



STAFFORDSHIRE ADULTS AUTISTIC SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER SPRING/SUMMER 2010



Welcome to our spring/summer 2010 newsletter!



Office Launch

SAAS launched their new office this year with Stokes top talent winner Su Annagib, Su our new patron has some really good fundraising ideas and plans to hold a variety show later this year with all proceeds going to SAAS.

The open day was attended by The Sentinel, County Councilor Steve Sweeney, Council Leader Simon Tagg, Staffordshire Community Foundation, Patron Su Annagib, Gill Devgon plus SAAS trustees and members.

New Patrons

Pete Conway and Su Annagib join Professor Simon Baron-Cohen from Cambridge university as patrons of SAAS. Pete is really pleased to be associated with SAAS and will be compering our charity variety show. Su winner of Stokes Top Talent is a media lecturer by day at Stoke-on-Trent College and knows quite a lot about Autism/Asperger Su has worked with students with the condition and also looks after a severely autistic adult at weekends as a carer. SAAS are really pleased to have both Pete and Su on board!

Outings/Events



Members have enjoyed attending events including tenpin bowling our second anniversary party and Christmas party.



SAAS Welcomes New Volunteers

SAAS welcomes new volunteers who will help to manage SAAS Headquarters - 31 Ironmarket, Newcastle, Staffs ST5 1RP, tel.: 01782 617088.

Sponsors/ Donations/Fundraising (Thank you to everyone who has supported SAAS)

Devgon News-£200

Potteries Shopping Centre - £1250

Christmas Raffle - £131.50p

Sharon & Jodie Cauldon Place - £706.50

Gina Whittaker - £25

Richmond Mews - £30

Easter Raffle - £97.50

Ship Inn - £139

Michelin - £150

Autoi Mechanix - £200

C. Underwood - £140

Julie Goodyear - £20

Mr & Mrs Bonsal - £50



Funding News

A big thank you to the following for supporting our organisation

Simon Tagg - Newcastle Borough Council local community fund £1,000.00 office equipment for SAAS's new office.

Staffordshire Community Foundation £1499.97 was awarded to SAAS for office equipment, training and volunteers expenses.

Awards for All - £9,900.00 awarded for training, website, advertising, laptops and stationary.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust - £4,450.00 received for office equipment, training, telephone/broadband and volunteers expenses



Sarah Brown Meeting-10 Downing Street

Kevin met with Sarah Brown in December at 10 Downing Street. The meeting brought autism charities together for the first time. Over 30 people attended the meeting and talked about partnership working and how autism charities can work together to achieve common aims. The event was a success and Sarah Brown hopes to do a follow up meeting in the near future.



Christmas Party

Over 80 members attended our Disco/ Buffet with a special guest appearance from no other than SANTA himself. A good time was had by one and all. A big thank you to Sue Chandler for organising this year's Christmas party.

Gary Mckinnon

In December Kevin attended London Demo outside the Home Office for Gary Mckinnon. To follow the news on this please visit: www.kevinhealy.net.



SAAS Website

We have now launched our new website.

Follow all the up to date news and what is happening within the organisation.

Also “Twin Brothers Worlds Apart “ - Kevin Healey's autobiography The book is now on sale priced £12.99 to purchase a copy telephone (01782) 617088 e mail infosaa@ntlworld.com

Forthcoming Events

Autism awareness day – Luke Beardon

To be held at Medical Institute Hartshill on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 10am – 4pm

Luke has been working as a practitioner in the field of autism for around fifteen years. he is senior lecturer in autism' and working for the Autism Centre at Sheffield Hallam University. He works closely with people with autism as well as providing input on academic courses from undergraduate through to Master's and Doctoral study

This will be of interest to professionals, parents/carers and those on the spectrum

Cost :Professionals £90 Voluntary Sector £80 Parents/carers £25 ASD £20

Variety Show

In aid of and hosted by Staffordshire Adults Autistic Society (SAAS) supporting local adults on the autistic spectrum (all proceeds to the charity).

Local celebrities and artists from the world of music, comedy and dance come together for this Charity Variety Show. Temperatures are set to soar this spring with performances to remember from stokes local talent on 22nd May 2010 @ Victoria Hall Hanley Tickets £10 ea

Outing to Southport

We are arranging an outing to Southport for members at a cost of £10 per person
A charge of £5 per person will be required with SAAS subsidising the other £5 for more
information please telephone the office on 01782 617088

Clairvoyance Evening

An evening of clairvoyance takes place on 30th September 2010 at the Victoria Hall, Hanley with
Brian Shepherd (Psychic Artist) from Most Haunted Paul Cissel (spiritual medium) and Ross
Bartlett (international teen psychic). Tickets are now on sale price £10ea
call the box office on 0844 871 7649 www.ambassadortickets.com/stoke

Skills for Life

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund skills for life project will enable Autistic adults to learn
life skills, such as confidence building, self esteem , how to write a CV, help with
employment and much more.....

To enroll please contact SAAS head office on 01782617088 or email
infoasaas@ntlworld.com



Sponsored Parachute Jump for SAAS

By pledging to do a sponsored parachute jump you can raise money for the Staffordshire Adults
Autistic Society and have the experience of a lifetime. Jumping from a perfectly serviceable
airplane takes a good deal of courage. Just ask your friends, family and work colleagues how
much they are prepared to pay you to jump out of an aircraft, and put that money to the cause.

Generally anyone who is of reasonable fitness and 16 or more years old can take part. There is
generally a weight limit of 15st for the jump

**minimum sponsorship £500 (this includes your jump priced at approx £275-
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SAAS on eBay

SAAS are now on eBay if you would like to sell your items, or if you have an item that you would like to give to SAAS to go on their online auction please contact the charity on t; (01782)617088 e: infosaa@ntlworld.com

or if you have a paypal account you can make a direct donation

SAAS Newsletter by e mail



Would you please consider receiving SAAS Newsletter by email?

You would also be able to receive current information relating to SAAS when it becomes available.

If you are able to make the change to email, please email details to:

infosaa@ntlworld.com

Please provide your name, address, telephone number and e mail address so that we have all the correct information on our data base.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to contribute to our next newsletter please e mail to newsletter <infosaa@ntlworld.com>

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"SAAS changing lives of local adults on the Autistic Spectrum"