



Deaf Parenting UK

**WELCOME!!**

## GREETINGS FROM NICOLE

### Dear Readers...

Summer holidays are here! We parents have the children at home for 6 whole weeks. Arghhhhh!

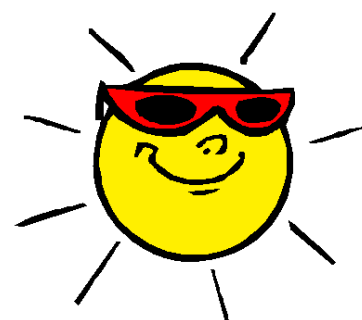


Have you figured out what you will do to keep your children occupied...stimulated...? My tip for thinking of ways to giving children some structure and freedom is to choose something that offers plenty of opportunities to meet their needs as well as giving us grown-ups can the chance to join in with the fun!

I have been working on putting together a programme of events for Deaf Families during the summer months...there is more to come but for now check out the following:

### 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Dollhouse Project at Kew Palace



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### 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Special Children's & Deaf Families Day at London Zoo

For further information have a look at the Notice Board section at the end of the newsletter, or contact me directly.

### DPUK Parent Support Group in London

Next Session Date	Locality
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Harmood Children's Centre, Camden

I wish you all very happy and safe summer holidays – make the most of them, it will be September again before we know it!

**Nicole Campbell**

*Deaf Parenting UK Coordinator*

## **GREETINGS FROM ASIF**

It's been a hectic few months at Deaf Parenting UK recently and there is a lot to tell you about!

### **Family Events in conjunction with National Family Week**

We have been busy with Family events in the last 12 months including family trips to Adventure parks including Alton Towers, Chessington World of Adventures Resorts and many more. Most recently, we organised a family event trip to Legoland in conjunction with the National Family Week and wow! what a fantastic response which was sold out very quickly. Feedback from Deaf parents and their children were so positive (there's an article on page 5 with a report on the trip to Legoland).

### **Bristol Deaf Parenting Project**

Deaf Parenting UK have delivered two successful courses to Deaf parents in Bristol and surrounding areas and feedback from attendees indicates that there is an appetite for more of this and a keenness to become befrienders. We are working closely with NHS Bristol to see if this training can be developed as part of DPUK's Bristol Deaf Parenting Project. If you are interested or want to know more about the project, please contact Hilary Sutherland on [Bristol@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:Bristol@deafparent.org.uk)



### **Deaf Parenting UK on WFD magazine and Asian newspaper:**

We were featured on the World Federation of Deaf Magazine which explained our work, on the issues that Deaf parents face. The newsletter was distributed to all members worldwide to encourage sharing of good practices. We also did the same with Eastern Eye Newspaper who were interested in the issues of Deaf parents, and their children especially within the Asian community and the barriers that Asian Deaf women and parents face.

Have a wonderful Summer and I hope it brings better sunshine. If you have any stories or information for our newsletter, please let us know or email to [media@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:media@deafparent.org.uk).

**Asif**

## EDITORIAL

Writing the editorial for this edition of our newsletter is tinged with sadness for me. This is my last edition as Editor and I'm handing the reins over to a new pair of hands. I've had immense fun putting the newsletter together over the last two years, been in contact with some very interesting people and learned a huge amount.



During the last two years Deaf Parenting UK has grown tremendously and the impact of the work of the charity has been recognised widely by awards and accolades. Most recently Asif Iqbal, DPUK's Project Manager, was awarded a public honour in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. This is recognition of the tireless work that Asif has undertaken for Deaf Parenting UK and with Deaf parents, but also wider recognition of the role that DPUK plays in raising awareness and continuing to push hard to ensure that the rights of Deaf parents are given air time and feature in the right forums. Everyone associated with DPUK, not least Asif himself, deserves to feel very proud of this accolade.

