

# Nancealverne Parents/Carers Bulletin



2015

**Welcome back everyone.**

The year is racing ahead and this month sees more building work being completed at school, as the work on the playground is completed. We are very pleased that the Parent Teachers Association, Friends of Nancealverne has been resurrected and they have feverishly been meeting to arrange a raffle and prizes for the Christmas Fayre which is being held in school on the 4th December. Raffle tickets are being printed as we speak and will be sent home in due course. All parents are welcome to be a part of the PTA, so please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required. There are a number of events focussing on Communication taking place across Cornwall highlighting programmes such as Makaton courses and Intensive Interaction. Please view the rest of the newsletter for information on events.



The National Autistic Society  
West Cornwall Branch presents



## Robyn Steward

*Consultant, Speaker, Artist, Musician*

Robyn is a 29 year old woman with Asperger's Syndrome. She works as a specialist trainer and mentor to young people with autism.

**"The Autism Spectrum  
from a person, not just a textbook!"**

**Tuesday 24th November**

Penventon Park Hotel Redruth TR15 1TE

**Morning**

10 to 12.30 with refreshments



**Evening**

7.30 to 9.30

### Autism: Positivity for Parents

What it means to be on the autism spectrum, how you can support your children, and lots of strategies.

For parents of older children: transition into adult life including options, practicalities and independent living pitfalls.

### Autism From a Person, Not Just a Textbook

'Supporting skills in work and at home'  
An inspirational talk from Robyn promoting strategies and approaches that have worked in her life journey.

**To book for either, morning or evening event:**

email: [westcornwall.info@nas.org.uk](mailto:westcornwall.info@nas.org.uk) text or call: 07901 103351



The NAS is registered as a Charity in England and Wales (269425)

We are pleased to say that the McMillan Coffee Mornings and Afternoons in the week of 21st September– 25th September were very successful and raised £256.69!!

So a very **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this event.



### Important School Dates:

4th December, 10-12pm; Christmas Fayre

10th December, 1pm: Primary Christmas Performance

11th December, 10am: Secondary Christmas Performance

Break-up: 18th December

Back to school for pupils: 5th January 2016

### INSET DAYS:

4th January

27th June

### Parents Evenings:

26th May





**Personal Budgets -  
your rights and what  
you need to know**

You are invited to a **FREE**  
**Information and Advice Workshop for families and  
carers of people with a learning disability**

There will also be information stands from other local  
organisations and an opportunity to talk directly to  
expert solicitors from Coodes' legal team who will be  
attending to answer your questions.

**Where** Heartlands, Redruth, Pool, Cornwall TR15 3QY **Tuesday 17 Nov**  
Westberry Hotel, Rhind St, Bodmin PL31 2EL **Thursday 19 Nov**

**Time** 10am - 2.30pm  
A light sandwich lunch is included.

**Booking is essential** - Please contact Carol Burgess to book  
(preferably via email) [carol.burgess@mencap.org.uk](mailto:carol.burgess@mencap.org.uk) or telephone  
**07852 457862** by Tuesday 10th November latest.



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**Part Time Courses  
For Adults 2015/16**



**Makaton® Programme**

Makaton is a language programme using signing and speech to provide a  
basic means of communication, encouraging language and literacy  
development in children and adults with communication and learning  
difficulties.

We offer five Beginner's **2-day** workshops and four Follow-up **2-day**  
workshops and all are taught by Tigger Pritchard, a Makaton accredited  
trainer. Upon course completion, learners receive a Makaton Certificate.

Beginner's 2-Day & Follow-Up 2-day Workshops are suitable for parents,  
carers and employees working alongside children and adults with learning  
difficulties and are held throughout Cornwall as follows:

Beginners (26690) **Truro**: Saturdays, 3 & 17 October 2015  
Beginners (26686) **Liskeard**: Thursdays, 12 & 26 November 2015  
Beginners (26689) **St Austell**: Thursdays, 28 January & 11 February 2016  
Beginners (26688) **Redruth**: Thursdays, 10 & 24 March 2016

Follow-Up Workshop (26693) **Truro**: Saturdays, 30 Jan & 13 February 2016  
Follow-Up Workshop (26692) **St Austell**: Thursdays, 14 & 28 April 2016  
Follow-Up Workshop (26694) **Redruth**: Thursdays, 9 & 23 June 2016

All days: 10:00am - 4:00pm (earlier finish time will be negotiated)

**Fees:** £65 including Makaton manuals;  
FREE to those in receipt of means tested benefits

**All Enquiries:** WEA Office, 47 Lemon Street Truro TR1 2NS  
Tel: 01872 320036 Email: [cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk](mailto:cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk)

**All Payments/ Enrolments:** Tel: Exeter Regional Office 01392 457300 or  
Online [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) or Email: [SouthWest@wea.org.uk](mailto:SouthWest@wea.org.uk)

If you need support to attend or participate in one of our classes, please contact us. [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

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**(Cornwall's Accessible Days Out and Events)**

Cadoe runs 2 groups in Illogan

Siblings group for children aged 4-12 years who have  
a sibling with additional needs. The group meets  
fortnightly.

Special needs group for children aged 12 and up who  
have additional needs. This group meets every 4  
weeks.

The cost for both groups is £4 per child and if there is  
more than one child attending either of the groups  
it's £3.50 each. The children either meet at the  
village hall or go out somewhere.

In addition, they run occasional events for the whole  
family.

If a parent is interested, they can get in touch by  
finding Emma Kinsman or Leanne Spargo on  
Facebook, or by 'liking' the Cadoe Organisation page  
(there are 2, either one will do), or by phoning Emma  
on 07894079602





**Intensive Interaction Café**

At Boscawen Farm, Robert Owen Communities,  
Blackwater, Truro, TR4 8EZ

**Wednesday 25th November 2015, 10am - 12noon**

**NEW!** The next 4 events will each have a particular theme with  
take away activities to try. If you attend each session you will  
receive a certificate recording what you have covered. Please  
**BOOK** your place on the number below.

The intensive interaction café is for people with learning  
disabilities, carers and staff to come and have a go at intensive  
interaction in a relaxed setting. People with experience in using  
intensive interaction will be available to talk to, to demonstrate  
how to do it and to talk through any questions.

Boscawen Farm is a working farm and a day placement for people  
with learning disabilities. Please make your own risk assessments  
and judgement as to whether it is an appropriate setting for the  
person you support to attend. You can contact Paul at Boscawen  
Farm on 01872 560530 to arrange a visit beforehand or to  
request a copy of their risk assessments. Staff and carers are  
welcome to attend without the person they support if this is felt  
to be in their best interests.

Please contact Clare Bradburn, Speech and Language Therapist,  
Cornwall NHS Foundation Trust on 07833 436990 to find out more.

Call the west admin team  
on 01209 219251 if you would like to attend.