

## *Support, information, guidance & news about Autism in Lambeth*

**Winter 2006/7**

### **SCDAT WAITING LIST**

LAG committee members are meeting with Lambeth PCT Chief Executive Kevin Barton at the end of February. We'll keep you informed of any developments. In the meantime, we would like to hear from you if you are affected by the wait for diagnosis at the Mary Sheridan Centre for Child Health. It's very important for LAG to know what impact it is having on as many of its members as possible. Many thanks to all those who have already got in touch!

### **ARE YOU MISSING OUT?**

Lambeth Council is running a campaign, in partnership with local advice agencies, to encourage people to claim all the benefits they are entitled to receive. Recent research has found that many families, including families looking after autistic children, fail to claim key disability benefits, such as Disability Living Allowance (DLA). It also showed families who had claimed DLA often received too little, or failed to claim linked benefits, such as Carers Allowance and the disability child premiums payable in child tax credit. Lambeth Council

wants to offer families looking after autistic children the opportunity to have their benefits checked. For more information, please contact **Rodrigo Fenick**, Welfare Benefit Adviser, at the Centre 70 Advice Centre on 0208 670 0070 or email

[rphenick@centre70.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:rphenick@centre70.fsbusiness.co.uk). *The campaign is funded until March 2007 through Neighbourhood Renewal Funds.*

### *Autism-friendly screenings*

#### **RITZY**

Brixton Oval, SW2 1JG

**CHARLOTTE'S WEB (U)**

Monday 19 February, 11 am

**Bookings 08707 550 062**

*Tickets for all screenings are £2 per person  
(No concessions or free carers' tickets)*

**For more info, contact Alice Warren 020  
7326 2611 or [alice.w@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:alice.w@picturehouses.co.uk)**

### **Autism and the Brain**

*Date: Thu 15 March 2007 6.30-8.30 pm*

*Venue: UCL Institute of Child Health, 30  
Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH*

#### **What is autism?**

Prof Tony Charman, Institute of Child Health

#### **What is it like to have autism?**

Ros Blackburn, an adult with autism

#### **Autism and the social brain**

Prof Uta Frith, Institute of Cognitive  
Neuroscience

#### **Open to all and free of charge**

*Registration essential! Please email*

[brainawareness@gmail.com](mailto:brainawareness@gmail.com) *stating the  
name and address of each attendee.*

### **Dramatherapy workshops**

*12 session workshops for 5-11 year olds resident in  
Lambeth who have an autistic spectrum disorder.*

*Starting: April 26.*

*Venue: Archbishop Sumner Primary School.*

Please contact **Iwona Kazmierczak** by email

[Iwona.Kazmierczak@nas.org.uk](mailto:Iwona.Kazmierczak@nas.org.uk) or by post, with your  
child's name, age, address and tel no.

**The NAS, SE Regional Office, Unit 9, The Ivories, 6-8  
Northampton Street, London N1 2HY**

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS



*The Lambeth Autism Group organises a range of events for parents and carers: guest speakers, parents'*

*meetings and family activities. We aim to cover interesting topics and important issues, as well as to provide opportunities for parents and carers to meet, and share experiences. Forthcoming meetings include:*

### THURSDAY 22 MARCH (7-9PM):

#### ***The Transporters* showing**

Showing of the novel animation DVD by Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Director of the Autism Research Centre at Cambridge University and David Lammy, Culture Minister. *The Transporters* aims to help children with autism to learn about emotions. The DVD is aimed at children from two to eight years, and the series of 15 five-minute episodes features the adventures of eight lovable toys with human faces, each focusing on a different human emotion.. Stephen Fry is the narrator and each episode has an associated interactive quiz to help children learn about the featured emotion. *Free copies will be available at the showing.*

## MEETINGS HELD AT:

### LAMBETH COLLEGE

Clapham Centre, Clapham Common Southside, London SW4 9BL

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#### **Buses:**

35, 37, 88, 137, 155, 255, 322, 345, 437

#### **Underground:**

Clapham Common (Northern)

## NAS South East Region members meeting and seminar

*Date: Saturday 3 March, 10am -1pm (meeting);*

*1.30pm-4pm (Supporting the siblings of your child with an ASD seminar)*

*Venue: University of Westminster, Regents Street, London W1*

*For further information and to book a place on the seminar (cost £5 for NAS members, £10 non-members), please phone Judy Lynch 020 7704 3800 or email [judy.lynch@nas.org.uk](mailto:judy.lynch@nas.org.uk)*

## Sensory issues and anger management seminar

*Presented by the Asperger Syndrome Foundation and aimed at professionals, parents and carers. **Luke Beardon**, Senior Lecturer in Autism (The Autism Centre, Sheffield Hallam University), offers practical strategies relating to sensory issues and anger management, which work with people who have Asperger's Syndrome (AS). **Stephen Allen**, a young adult with AS, discusses the impact that sensory issues and anger management have from the perspective of an individual with AS.*

**Date: Friday 11 May, 10am-3.30 pm** (registration from 9.30am)

**Venue: Riba London, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD**

**Cost: £25 Professionals, £15 parents/carers, free for individuals with AS** (sandwich lunch included)

#### **For more information:**

*Please email [seminars@aspergerfoundation.org.uk](mailto:seminars@aspergerfoundation.org.uk)*

*or visit the Asperger Syndrome Foundation website [www.aspergerfoundation.org.uk](http://www.aspergerfoundation.org.uk)*

*By post: The Asperger's Syndrome Foundation, The Kensington Charity Centre  
4th Floor, Charles House, 375 Kensington High Street, London W14 8QH*