More awards will be handed out in October, but this time DPUK will be handing them out! The Awards ceremony, on 7 October 2011, will be a star-studded affair and provide an opportunity to recognise the achievements of Deaf parents and those involved in providing support and services for Deaf Parents – they are not to be missed. For more information, take a look at the Notice Board at the end of this newsletter or have a look at the DPUK special web site: <http://www.deafparent.org.uk/awards2011/>

In the next edition of the newsletter there will be an announcement to introduce the new Editor, in the meantime I wish you and your family a very happy Summer, bye for now.

Ceri Hughes

### ASIF IQBAL MBE - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR'S LIST 2011

Everyone at DPUK was extremely proud to discover that Asif was awarded an MBE as part of this year's Queen's Birthday Honours' List. Describing his reaction on receipt of the letter informing him of this wonderful news, Asif declared: *"I was very shocked when I got the letter. I thought it was something relating to my Government work but when I realised that I was to be honoured with an MBE by the Queen for my work over the years providing services to Deaf and Disabled people, I was taken completely by surprise. It had not ever occurred to me and I wondered if it has been sent to me by mistake. Reality then hit me and since then I have felt humbled and honoured."*



*"I'm delighted that Her Majesty The Queen and our Prime Minister have recognised my work and want to thank everyone I've worked with over the years, including the organizations, public bodies, charity workers, voluntary and government officials, Ambassadors, and all those I have been in contact with and worked with in my role with Deaf Parenting UK and the other public appointments I have. I have received a huge amount of support from each of these and from the public. I would also like to express many thanks to all well-wishers who have sent me emails, Facebook messages and SMS of congratulations which have been so heart-felt and overwhelming! Thanks for your continued support!"*

# NEWS

## Harrow Asian Deaf Club & Deaf Parenting UK's joint celebration

Celebrations for DPUK's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have begun with a joint family fun day and BBQ with Harrow Deaf Club. The fantastic event, held at the beginning of July, was a great success and attended by 150 people, including children of all ages.

The weather was kind and after a very wet week the sun shone on the fun day. Everyone had so much fun, especially the children who enjoyed the various activities—painting/ decorating their mirror frames, Tombola, Lucky Dip, face painting, Piñata to the bouncy castle and some party games. Deaf Parents met up and networked with other Deaf parents and everyone enjoyed the delicious BBQ!



DPUK wish to thanks Harrow Asian Deaf Club for organizing the event and for recognizing our charity work as well as ensuring everyone had a fun-filled day, as you can see from the pictures. The Deaf Club rounded off a perfect day with a surprise cake to celebrate 10 years of DPUK, much to the delight of all the children and adults alike, who tucked into the delicious cake!



## Update from DPUK's Bristol Deaf Parenting Project from Hilary Sutherland, DPUK's Bristol Deaf Parenting Project Coordinator

A series of two DPUK workshops have just been held in Bristol: - one aimed at Deaf parents with teenagers, the other for Deaf parents of children of all ages. A total of ten parents been attended the series of eight workshops, covering different themes such as how to budget, keeping the family fit and healthy, sex and relationships, playing with their children and the importance of good communication, amongst other topics. The feedback collected from parents was very encouraging and a report has been prepared and submitted to the course funders - the NHS. We are very grateful for the support from the NHS and the steering group.

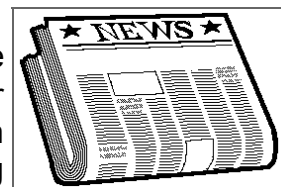
Following on from that, we are delighted that another series of eight workshops will now be supported by the NHS. The next course will be aimed at Deaf parents who are willing to be mentors for other Deaf parents. Although we believe this may be the first of this kind in this country, we are keen to hear from and learn about other, similar mentoring course for Deaf parents. The new course will start in September and will be run by two experienced facilitators, Hilary Sutherland and Yvonne Cobb. The course will be free for those living in Bristol and surrounding areas and will take place on Saturdays once a month at St Paul's Children's Centre from 10am to 3pm. If you'd like to know more, please contact Hilary Sutherland:

[hilary@hilarysutherland.co.uk](mailto:hilary@hilarysutherland.co.uk).

