



children of deaf parents uk
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Winter 09/10

CoDPuk Diary 2009

See website for more information



Christmas Party! Saturday 12th December

2.00pm to 5.00pm

East Horsley Village Hall
Kingston Avenue
East Horsley KT24 6QT

CoDPUK's AGM

The AGM will now take place in the Spring. Members will be sent details.

Thanks for all your help and Support!

....to Our Volunteers and Organisers

CoDPuk rely on our brilliant volunteers; we couldn't run our events without them!

Funders & Supporters...

Deaf Access for their ongoing support and Awards for All for funding us for 2010.

Also all our members for their support and donations.

Thank you!

Editor's Welcome

Hello to all our families and friends!

Lots of exciting fun things have been happening over the last few months- as you can see in our latest newsletter! We all hope to see you at our annual Christmas Party on Saturday 12th December for our usual seasonal fun- with the Childrens entertainer and much more! Here's to another exciting New Year!

Autumn Fair

What a good turn out of members and visitors we had for our FUN day! Stalls included jewellery, Christmas cards



and calendars and a large tombola stall which proved to be the most popular very kindly volunteered by CODA Kester (Penny's son) See his interview over the page!

The **Photo framing/craft activity** proved very popular with great photos being pasted onto the frames!

Workshops were a **Music workshop** by Danny Lane , and **The importance of play**" by Nicole Campbell and Suzanne Bunt which were inspirational and thoroughly enjoyed by the parents & children involved.



Ant and Dave were fantastic "tea lassies!" ensuring members and guests were well topped up with drinks and scrumptious cakes! Thank you to all who contributed them!



Thank you also to the Codpuk Volunteers who worked hard to ensure it ran well and gave a warm welcome to everyone who came! We raised **£110.64** vital funds to have more family events in 2010, Thank you to all those who generously dipped into their pockets in support of Codpuk!

Helen Secretary and Trustee of Codpuk

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Autumn Fair; behind the Scenes.....



Interview with Kester Pearce, aged 12.

Reporter: Thank you for helping out at our last event! What did you do there?

Kester: Well, my mum was running the tombola stall for Codpuk and she looked busy so I thought I will help her

Reporter: Oh that's nice of you, what did you do to help?

Kester: Spin the tombola! You wont believe how fast I can spin it!!

Reporter: Ha ha! I'm sure that

Was fun! The tickets will have been really mixed up in there!

Kester: Oh yes a lot of the prizes went but we ran out of time so we decided to do an auction at the end to clear them all! Yes it was a lot of fun helping out and I would like to do it again in the future.

Reporter: Super! Thank you for that! Would you recommend volunteering?

Kester: Yes definitely, i felt good afterwards and its easy to help and have fun as well!

Reporter: Thank you so much Kester!

Would you like to join our Volunteer team? We are always pleased to have more support from a few hours help to organising an event there's something for everyone! Why not ask for more information?

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Kester aged 12

our Newest

Volunteer



Wow! Great Tickets to win!

CoDPUK are thrilled to offer these very popular tickets for one lucky family of X to visit Harrods to meet Santa On Sunday 6th December !

Just tell us your ideas for activities you would like to see on 2010 calendar - even if your kids are too

old for Santa!!

See questionnaire for full details!

Draw closes on 20th November 5pm Prize winners will be informed by email on **23rd November.**



The Importance of Play...

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Suzanne & I were pleased to be invited to CoDPuk's Autumn Fair to do a vital 'The Importance of Play' workshop. 11 parents participated in this workshop, in response to parents, we shortened our slides to allow more discussion and Q&A on other topics. Following a raised issue – we improvised a discussion about how our children's journey to adulthood is an important factor of 'Play' that is developed from childhood –in order to link up with the contents of the workshop, which worked well. The interactive work the parents did with each other really helped to

shape and form the training.

Nicole Campbell.

Parents

Comments:

- The session was enlightening and beneficial*
- Good to come together and have the opportunity to chat about our childhood and our children.***
- Didn't realise sub consciously that some of the elements of play that we do or encouraged to do for/with the children actually helps them in*

their journey to adulthood

Shame it was only for one hour!

Would be good to have a regular sessions for deaf parents with young children and teenaged children

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Awards for All Funding Success!

Dear Codpuk members,

We thought we would share with you some fabulous news!!

Last Spring we applied for the Big Lottery Fund on behalf of Codpuk and were successful in receiving the grant we applied for. So you will see this logo on our posters and newsletters etc in recognition of this in future!

They have agreed to fund us £4325!!!! This will support

any forthcoming events and projects for us all into the year 2010 as well as enabling us to pay our Volunteers travel expenses for the first time! We hope to make our social events even more successful and beneficial to our members. So please do let us know what you need from us!

Best Wishes

Helen (secretary)



Informal Family Picnic Virginia Waters



We had a such a lovely informal family picnic at the Totem Pole area at Virginia Water Sunday 12th July, 12pm to 4pm.

13 families came, and we all played baseball, football and many other games. It was a lovely afternoon, with many parents mingling with new families and friends while having lunch. One

family even shared their delicious Pimms amongst us while the children played!

When it was time to go home the heavens opened as we walked back to the car and due to a long queue at the parking meter unfortunately most of us got wet. but laughed too!

Everyone who came

had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed event! Why not join us next Summer?

Bronwynne Committee Volunteer

Ed; Thank you to Bron for organising this



Autumn Fair cont...



Danny Lane was delighted to be invited to lead a music workshop for a recent CoDPuk event in Bracknell. All the young people and Parents had the opportunity to try out a wide range of percussion instruments and join in fun music games. They also composed their own music and had the chance to show off their talents by performing to one another.

Danny says "This was a very successful workshop which was enjoyed by adults and children from the age of 4 years old.



At first the participants were quite shy but quickly became creative when they started composing. They made a soundscape using the theme of a rainstorm

which was loud at times as everyone wanted to have a go at playing thunder sound effects! It was great fun overall."

One Parent said "– there were lots of games which made music fun and easy to join in.

"One of the participants said "I really enjoyed it and now would like to try out more types of instruments like violins and guitars."

If you would like more information about Music for the deaf please see their website;

<http://www.matd.org.uk>



**'BYE! See
you at our
Party !'**



On Saturday 12th December 2-5pm!