

CAN Network News



October 2022

The CAN Network is part of Wokingham Borough Council and is an information and support service for children and young people (up to age 25) and their families, who live in the Wokingham Borough. Welcome to the Autumn edition of the CAN network News which is packed full of ideas for activities and days out across Wokingham and in the wider locality, as well as information, parent carer support and training.

By sharing information with you, the CAN Network is not providing a recommendation or endorsement of the service/organisation. If you are aware of a service or activity that is not included on the Local Offer or newsletter and you believe it would be of benefit to other families, please let us know – and we will communicate via the newsletter.

More information on the CAN network [here](#)

The Local Offer - Find information and services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, and their families.



Local Offer October 2022 news updates for families with an interest in special educational needs and disabilities [here](#)

Local Offer Live Day 2022 - Saturday 8th October 11 – 3pm

We are very pleased that SEND Voices Wokingham, in partnership with the CAN Network, are once again able to host the Wokingham Local Offer Live Day, back after a 2-year break due to Covid.



This year's event will be on **Saturday 8th October 2022** at St Crispin's Leisure Centre, London Road, Wokingham RG40 1SR. The Local Offer Live is a Family Information Day and is open to all families in the Wokingham Borough who have a child or young person aged 0-25 years with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. There will be a mixture of information stands for parents and carers to talk to local organisations and services about support, advice and activities for their family, as well as some fun activities to keep the children entertained.

SEND Voices Wokingham is the independent parent carer forum for the Borough. It was set up to ensure that the families and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities between 0-25 years of age in the Wokingham Borough, can have a voice and participate fully in the development of services.



Membership of SEND Voices Wokingham is FREE to parent carers living in the Wokingham Borough with a child or young person aged 0-25 with any Special Educational Needs or Disability. You will receive our e-bulletins and newsletter with updates on our work, events, training courses, consultations and relevant information that may affect you and your family. In addition, we are currently able to offer all members of SEND Voices Wokingham a **FREE** Max Card. The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for families of children with additional needs age 0-25. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

For more information about SEND Voices Wokingham, what we do, and the Max Card please visit our website: www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk or email: info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk.

Details of up-and-coming events available on the website here: [SVW events](#)

To book please email info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

A pdf version of the SEND voices Local Offer Guide available here: [Local Offer Guide 2022](#) . If any Wokingham families would like a hard copy of this guide, please email info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk to request a copy.

<https://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/news/send/local-offer-guide-2022>



Days Out & Activities

Follow the links here for details of activities and days out in the locality and further afield. You will need to check individual venues for updated information and their current booking systems.



Bookings for October Half Term Now Open

October holiday clubs open at Highwood, Woodley CE, Earley St Peters, Hawkedon, Hawthorns, Gorse Ride, Hatch Ride and Sonning Burghfield. For further information click here [Home - Funtastic Kids](#)

Me2 club presents the Charity Quiz Night – Friday 7th October 2022



Matt Allwright, the tv presenter, journalist, and musician who was born in Wokingham and was head of Reading Blue Coat School in the 1980's, will be Me2 club's quiz master at the Oakwood Centre, Woodley on Friday 7 October 2022. Quiz night is being held from 7-10pm for teams of no more than eight people and tickets include a Fish and Chip Supper. Tickets must be through Eventbrite. For more information click here [Me2Club – Me2 Club](#)



Camp Mohawk is open throughout the October Half Term with a variety of family sessions available, including low noise fireworks displays on **Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October**. Families must be registered with Camp Mohawk to take part in activities. They are also open to families on most term time Saturdays, and will be running Christmas parties (again for registered families) over weekends in mid-December. [More information can be found on their website Home | Camp Mohawk](#)



Thames Valley Adventure Playground is celebrating 40 years!! Open throughout the October half term. Booking in advance is essential. A variety of play sessions available. Children with additional needs are given priority. To book your space click here [About Us | Thames Valley Adventure Playground \(tvap.co.uk\)](#)



thames valley adventure playground
supporting children & adults with special needs and their families

Registered Charity Number 278336

Wokingham Local offer [here](#)



Loddon Valley Leisure centre – SEN soft play sessions on Sundays [information here](#)



Up to date information on events and activities (check out NEW madness Mondays!) – [Charity | Building For The Future | England \(btf.org.uk\)](#)

Libraries across the Wokingham Borough [activities through the Autumn here](#)



Smiles for Sibs Group - opportunities for Sibling children to have some 'Me' time; meet other siblings; try out various activities; play games together and have FUN! Mondays 4.30pm Woodley Airfield Community Centre, Hurricane way, Woodley, term time only.



Please contact Ruth Hatch on 07551 159072 for more information or email:

sibsw@promiseinclusion.org

Youth Club @ Addington

The Youth Club @ Addington School - every Wednesday, term-time from 7.00pm–8.45pm. Young people with learning disabilities between the ages of 13 (year 9) and 19 are welcome to come along for a fun-filled evening. Each week a variety of different activities are planned and there is a tuck shop and more.

The Co-ordinator for this group, Annah, can be contacted on 07551 159073 or phone the office on 0300 777 8539/07827 340405 or email: yc@promiseinclusion.org.

There is a weekly charge of £5 (to be invoiced in advance). You can pay for Youth Club from your Short Breaks budget.

Please note it is important that if you wish your child to come along to any of these groups that you do not just turn up, but contact us in advance to ensure that we can inform you of our Safety Measures

For further information contact the office on 0300 777 8539/07827 340405.

The new pirate themed soft play centre brings together a play area, with slides, ball pits, and climbing frame.