## Praise for the Guardian Newspaper

DPUK wish to applaud The Guardian newspaper for recent positive articles on Deaf parents, including Charlie Swinburne's account of his experience as a Deaf parent. You can view more about this, on our website:

<http://www.deafparent.org.uk/2011/06/deaf-parents-on-the-guardian/>





# DPUK Family Day Trip



On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 50 Deaf parents and children enjoyed a cracking day out to LegoLand, the theme park in Windsor. Everyone had a fantastic day of enjoying the rides and entertainment with only a little rainfall on the day, but not enough to spoil anyone's fun!!



## Shared Experiences via the Internet

**Editor's Note:** *The opportunities to connect and communicate on a scale that was unimaginable just a decade ago are now all within the art of the possible thanks to the power of the internet. One of the most effective ways of connecting those with similar experiences and shared interests is through blogging. We've featured excerpts from interesting blogs in previous editions of the newsletter. Regular readers of the this newsletter will also remember that we previously featured an article written by Melissa Mostyn-Thomas. Melissa wrote a compelling piece about her experiences as Mother, a Deaf Parent, to Isobel who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy just before her first birthday. Melissa is an accomplished writer and she regularly blogs about Isobel's story, told from her Mother's perspective. I urge you to read more at: <http://themostryjournal.blogspot.com/>*



*Here is a recent extract from Melissa's blog. [Originally posted Tuesday, 26 July 2011, <http://themostryjournal.blogspot.com/2011/07/out-damn-milk-based-pudding-out-i-say.html>, accessed August 1 2011]*

### **Out, damn milk-based pudding! Out, I say!**

"Have you ever met an overweight person with CP?" Miles asked me the other week. The thought hadn't occurred to me. I'm sure they exist, but given the amount of rehab they have had to undergo in their lives - and of course, the work that goes into their nutrition and feeding routines (whether by tube, by spoon, or otherwise) - many people with CP I know often have slim, ultra-toned physiques.

Since I last [blogged about the issue](#), Isobel's feeding has improved vastly. She'll accept crustless sandwiches, toasted soldiers with jam, finger foods such as grated cheese, strawberries, [Organics Goodies cheese puffs](#), cooked broccoli (although we have to watch for the stalks), and any chopped foods that are easy to

bite into and chew (ham or mango slices, for instance). To my relief, she's also found a way to manoeuvre any edible obstructions to the front of her mouth - thus minimising gagging - although occasionally, I might move a hand behind her back just in case.

Proficiency in self-feeding, though, has suddenly become elusive. Often Isobel reaches for the spoon in my hand, then withdraws. Rather than being lazy, it's as if she's forgotten how to do it. Her paediatrician had warned us about this: a symptom of the memory problems linked to her cognition, which has been severely damaged by her past seizures, as well as the CP taking hold in her fingers. Limited mobility, under-developed muscles in her digestive system and impaired oro-motor skills - which affect her drinking capacity - ensure that Isobel still has constipation; some days it's so bad she won't eat much, irrespective of food consistency or content. (I've had days where the only meal she had was breakfast.) On such occasions, though, sometimes she will drink more, often up to 200ml of fruit juice or milk a day: good news in terms of fluid intake.

At times like this, you have to improvise. I'm sure I am not the only mum who has tantalised her child with a little Angel Delight before switching to the main course, or brazenly helped herself to a spoonful or two of a particularly tasty dish under her watchful eye, just to get her to eat. As far as Isobel's dietitian is concerned, it doesn't matter how much she eats so long as she has enough calcium in her diet, her nappies are consistently wet, and weight gain is on track. Her bi-monthly feeding clinic, which the dietitian conducts along with a SALT (speech and language therapist), is one hospital appointment I look forward to the least.

