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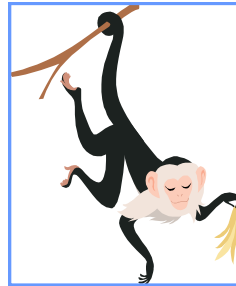


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12th September - NEW! Go Ape!

Go Ape has been put together with adventure in mind. We want you and your teenage tribe to escape the rat race and spend some time getting out there and hugging a few trees ...and each other ...because you love life, and messing about in the forest puts a smile on your face!



Cost- Adults £30 Kids 10+ FREE* Closing date for families to register is 31st August see CoDPuk website for details.

(*limited number of FREE places –when they've gone they've GONE! so please book quick!)

Teens must be; minimum age is **10 years** and minimum height is **1.4m / 4 feet 7 inches** Adults– the maximum weight is 130kg / 20.5 stone

Not sure what to wear? Have questions to ask? For details see Go Ape website

<http://www.goape.co.uk/>

Sound Barrier Awards– Regional Winner; Roger Hewitt!



TV LEGEND and much-loved soap actor William Roache MBE is fronting a nationwide search for deaf or hard of hearing high achievers to enter the Specsavers Sound Barrier Star Awards. He admits he has a profound hearing loss in high frequencies and finds normal conversation and speech extremely difficult to understand. Until recently he has coped by relying on visual prompts when playing Ken Barlow on the set of Coronation Street.

Mr Roache talked about his hearing problems for the first time as he fronted the 2010 Specsavers Sound Barrier Star Awards, which recognises achievement in people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

William Roache MBE, 78, says: 'Living with hearing difficulties is a challenge...I have found myself becoming more and more isolated as a result. Like many, I have simply suffered in silence, putting up with mishearing conversations and feeling left out.' His hearing was initially damaged 57 years ago by a mortar bomb explosion during National Service.

We are thrilled to announce one of the 10 Regional winners for this year... is CoDPuk supporter Roger Hewitt who has been a volunteer to our committee as well as at our events since 2004! Roger won the award in recognition of his determination to use his deafness as a tool for positive change as a deaf awareness trainer, advocate for deaf and disabled people's access through Transport for London and Sign Translate and much much more! When he heard the news Roger said "I am Gobsmacked! It is totally unexpected, I feel the award is not just for me but for all deaf people as well as those who work for deaf charities –in recognition of our unified hard work" Chair David Ingham said; "Roger is an inspiration to CoDPuk and fully deserves his nomination because of his dedication and willingness to help not only CoDPuk but other charities when needed. CoDPuk are very grateful to have him on board as our consultant. His expertise within the charity sector has proved to be invaluable as we grow from strength to strength as a small charity. Best of luck Roger with the main award!"



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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 -thanks to City Bridge Funding, and to Awards for All for funding us for 2010.

Also all our members for their support and donations.

Thank you!

Letter from the Chair



Hello readers!

as you can see the Award-for-All grant is making a huge difference to the way we run as a small charity. We are now able to cover expenses for volunteers and offer new opportunities for our members such as a visit to Woburn, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Butlins, Go Ape and so on. Unfortunately the grant is due to end in December 2010 and money doesn't grow on trees so we are about to commence a new fund-raising initiative in the hope of winning more grants. If you have time to spare and would like to raise money for us, please do get in touch.

Our new events now include youths so that their deaf parents can continue to bond with other families and we are pleased to say each event has been well attended proving we are going in the right direction! We hope you will support us to continue our good work for the future.

Our Volunteer committee have done a marvellous job keeping CoDPuk running smoothly. We are a great team and I am sure you all agree they deserve recognition for giving up their spare time to attend committee meetings four times a year as well as fundraising, organising and running events for your benefit.

Cheers, Dave

24th April Woburn Safari Park

If you went down to the woods...at Woburn Safari Park on Saturday 24th April you would've been in for a surprise- 'cos we were there! It was a warm sunny day ☺ and our families followed the road safari seeing various wild animals until we got to the lake/ picnic area where we all enjoyed our yummy



lunches- adults chatting away (yawn) and us kids having a great time at the playground nearby! Monkeys climbing on cars were fun to watch and our parents looked nervously at their screen wipers- no car casualties that we know of (Phew!) -and the apes seemed to enjoy the free rides!