For further information about their Halloween party click here [What's On – Pirates Play](#)



Regular groups and activities from Parenting special children here [Services for Children and Young People - PSC \(parentingspecialchildren.co.uk\)](http://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

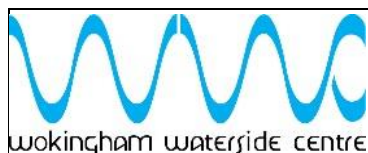
[The A Team: Awesome Autism and ADHD](#)

[Autistic/ADHD Girls and Young Women Monthly Workshop and Support Group](#)



Activity Camp at Luckley House school [holiday information here](#)

October half term is full but booking for Easter and Summer 2023 available soon!



[details to contact the Waterside centre here](#)



Days out in Berkshire [here](#)



[Coral Reef Waterworld Bracknell, booking here](#)



[The Living Rainforest - Hampstead Norreys - website here](#) - join their facebook page which is updated regularly.

[Animal Experiences | Beale Wildlife Park and Gardens here](#) – feed and meet some animals



Chance to Dance Stars CIC - a dance school for students and families in the disabled community offering classes across 2 locations in Reading and Bracknell. As well as weekly classes, including one for wheelchair users, they also run one day short break sessions at the weekend, and holiday camps during school holidays.

For further information contact Vicky – 07736343570 : sendanceclub@hotmail.com : Facebook @C2DStars

[website with booking pages here](#)

[Look Out Discovery centre information here](#)



Days out in Oxfordshire [here](#)

Oxfordshire Short breaks activities information for families with disabled children and young people – some of the activities advertised here are out of date but contact details are provided if you are interested in the organisation / activity! [Short breaks Oxfordshire.gov.uk information here](#)



[Fairytale farm - Chipping Norton - animals and sensory experience - information here](#)

Days out in Hampshire [here](#)

Days out in Buckinghamshire [here](#)

Days out in Surrey [here](#)

Days out in London and beyond! [here](#)



[Natural History museum London - dinosaurs - info here](#)

[Science museum London - see and do early admission - info here](#)



**London
transport
museum**

**SEN & Autism-friendly SEND Explorers family events at
the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden**

Opening outside the museum's regular hours on certain special days. Get hands-on with genuine parts of transport history or make use of sensory bags to support exploring the collection.

Advanced booking is essential as places are limited - [here](#)



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Acorn Social Group

@The Acorn is our weekly social club for adults 18+ with learning disabilities, including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities in Wokingham. Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm-9.00pm at the Acorn Community Centre.

Please contact Debbie if you would like to come along on 07436 418705 or email acorn@promiseinclusion.org or contact the office on 0300 777 8539 if you would like to join a meeting.

There is a £4 club fee for attending each activity, which will be invoiced or £8 ad hoc.

**Project 73
Night Owls
Crafty Coffee
Friday Night Project disco
Drama Group**



contact The Ark for information on the above groups info@theark.org.uk or call 01344 266899.

Sport In Mind-Upcoming Local Sport Wellbeing Sessions

Sport in Mind, a charity using sport and physical activity to improve the lives of people experiencing mental health problems. Sessions take place on the same day, at the same time and venue, all year around. To find out more about the sessions in your area, **contact Kirsty on 07788 993516.**



Carers Information



Thinking Ahead Workshop for Carers - Health and Wellbeing Workshop

Wednesday 12th October 2022, 9:30am – 2pm

Great Holland's Pavilion South Road, Bracknell, RG40 3EE

For further information please visit the Promise Inclusion website here <https://promiseinclusion.org/>

The Health and Wellbeing workshop will include speakers and information on nutrition, mental health, exercise and engaging with nature. This is a **FREE event** for carers which includes refreshments and lunch.

Coffee morning on 11th October for Wokingham members

Promise Inclusion Carers Forum

Monday 17th Oct Tea and Talk – a chance to meet in person with other parent-carers and give your views and feedback on local services. The topics change each week. You can sign up to their newsletter for advance information on the topics. 1030am – 12 noon - Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell RG12 7GR

Tuesday 18th Oct Tea and Talk ONLINE – a chance to meet online and give your views and feedback on local services 6pm – 7pm. In the online session they repeat the topic from the in-person session the day before. Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89009759087?pwd=a0ZQMUYrZkpsaVBQY08wM29WWkl6dz09>

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General Carers Group. Meets on the second Wednesday of every month. 10-12pm. Booking essential.

12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

The Bradbury Community Centre, Rose Street, Wokingham, RG40 1XS

For more information or to book call 0118 324 7333 or email berkshire@tuvida.org



In Taplow with Tea - Special event for carers

Monday 17TH October 2022 – 2pm TO 4:45PM

THAMES VALLEY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNG, BATH ROAD, TAPLOW, SL6

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Thames Valley Adventure Playground is celebrating 40 years. Experience the Adventure Playground in its beautiful lakeside setting, and enjoy an afternoon of Bridge – with Tea of course.



Christmas – only 11 weeks away!

SAVE THE DATES!

Wokingham Winter Carnival – 27th November 2022

Woodley Christmas Extravaganza – 4th December 2022

Useful Links to the South East of England Christmas Events

For the Cholsey and Wallingford Railway Polar Express experience click here [THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride at Cholsey and Wallingford Railway - THE POLAR EXPRESS Train Ride Chosley and Wallingford \(cholseythepolarexpressride.com\)](http://www.cholseythepolarexpressride.com)

For a truly magical Lapland UK experience click here [Lapland UK | Windsor Great Park](http://www.laplanduk.com)

More Links:

<https://wheretogowithkids.co.uk/days-out/best-christmas-events-south-east-meet-santa-and-more/>

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<https://www.visitengland.com/things-to-do/christmas-events>