Although they don't mean to - they're both very kind - sometimes the clinic makes me nervous. The moment I open the bowl, I know the SALT will peer inside and ask me about the contents. Then very gingerly, I'll bring the first spoonful to Isobel's mouth, feeling their eyes on me and inwardly pleading that she doesn't start struggling. Then the questions start. "What does she have for breakfast?" "How much milk in her cereal?"



"Does she have toast WITH that?" "Mid-morning snack?" And so we continue in that manner, running through a typical day's menu, always taking into account consistency and calcium content. Each time I answer, I become acutely conscious of the variety of foods I'm giving Isobel: a typical symptom of the sense I'm getting of being interrogated in front of a harsh desk-lamp.



Isobel enjoying breakfast

At the last feeding clinic I expressed my concerns about the obsession with milk-based puddings twice a day. I was bored sick of alternating between Angel Delight, custard, rice pudding, creme caramel and yoghurt for aeons, and didn't think Isobel was

getting enough nutrients. I'd given her a very fruity breakfast consisting of strawberry pieces and Weetabix with stewed apricot soaked in milk - washed down with grape and raspberry juice - and she yielded an unexpectedly soft and healthy poo afterwards. Thus alerted to her fruit deficiency, I tried giving her homemade plum crumble smothered in custard for pudding that evening - and the following evening, and the one after that. She resisted, every time. She was just too used to those blasted milk-based puddings.

Two suggestions were made at the feeding clinic. The first, that the more challenging foods could be offered to Isobel at lunchtime, with softer dishes for supper, when she would be tired anyway from her daily vigours. We could guide her in her building of good habits by alternating 3-4 sips of drink with 3-4 mouthfuls of food. The second was to prescribe her a drink containing extra nutrients on non-eating days, overcoming any deficiencies and possibly even bulking her up a little. And then it hit me. While not bony - we have worked hard to avoid that - Isobel could well join all those people with CP who just don't go over weight. It might be a good thing in adulthood, but hindsight now tells me, it's also - partly at least - the result of parents battling with their nutrition in their formative years. "

## Shared Experiences via the Internet (part 2)

### **Editor's Note:**

Another blog worth bookmarking and reviewing is Deaf World News: [http://](http://deafworldnews.org/)

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Regularly posting interesting blogs and news items on a wide range of topics of relevance to the Deaf community, this is certainly another blog to watch out for and keep an eye on. Recently Pam Vetter posted a blog on the importance of experiences of those such as Deaf mother, Karen Putz. In sharing her stories on her website she forges a connection with other Deaf parents around the world who can relate to her stories, which are often hilariously funny.

Here is Pam's blog entry, entitled "Karen Putz and "Deaf Mom World" Wake Up Internet Community to Parenting, Role Models and Acceptance with Slice of Real Life" [originally posted 3 January 2011 by Pam Vetter <http://deafworldnews.org/karen-putz-and-deaf-mom-world-wake-up-internet-community-to-parenting-role-models-and-acceptance-with-slice-of-real-life.html> accessed July 31 2011].

### **Karen Putz and "Deaf Mom World" Wake Up Internet Community to Parenting, Role Models and Acceptance with Slice of Real Life**

Reading the honest Technicolor life shared by Karen Putz in her website [www.deafmomworld.com](http://www.deafmomworld.com) often brings tears to readers' eyes. The tears are from laughing, not crying. Many moms can identify with Karen and the trials she shares so openly in parenting. One of her blog entries discusses the search for a missing hearing aid before a trip. Another blog entry is entitled "Twenty Teenagers and the House is Still Standing." There are times when Karen turns off her hearing aids for a little quiet at home, "Oh yes, my hearing aids are off right now. Sometimes I play music when I write, and sometimes I prefer the total silence without my hearing aids. My kids can still bother me, because they come in and start signing. Hmmm, maybe I should develop some custom-crafted blinders for those times?"

