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Working Together...

CoDPuk is delighted to announce an exciting new development...

Deaf Access is a Bromley-based charity, formed in 1996, to:

This support and advice is provided in a variety of ways including:

Tinnitus, Parent-Toddler and other support groups. BSL classes.

"Thanks to funding from the City Bridge Trust, Deaf Access now has a Family Advocate, who, amongst other things, we hope will act as a link in bringing together a



Deaf Access

- provide a centre for information and support for men, women and children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing

- advise those that live or work with deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

Deaf Awareness training . Help with formal letter writing and form filling. Independent demonstrations of a variety of support equipment.

Sue Craney, Deaf Access Manager had this to say:

variety of organisations and information related to families. We are very excited to be working with CoDPuk"

By working together on events, and through sharing information, we aim to reach more deaf parents and their children.

Thanks to our Donors,

Several of you very kindly included an additional donation with your membership subscription. This was a fantastic boost and will hugely help cover the cost of burgers and bangers for the Summer Event evening social.

our Volunteers

Thanks to **Dave** for networking and representing CoDPuk at external events and to **Gethin** for maintaining CoDPuk's accounts.

And to **Niall Fearon** for auditing CoDPuk's accounts; you've saved us a heck of a lot of money.

and our Supporters

Thanks to all at **Deaf Access** for making our partnership possible, we look forward to working with you.

Spot the 'Terp



Remember this? Yes, Roger's the one on the left.

As no entries were received, I scoffed the yummy chocs myself. Well, they WERE begging to be eaten and looked ever so lonely up on the shelf.

There's a new competition overleaf. Come on, have a go, you may just be lucky. It only takes an e-mail.

In the Community

Veese is a new virtual magazine for deaf people. It has a mixture of serious and lighter articles. Check it out: www.veese.co.uk

World Productions in London are considering making a TV documentary on deaf people / families "against a backdrop of current issues". If you may be interested in taking part, contact Amanda Ashy-Boyd, e-mail : amandaboyd@mac.com

National Trust properties regularly hold family fun days open to all; we had great fun at an Easter Egg trail at Claremont Gardens. Details via: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Editor's Corner

Hello again.

It's my favourite time of the year; the bluebells are nodding outside our home and the temperatures are just perfect. So perfect that it seems a sin to stay inside at all.



Frosty and Wes, an AGE ago!

Winter woollies have been consigned to the back of the cupboard, baseball caps are hanging in our Hall instead of fleece beanies and Ryan has started at the cricket club on our road. A fantastic excuse to catch up with other local parents over a glass of wine!

Having got a new bike for my birthday, I couldn't wait to try it out. Guess what? I've been well and truly bitten by the bug and have signed up for the Woking Bikeathon with the intention of completing the London - Brighton ride next year... hopefully I'll raise £££s for CoDPuk.

See you all on 6th May, C

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CoDPuk Committee Round-up

Dave, your Chair, recently attended the All-Parliamentary Group on Deafness 'Look at Me' reception in Central London. It was a really plush do and Dave made some potentially skilled and enthusiastic contacts, some of whom may be running workshops during the Summer Event. We'll keep you informed of further progress.

Sue has successfully negotiated a working partnership between CoDPuk and Deaf Access. See over leaf for the full story.

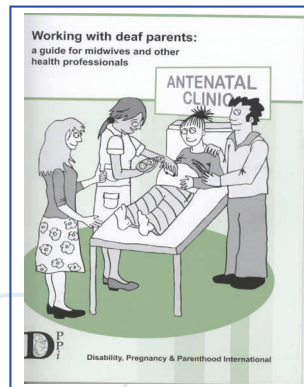
Gethin, your Treasurer, has successfully kept our spending to sustainable levels, so ensuring we can cover the summer events.

And **Yours Truly**, your Secretary has been manning the e-desk and producing the newsletters.

All of us, **as a team**, are in regular contact and have been busily planning and organising forthcoming events. Details are in the next column.

We hope to see lots of you over the summer.

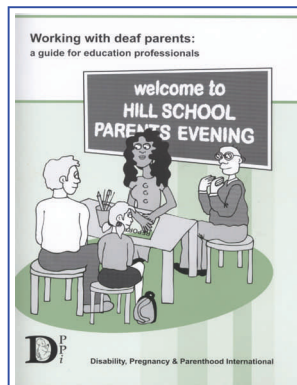
New DDPi Publications



Disability, Pregnancy and Parenthood International (DPPi) have just published two very useful guides. Both are published in plain English, well laid-out and larger font is used, so are very accessible to a wide cross-section of the population. The clear and eye-catching cover should en-

courage even the busiest professional to take a look.

The handy sized (A5 size) booklets are jam-packed with useful tips and are available free to deaf parents for personal use (cost to professionals is £6) from DPPi via: www.dppi.org.uk, e-mail: info@dppi.org.uk.



Just For Fun...



This was taken outside an attraction that the Editor and her young sons thoroughly enjoyed. The question is:

- Which attraction?
- In which city?

First person with the correct answer (e-mail me at contact@codpuk.org.uk) will win a scrumptious choccy bar. Have a go!

CoDPuk Diary

Family Events for 2007

Treasure Hunt

Sunday 6th May

The Look-Out Centre, Bracknell.
Members: free
Non-members: £5 per family (or join CoDPuk on the day).

Summer Family Workshop

Saturday 7th July

East Horsley Village Hall, Surrey
To include workshops and activities; details in the next newsletter
Cost: to be confirmed

Picnics in the Park

Open events—free to all.

Sunday 3rd June

Runnymede Pleasure Park

Meet from 11am onwards
Car park £5 or NT members free at the neighbouring NT car park.
Paddling pool, river boat trips, playing field, go-karts.
End the half term hols on a high!

August, date TBA

Tilegate Park, near Crawley.

Christmas Party

Back by popular demand!

Saturday 15th December

East Horsley Village Hall,
East Horsley, Surrey.
Members: free (funds permitting)

Parents' Evenings

Doors open at 7.30pm

Light refreshments provided.

Members: free.

Non-members: £1.50

Next meeting: September 2007

Cheese & Wine Party, Bromley

We'd love to see more meetings, but **desperately need help**.

- **Can you book a venue?**

- **Can you organise a speaker?**

CoDPuk will meet the cost (check with us first!) and a Committee member will come and support you on the evening.

Trustees

David Ingham (*Chair*)

Gethin Thomas (*Treasurer*)

Claire Ingham (*Secretary*)

Committee Members

Bronwynne Buxton

Susan Craney

Stephanie Edwards

Roger Hewitt (*Consultant*)