingham (*Chair*)

Anthony Clarke (*Treasurer*)

Claire Ingham (*Secretary*)

Committee Members

Wendy Anderson

Bronwynne Buxton

Susan Craney

Leslie Culver

Stephanie Edwards

Helen Farthing

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