



Snippets 9th August 2018

- **Devon Carers - Kingsbridge Carers Group**
New Carers Group from 10am-12pm Wednesday's from August 2018 Tumbly Hill Day Centre, Squares Quay, Kingsbridge TQ7 1HN
Wednesday 22 August, Wednesday 26 September, Wednesday 24 October, Wednesday 21 November, Wednesday 12 December
Go along and meet other carers who look after family or friends for mutual support. For more details please ring Sarah Barker, your local Carers Support Officer On 03456 434 435 or go to: <http://www.devoncarers.org.uk>
- **Tissues & Issues**
Coffee mornings run from 10am till 12noon at Central Church Torquay, TQ2 5RF Entrance via Morgan Avenue. Please see Summer activities and future dates below:
August 21st Cockington Country park from 11am Picnic and games, (weather permitting) TQ2 6XA
September 11th Coffee and chat at Central Church
September 25th coffee and chat, Central Church - Dorothy Hadley head if SEN TBC
To find out more visit their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1998466853749511/>
- **SEN magazine**
Check out the latest SEN newsletter online:
<http://senmagazine.co.uk/Newsletter/>
They also have a Facebook page <http://ow.ly/owcT30liAx5>
- **Challenge Ahead family activity day**
Saturday 8th September 2018, 10am – 4pm at The Pavillion, Hannah's at Seale Hayne. £5 per family
Challenge Ahead are hosting a day of activities for all the family to share! Come and try your hand at archery, Kagemusha Taiko drumming or become a radio DJ for the morning! Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Challenge Ahead is an activity group for children and young people following acquired brain injury. Please contact Penny or Emily on penny@pennyweekes.com or emilycolley@cbituk.org for a booking form.
- **Eat That Frog (ETF)**
Are you aged between 15-19 and don't have any education, training or work lined up for September? Why not go along to ETF summer engagement activities and have a chat with ETF tutors and support specialists who can help you find the best way forward.
Summer activities include:

15th August beach games, volleyball/rounders or illustration project – design software
22nd August Gaming day (RPG & Consoles)
29th August pizza in the park @ Parkfield
To find out more tel: 01803 551551 or email info@eatthatfrog.ac.uk

- **Changes to the Blue Badge scheme.** People with hidden disabilities, including autism and mental health conditions will soon have access to Blue Badges, removing the barriers many face to travel. The Blue Badge scheme already means those with physical disabilities can park closer to their destination than other drivers, as they are less able to take public transport or walk longer distances. In the biggest overhaul to the scheme since the 1970s, this will now be extended to those with less visible conditions early next year. To find out more about this and the Inclusive Transport Strategy which launched on 25 July 2018 go to:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/people-with-hidden-disabilities-to-benefit-from-blue-badges>

Free e-learning Autism Awareness and Positive Behaviour Support courses. The following courses have been created by Health Education England and the Department of Health and are aimed at professionals, carers and volunteers.

Free Autism Awareness Training available from MindEd at: www.minded.org.uk, enter 'Autism' in search bar. There are many other e-learning topics also available on the MindEd website.

Free Positive Behavioural Support (PBS) Awareness Training available from Bild at: www.bild.org.uk/capbs/pbs-awareness-course/

- **Early Help Consent Form**
There is a new Early Help Consent Form which can be found on the Devon Children and Families Partnership website by following this link:
<https://www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk/workers-volunteers/early-help/>
- **Devon Carers Autumn newsletter** is now available online at: <https://devoncarers.org.uk/information-and-advice/information/newsletter/> Find out about changes to the services, new carers courses, latest news and peer & carer support groups
- **Early Help September Roadshows**
These FREE half day Early Help Roadshow events will provide further information to all agencies on:
 - Working Together 2018
 - New Children's Services Threshold Tool
 - Early Help – What is it and how can we all provide it?
 - Children's Centre's – New ways of working, including with children up to 8 years old. To find out more go to: <http://ow.ly/pLXh30liutB>
- **React charity funding**
React helps families caring for a child with an illness which is life-threatening or has the potential to shorten their lifespan. Their purpose is to provide assistance in

situations where none is available elsewhere. To find out more go to:
<https://reactcharity.org/applications>

- **Maddies Fun Day!**

Friday August 17th 12noon – 5pm at Padbrook Park Cullompton.

Adults £4 Children £1. Family (no more than 2 adults and 4 children) £10

Lots of entertainment for the young and old to enjoy throughout the afternoon!

Bubbles, face painting, glitter tattoos, bubble football, go-karts, character appearances, a BBQ and bar, cake stall, drinks and ice cream. Lots of lovely local stalls! Come and support Maddie raise money for her ongoing specialist equipment needs.



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<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus/>

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