

West Sussex NAGC Explorers



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Hi and welcome to the third group news letter. For more details on any of the items below please see the group web-site. Many articles will be in the member's area – if you need the password or other information please e-mail or phone me.

Adults Only! 6th September at the Frankland Arms, Washington (on the A24)

The committee meeting is a chance to meet other parents and to influence what the group does. You don't have to volunteer to help with anything – unless of course you want to! Our committee has been running with the same people for 18 months and we need some new members to keep us moving forward. In particular Yvonne will be standing down from the Treasurer post after the meeting so if you're good with numbers.... Please come along between 7:45pm and 9:30pm and give us the chance to find out what you think!

Programme of events:

For full and current details on the upcoming events please check the events page of the web-site. At present full details for each event are released shortly after the previous one completes.

6th September 2007	Adult's Group Meeting – Just Come Along
15th September 2007	The Human Dynamo – Now Booking
24th November 2007	Experimental Electricity
2nd February 2008	Volcanoes/Kitchen Chemistry
26th April 2008	Bignor Roman Villa Visit

NAGC National Events:

To celebrate NAGC's 40th birthday there will be a Family Celebration in Staffordshire over the weekend of 20 and 21 October. If you are interested in attending please contact Julie Taplin, at NAGC HQ direct - NAGC, Suite 14, Challenge House, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6DP. Cheques payable to NAGC. Tel 0845 450 0295.

Contact requests:

We have a member who would like to contact anyone else in the group with experience of supporting a child with dual exceptionality. To make contact please e-mail or phone me and I will pass your details on.

Children's Area on the Website:

- Get involved in the club directly – let everyone know what you like, books – games – art – anything you are interested in. We have kicked off with a couple of book reviews but we need your help!

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Please let us know how old you are, and for security give yourself a nickname that we can use which doesn't let anyone recognise who you are. Having your nickname against your reviews allows others to decide if they like the same books that you do and then look for more of your reviews in the future.

Recent news -

- Guildford Regional Activity Day. A few of us went to the regional activity day at Guildford. We got a great deal out of the day, from the training courses, and also from watching how the professional task leaders worked with the children. We hope to improve the level of social interaction between the children in our events.
- Look and Sea Centre / RNLI Visit – Despite the weather and the L&S Centre removing $\frac{3}{4}$ of its exhibition unannounced just before the visit everyone had a great day. Many thanks to Katharine and Mark for organising the day, and for adding in crab catching to cover the missing exhibition. I think it turned out to be the highlight of the day – and luckily the rain held off just long enough for us to get into the RNLI building. All the feedback was very positive!

NAGC Head Office News

- New look website due to go online shortly.
- Volunteer Awards. The NAGC wants to recognise the effort put in by its volunteers so has created a Volunteer Award Scheme. Nominations are invited from the membership for both Adults and Children.

West Kent NAGC

West Kent NAGC have received funding to support the following summer school courses and are offering us the chance to take part as well. If you would like to take part in any of the courses below please contact Carol Leach from the West Kent branch using nagcwestkent@hotmail.com, or 07973 846 731.

31 July - Carroty Woods - rafting for ages 8-16, £10
1 August - Carroty Woods - canoeing for ages 8-16, £10
2 August - Carroty Woods - kayaking for ages 8-16, £10

31 July - Carroty Woods - environmental exploration for ages 4-7, £5
1 August - Carroty Woods - survival and swimming for ages 4-7, £5
2 August - Carroty Woods - bees and swimming for ages 4-7, £5

7 August - Bedgebury Pinetum - Bird watching & modelling for ages 4-11, £5
8 August - Bedgebury Pinetum - 'A Zoo for Trees' & modelling for ages 4-11, £5
9 August - Bedgebury Pinetum - Pond dip and bug hunt, & modelling for ages 4-11, £5

21 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Drama with Leonie from Polka Theatre for ages 4-11, £5
22 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Drama with Leonie from Polka Theatre for ages 4-11, £5
23 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Drama with Leonie from Polka Theatre for ages 4-11, £5

21 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Textiles with Mandy Munroe for ages 11-18, £10
22 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Textiles with Mandy Munroe for ages 11-18, £10
23 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Textiles with Mandy Munroe for ages 11-18, £10

28 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Arts Award textiles workshops for ages 4-11, £5
29 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Arts Award textiles workshops for ages 4-11, £5
30 August - Beechwood Sacred Heart - Arts Award textiles workshops for ages 4-11, £5

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