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THE ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH HAND OR ARM DEFICIENCY

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Winter Issue

On behalf of Stacy, Ciara, Niamh and I, I would like to take this chance to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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2007 Christmas Party

This years Christmas party will be held at Snozone in Breahead, Glasgow, on the 1st of December It will start at 12:15 but families need to be their for 11:45 to begin getting ready for the tobogganing. Again this is been organised by Karen and Michael Moran. It was very popular last year with many families requesting to come again this year. All Reach members are welcome (brothers/sisters/ Parents/ Grandparents) and is free to all. As it is fast approaching if you are interested can you telephone Karen or Michael as soon as possible (at least one week before) as Santa

needs to buy presents before hand. Even if you have informed myself could you please telephone Michael to confirm figures and any food allergies?



Michael & Karen have been before and our more suitable to inform you as to what clothing you should wear. Their telephone number is 01355 266371. Our Thanks

goes to Karen and Michael for all the work they put into making this day a success.

Ceilidh Night

The recent Ceilidh night was very popular with many Reach families attending. Many of those who attended have requested that it becomes an annual event. We are looking into the possibilities of doing this, but at a different time in the year. Stacy and I were amazed at the generosity of all those who attended and at the prizes which people donated. It will be more than likely held at the same venue, The Seamill Hydro West Kilbride, as it was very popular with those who attended and was local for the band and Disco who gave up their time to perform. Thank you to all those who attended, donated a prize and help make it possible.

Quiz night

Elaine Clark who organises the Jeremy Beadle Quiz Night has let me know that Jeremy Beadle has kindly agreed to host another Quiz/Party Night on Saturday 9th February at The Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew, this time in aid of the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. This charity is very close to

Elaine's heart and I wish her well with the fund raising.

Tickets are £25 each. There is a two-course meal, the Quiz and lots of Party fun. For tickets contact Elaine Clark on 0777 477 1522

Family Weekend 2008

Since the last news letter we now have only space for 4 more families at the family weekend. For those of you who are still interested but unsure it is a very relaxed weekend, you decided how much you want to do. It is just a chance for the children to meet others like themselves have some fun and build their confidence. Accommodation and all meals are provided and if required we can arrange transport. It is open to all members and their families.



The dates are Friday the 27th of June – Sunday the 29th of June to secure your place a £10 deposit is needed, with the balance of £65 per family being required one month prior to the event. As with all

Scottish Branch events if cost or travel are an issue, contact us in confidence and we will assist in any way we can.

Suggestions

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how the Scottish Branch money should be spent please get in touch. We have had some suggestions, listed below;

1. Hire a coach to take families to AGM
2. An outward bound week for the children on their own.
3. A second family weekend in the winter.

With all suggestions we need to take into account of what HEAD Office is offering also what is feasible with members spread over such a vast area. We also have fluctuating funds which depends yearly on how much fund raising is done. However one of events should not be a factor. All suggestions for the Branch are welcome. (We cannot buy a Branch Villa in Italy)

Posters

I need to order more posters for the REACH Scottish Branch. I would like to get our own posters made up with Scottish Branch

members on. If you think your child could be the face of the Scottish Branch please send me an email of a photo or a disk and I can get the committee to make a decision or we can get a few different types made up. (Honestly pictures of the parents are not helpful; some of them are quite scary).

Award

Prior to the Ceilidh night the Scottish Branch Committee and the Co-ordinators agreed that we should take the opportunity to present a remarkable young man with an award. Alasdair is now 15 and is a little to old (cool) to attend Christmas parties and such events.



Over the last few years Alasdair has won awards for his football skills. However they are falling by the wayside as his golfing talents are taking the world by storm, well Scotland at least.

Alasdair recently won the Sunday mail disability sports personality of the year and came second in the world amputee golf tournament, plus many, many more. On the night of the Ceilidh Alasdair was present with a small glass plaque and a t-shirt signed by Padraig Harrington. This was in recognition of what a good role model and ambassador for REACH he has been over the years.

We also have another budding athlete amongst us, Andrew [REDACTED]. Some of you will remember Andrew as the young lad who is always first to fall out of a canoe or raft at the family weekend, "by accident". Andrew has begun training with the Scottish swimming team and no doubt we will all see him winning a medal at the 2014 Commonwealth games in Glasgow. Good luck to you both. And if you have a story to tell please get in touch.

Address Change

Just a reminder that our address has changed. Also our home telephone number and our mobile telephone numbers have changed. The new details are listed opposite. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you

This section is to say Thank You to all those who have assisted the Scottish Branch recently, in various ways.



There are many people to Thank for the Ceilidh night however many of those will not receive the newsletter so they will be thanked separately and mentioned on the website.

Mary Pettigrew for raffle prizes and selling so many tickets

Karen and Michael Moran for raffle prizes and always supporting the branch.

Eddie Berry for raffle prizes, Ticket sales and helping out on the night

Henry and Katriona Mullen for supporting reach at every event.

Sheena Campbell for ticket sales.

Patricia Greer for donating raffle prize

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What did the big angel say to the little angel?
Halo there!

What did the guest sing at the snowman's Christmas party?
Freeze a jolly fellow!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Snowflakes!

What's a sheep's favourite Christmas carol?
We wish ewe a merry Christmas.

Who is never hungry at Christmas?
The turkey - he's always stuffed!

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Word Search

Find the words in the list below. Fill in your name and address and send it to Carl. The first correct entry returned will win a prize!!!!!!