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# *REACH SCOTTISH BRANCH*

THE ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH HAND OR ARM DEFICIENCY

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On behalf of the Scottish Branch Stacy and I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and we hope you had a very Merry Christmas. We would also like this opportunity to welcome new members - the Thorley family. Hopefully we will see you at some event in the near future.

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## **The Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party was held again this year at SnoZone, XScape in Braehead Glasgow!

A wonderful time was had by all!

The afternoon started off with everyone piling into toboggans and whizzing

down the snow-covered slopes.

Then everyone retired to the party room where we found a table laden with burgers, pizza, chips, sandwiches, mince pies, juice, tea and coffee.

We all dug in, and once we had finished, the party games started.

Mention must be made of Marisa's Dad, who won *Best Rudolf Look-a-like*, and Liam, who was definitely the cutest Rudolf!

Then, we got a message, Santa was arriving!!!! There was a slight glitch in the proceedings when Santa was unavoidably detained – obviously giving autographs – but finally, after five resounding verses of *Jingle Bells* he finally appeared,

laden with presents for all the children!

A big THANK YOU must go to Karen and Michael Moran for arranging yet another splendid occasion! I'm looking forward to next year's already! Photographs of the afternoon will be put up in the Photograph Album Section of the website as soon as we can get them to our WebPixie!

## **Nina and The Neurons**

BBC Scotland are holding fun auditions for a CBeebies programme called 'Nina and the Neurons' which is a returning entertainment series with science at its core.

They are looking for confident & articulate 6 - 7 year olds, boys and girls,

who are chatty, cheeky and who love to have fun!

The auditions/ workshop will involve the kids playing games and having lots of fun!



They hope you would like to be involved and can get together a group of 6 - 7 year olds to be auditioned in Glasgow at BBC Scotland on Monday 28th January between 16:00 - 18:30

The auditions will be held at the new BBC at Pacific Quay. Please ask all children to report to the main reception for 4pm sharp and they will be met there. The address of the new building is: BBC Scotland, 40 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DA.

**\*\*If any of the children auditioning have siblings OR a best friend aged between 5 - 9 years old, then they would be most welcome to attend the audition. Many of the programmes that have been filmed for Nina feature family members and it would be great to see the children & siblings interact**

with each other if at all possible. If a sibling would not like to attend the audition then that is absolutely fine, it will not affect a decision made on any of the children. If possible they would prefer only one friend to be brought along if a sibling cannot attend.

Attached is a release form and a questionnaire. If you are interested let me know and I can contact them with numbers. If you can let me know by the 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan.

### **Family Weekend**

The annual Scottish Branch Family Weekend will take place at Ardeonaig near Killin from 27/06/08 – 29/06/08. The price, as usual, will be heavily subsidized thanks to all of our fantastic, devoted fundraisers and will cost only £75 per family. (£10 deposit required, with the remainder to be paid by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008)

Places are now **severely limited!** We have room for only one more family, so if you wish to go but have not yet contacted Carl you must do so **as soon as possible.**

An exciting range of activities are available including, raft building, canoeing, rope courses, orienteering, sailing, gorge walking, treasure quest, and abseiling to name but a few.

There is also plenty to keep the younger or slightly less adventurous occupied so nobody has to miss out on the fun.

All equipment, meals and accommodation are provided in the price. Remember places **are limited** so don't miss out on such a great opportunity.

If cost or travel is a problem please do not let this deter you. Contact us in the strictest of confidence and we will do our best to help out.



Listed below is the families so far.. If your name is not below and you are interest get in touch.

Brown, Cant, Carr, Collie, Cookman, Cullen, Greer, Greig, Miller, Moran, Roulston, Weir, Whitehall. If your name appears above and you are unable to attend please let me know so another family can take the place.

### **Teenage Committee**

As many of the outings are not suitable for teenagers, I am hoping to set up a teenage committee.. Made up of three teenagers who will decide on outings and changes that they feel would be appropriate to the Scottish Branch. This would hopefully encourage more teenagers to participate within the branch.. Any activities or ideas that they made arrive at will be run by the adult committee for approval. Therefore I am looking for three volunteers.

### **Coach for the AGM**

It was suggested that a coach be hired to take Scottish Branch members to the AGM.. Anyone interested in using this service please get in touch as soon as possible so I can organise and get prices.



### **Touch Bionics**

Touch Bionics is a leading developer of advanced upper-limb prosthetics (ULP). The i-LIMB Hand, is a first-to-market prosthetic device

with five individually powered digits. This replacement hand looks and acts like a real human hand and represents a generational advance in bionics and patient care.

The Touch Bionics i-LIMB Hand was developed using leading-edge mechanical engineering techniques and is manufactured using high-strength plastics. The result is a next-generation prosthetic device that is lightweight, robust and highly appealing to both patients and healthcare professionals.

The i-LIMB Hand is controlled by a unique, highly intuitive control system that uses a traditional two-input myoelectric (muscle signal) to open and close the hand's life-like fingers. Myoelectric controls utilize the electrical signal generated by the muscles in the remaining portion of the patient's limb. This signal is picked up by electrodes that sit on the surface of the skin. Existing users of basic myoelectric prosthetic hands are able to quickly adapt to the system and can master the device's new functionality within minutes. For new patients,

the i-LIMB Hand offers a prosthetic solution that has never before been available.

I have been in contact with this company and they have offered to give presentations. As of yet these prosthetic hands are not available on the NHS or in children's sizes, they are however looking at both these issues. I can arrange a Easter party with a touch Bionics employee in attendance to give a couple of presentations. This would allow parents to see the prosthetic hands and the children to have fun. If you are interested let me know and I will arrange this event. I would also like to open this invite to all branches and other organisations. I know this will be of little use to most members but it does seem to be something which may be worth keeping an eye on. For more details of this contact myself and I can email you their presentation or post out a booklet.

### Easter Party

I will be arranging an Easter party shortly, depending on the response from the Touch Bionics demonstration. Once it is booked I will send out a letter to all branch members.



### Thank you's

Marr Cappella who raised £2000 with their Christmas Carol concert.

Derek Carr who raised £2600 with his sponsored hill walk.

Karen and Michael Moran for arranging the Christmas party.

### Kid's corner

**Q. What did the grape do when it got stepped on?**

**A. It let out a little wine!**

**Q. Why did the man put his money in the freezer?**

**A. He wanted cold hard cash!**

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**Q. What did the porcupine say to the cactus?**

**A. "Is that you mommy?"**

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**Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**

**A. Frostbite.**

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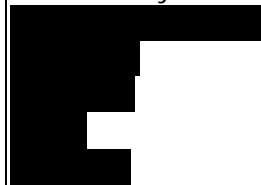
**Q. Why did 6 hate 7?**

**A. Because 7 ate 9**

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