



# Downs support Group Newsletter October 2011

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## Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter

After a successful schedule of Summer of activities it is now time to think about Christmas.

Please find below details of our forthcoming events and do not hesitate to contact the named person if you require further information. We still have a few vacancies and would love new members to come along and take an active role in BADSS. We welcome new ideas for activities or support in all areas and feel the younger children are currently under-represented at present.

## Forthcoming Events & Diary Dates

6/11	Cookery
20/11	Fun day & AGM @ HSJ 2-4pm
4/12	Cookery
9/12	Mother Goose - Redgrave
11/12	Christmas Party 3-6pm Royal British Legion Keynsham
17/12	Peter Pan - Hippodrome
18/12	Cookery
8-11/6	RUDA 2012

## AGM

Sunday 20th Nov 2011 2 - 4pm  
Free Event  
Venue Hop Skip & Jump  
We have booked the afternoon for a play session and children's entertainer. Bring a Picnic

## Website

[www.badss.org.uk](http://www.badss.org.uk)



## HOP SKIP & JUMP

As previously reported many of you may have seen the pieces in the Evening Post, on the television news, and heard on the local radio that parents have been objecting to the way changes are being introduced at Hop, Skip and Jump.

Following the sit-in on Saturday, parents believe that the Trustees (via the PR consultants they have hired) have made a commitment to a consultation and to meet with representatives of the members of the centre. However, the centre is currently closed and internal changes are still going ahead this week.

A meeting was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Kingswood and we await further details from Caroline Temple-Bird.

If you wish to offer your support please contact her on [bristolparentcarers@gmail.com](mailto:bristolparentcarers@gmail.com)

Please bear in mind that she is a volunteer for Bristol Parent Carers with a disabled child of her own and please be patient in waiting for a reply.



## **BADSS Christmas Party**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3-6pm**

Keynsham Royal British Legion Club, 8 Charlton Road, Keynsham,  
Bristol, BS31 2JA

**Cost £5 Adults, Children Free**

Buffet, Entertainment and Soft Drinks Provided. Full licensed bar available.

**This is our most popular event of the year. As well as entertainment for the kids, we will have a visit from Father Christmas who will distribute presents that you bring. The presents should be wrapped and clearly labelled and handed in at the door to be put into Santa's sack.**



## **Bordeaux Cookery Club**

The cookery sessions at Bordeaux Quay have proved popular with the group and Paul has managed to secure another series of lesson. This will be the last as this base as unfortunately the Cookery School are moving to a new location in Knowle. Dates are as follows:-

6/11/11; 4/12/11; and 18/12/11

1<sup>st</sup> group - 12.30 until 13.30

2<sup>nd</sup> group - 14.00 until 15.00

There are still some slots available and they will be offered on a first come first served basis. Email [paul.simson@btconnect.com](mailto:paul.simson@btconnect.com)



## Theatre



## Tickets

See reply slips for details of upcoming shows. Please send a separate reply slip and cheque for each show. The closing date is typically 2 months before the performance date but Betty often runs out of her ticket allocation, so first come - first served. Each cheque will be held and cashed on the closing date for that show.



There has been interest in starting a new Down to Earth (15+) group and at present we are in the process of collecting names. Email [paul.simson@btconnect.com](mailto:paul.simson@btconnect.com)

## Ruda 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Our Annual Holiday to Ruda weekend 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is being offered again. Caravans cost £155 per caravan, deposit of £50 to Andrew. Balance of £105 to be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012. We have a limited number of caravans and these will be offered on a first come first served basis. See attached reply slip.

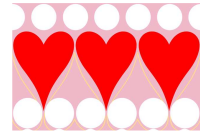
For more info, contact Andrew:  
[Andrew@ahking.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:Andrew@ahking.freeseerve.co.uk)



## Center Parcs

BADSS have not planned a weekend away in December, but a few members have booked independently and if you would like to meet up on the Saturday night for Magic at the Pancake House contact Jane Powell [jane\\_powell3@sky.com](mailto:jane_powell3@sky.com) and she will book a table, reply before 20/11/11.

## Heart to Heart Counselling Service



- Are you a parent of a child with Down's syndrome?
- Are you feeling overwhelmed?
- Would you like to talk to someone in confidence?

We offer a free session to explore your needs. Jenny our counsellor is experienced in working with parents of children with special needs and is a BHCP senior Counsellor.

Individuals or couples welcome. Low cost subsidised counselling (a donation if able)

Please contact us for more details or to book an appointment.

[Helen@gehe62@virginmedia.com](mailto:Helen@gehe62@virginmedia.com)

## Support Groups

### New Parents Group

[Leonie Pollinger](#) 07703 475453

### Little Gems 0-8

[Helen England](#) 0117 9774778

### D2E Junior 8-16

[Paul Simson](#) 01454 311964

### Down to Earth 16+

[Sandie Davis](#) 01179708324

Sibling Support - vacant



**Any requests for trips, events or activities please contact Jane Powell before the next newsletter due out in February. Deadline for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.**

Contact: [jane\\_powell3@sky.com](mailto:jane_powell3@sky.com)

# REPLY SLIPS:

<b>Coram Boy - Colston Hall</b> 23/12/11 @ 2pm	
Name:	
Address:	
No of tickets: @ £23.00  + £1.00 P&P	1 carer goes Free - tick here: if you want a carers ticket
Cheques made payable to <b>Lloyds TSB</b> .  Send to <b>Betty Humphries, 1 Quarry Road, Frenchay, BS16 1LY</b>  Reply by 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	

<b>Blood Brothers</b> 28th February 2012 @ 19.30	
Name:	
Address:	
No of tickets: (£10.00 each) + £1.00 P&P	
Cheques made payable to <b>Lloyds TSB</b>  Send to <b>Betty Humphries, 1 Quarry Road, Frenchay, BS16 1LY</b>  Reply by 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	

<b>Badss Christmas Party</b> 11/12/11 3 - 6pm	
Name:	
Address:	
No of Adults @ £5.00  Children	Free
Cheques made payable to <b>BADSS</b>  Send to <b>Paul Simson, 7 Jobbins Close, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6ER</b>  Reply by 1 <sup>st</sup> December	

<b>Grease</b> 6th April @ 17.30	
Name:	
Address:	
No of tickets: (£13.50 each) + £1.00 P & P	
Cheques made payable to <b>Lloyds TSB</b> .by 18/3/10  Send to <b>Betty Humphries, 1 Quarry Road, Frenchay, BS16 1LY</b>  Reply by 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2012	

**RUDA 2012**

**8-11th June 2102**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Please TICK

Please reserve 1 caravan for our family at the subsidized price of £155

I enclose a deposit of £50

I would be interested in extending the stay until the 15<sup>th</sup>. They may only have Sat-Sat caravans available.

In a standard caravan for an estimated supplement of £120

In a larger caravan with patio for an estimated supplement of £230

Cheques made payable to **BADSS**

**Send to Andrew King, Fourwinds, Cotswold Road, Old Sodbury, Bristol, BS37 6NE**

**Reply ASAP**