We then walked around various enclosures where we were able to be 'hands on' with the animals and see them close up! The monkey enclosure was fascinating seeing lots of excited tiny monkeys up close but us kids were more interested in the adventure enclosure where we experienced monkey life and climbing for ourselves!! Families did their own thing until closing time, then some of us joined in for a pizza meal on our way home! Yum! We would like to thank Helen for organising the event and all the families who came and made the day such fun! Next year we hope to organise another family fun day event... ideas could be Theme Park, Outdoor Activity funday or maybe a day out at the New Forest (treasure trail) Watch this space!!

Our summer event was held at Butlins, Bognor Regis in June and it was fantastic! We managed to negotiate a fantastic group deal with Butlins and CoDPuk paid for all the children of member families so it was an affordable day out for families and as a result we had



about 19 families attending with their children! 5 families were new members –so we would like to welcome them to our CoDPuk family!



The weather was just right, nice and sunny with fluffy bits of clouds! There were loads of activities for the family who were free to roam at their leisure throughout the day while we all met at lunch time and in the afternoon to share our fun and positive experiences with each other.

Most of us went swimming after lunch in the splash pool which has a fantastic array of slides and apparatus which kept us entertained for couple of hours at least!

“Lily-Jane deeply enjoyed the waterworld! She can’t wait to get bigger so that she can do a lot more activities!!! “



Do Your Chores: Scramble Puzzle

The twins Emily and Jessica have been told by Mummy that they must do their chores to be good little girls.

Can you **write the name of who did each chore** on the list on this puzzle?

To find out who fed the cat, try and unscramble the lines and see which path leads where.

For Parents This activity is aimed at 3 to 7 year olds, it's a fun way to raise your child's interest in good behaviour & household chores, as well as building their problem solving & recognition skills.

Kids Behaviour .co.uk
Chore Scramble!

The twins Emily and Jessica, have been told by Mummy that they must do their chores to be good little girls. Can you write the name of who did each chore on the list below?

- _____ feeds the cat.
- _____ makes the bed.
- _____ lays the table.
- _____ tidies the toys.

Emily Jessica

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City Lit -CoDPuk Stand



For the very first time, CoDPuk had a stall at the Deaf Day event at City Lit, London in April. It was an amazing day and a fantastic experience for us as there were approximately 1000 deaf people and deaf professionals who attended giving us brilliant exposure.

Helen Farthing, Penny Pearce, Anthony Clark and William Clapham were volunteers on the day and all did a superb job talking to everyone about CoDPuk

It is also at this event that we took the opportunity to re-launch our website which has been massively improved for your benefit! Do take a look if you haven't already!

At the end of the day, we all went to the Shakespeare Pub near Holborn Station to quench our thirst and renew our energy! We will certainly look into booking a stall at the next year's event as it was good to meet so many deaf parents and professionals letting them know about our social activities aimed at reducing isolation and providing positive life experiences for our CODA children!

CoDPuk visit House of Commons!

Every year CoDPuk send a representative to UKCoD's Parliamentary Reception which was on 30th June. This high profile event at the House of Commons celebrates Deaf Awareness Week. It was well attended by deaf organisations and 57 MPs who expressed an interest in the All Party Group on Deafness -many will continue to campaign in their local constitutions. The room was historic with wood panels, intricately decorative ceilings and gorgeous stained glass windows which flanked all sides. It was however a tad too dark for ease of communications. Traditional afternoon tea was served as everyone networked and introduced themselves.

Malcolm Bruce says he was very pleased with the event and is encouraged by the personal anecdotes about deafness that he heard from many of the new MPs

A letter was received from one MP saying how interesting the event was

Greg Mullholland MP even tweeted about the event

Thank you to Penny Pearce who represented us!

Volunteering is FUN! Can you help us? (All ages)

Would you like to join our Volunteer team? We are always pleased to have more support even if you can only do a few hours to help on the day, or to organize an event -there's something for everyone! Why not ask for more information?

Photos and Privacy

Privacy Act We respect your privacy and if you do not want to be included in any publicity photos, please do tell anyone taking photos at our events and we will try not to include you or your family.

CoDPuk Diary -2010 dates for your diary

See website for more information

**Sat 4th September
at 4.30pm**

Olympic site guided tour*

** strictly limited spaces book quick!*

Sun 12th Sept
Go Ape! (10yrs+)
and
Treasure Hunt!
(for all ages)

Sat 11th Dec
Christmas Party

Other Events

More events planned in between main events for specific interests

or needs eg:

Workshops (tbc)

Walking Days (tbc)