While her writings are tongue-in-cheek and entertaining especially to parents, her other blog entries have resulted in worldwide attention. When she was mistreated at the hands of an employee at a fast food drive thru that offered no accommodation for someone who was deaf, there was an Internet revolt against the Steak 'n Shake. Instead of serving her as a customer, the fast food employee threatened to call the police if she didn't leave. Why? Because she couldn't hear the intercom system in the drive thru as she is deaf. Her battle against Steak 'n Shake is far from over as she's encouraging long-term change for every drive thru. "I am meeting with the Steak 'n Shake attorney in July. At this meeting, the manager will be there as well, supposedly to offer an apology in person. I am hoping that the corporation will install a system that provides access to deaf and hard of hearing customers beyond just slapping up a sign (which does nothing)." While her supporters vow to fight the fast food debacle at other drive thru locations, Karen's intent on starting the website was not to incite an entire community. The way she writes, her stories create a bridge of acceptance as they connect far beyond people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

"I started the 'A Deaf Mom Shares Her World' in August of 2006, totally on a whim. I just wanted to share snippets of my life with family and friends and it blossomed into something more. I started the 'Jobs, Careers and Callings' website for my kids. I didn't have deaf and hard of hearing role models when I was growing up, so I wanted a place where they and other deaf/hard of hearing students could explore careers with deaf and hard of hearing people in various jobs."

Karen is a Deaf Mentor in the Illinois Early Intervention System, while she also is a freelance writer for [www.disaboom.com](http://www.disaboom.com) and [www.parentingsquad.com](http://www.parentingsquad.com) as well as her own websites [www.deafmomworld.com](http://www.deafmomworld.com) and [www.deafhrcareer.com](http://www.deafhrcareer.com). She grew up hard of hearing but became deaf at the age of 19.

"It was actually very sudden. I was barefooting (waterskiing on my bare feet) and I turned to cross the wake. My foot got caught on the wake and I slammed into the water sideways, instead of doing a normal tuck and roll. For days, I thought I just had water in my ear, but I had

gone profoundly deaf at that point. It was rough at first. I didn't share my story with many people. One afternoon, I started crying and my roommate was asking me what was wrong. 'I can't hear anymore,' I told her. But I didn't explain how it happened and she didn't understand why I was crying about it. Shortly after that, she moved out and I had another roommate who was much more empathetic. I didn't grieve much after that and that was because I was living on a co-ed floor with lots of other deaf and hard of hearing students. I was having fun connecting with so many people and embracing a new way of life. Classes were hard, because I didn't know American Sign Language. I tried using an FM system to understand the teachers, but it was useless. I ended up lip reading the interpreters and picking up signs."

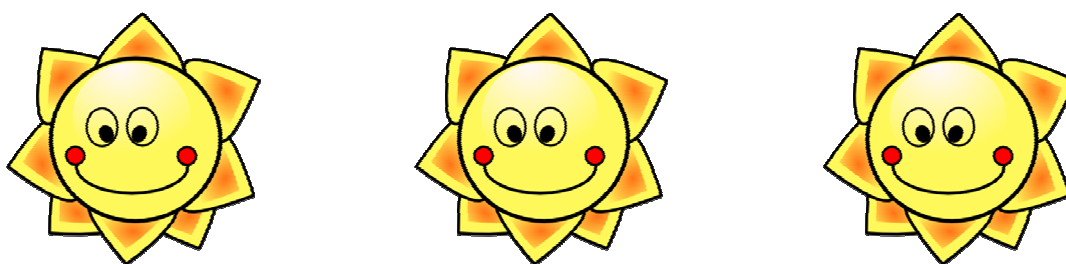
When it comes to acceptance of people with disabilities, Karen has seen some things change while others have stayed the same. "I see my kids having an easier time of getting their education with the use of interpreters, FM systems, better hearing aids and technology. But I see that we still have a long way to go to break down the worse barrier of all: attitudes. I still see my kids coming up against other kids who shun them because they are deaf or hard of hearing—or they develop some friendships that are merely surface friendships," Karen explains. "This is why I feel so strongly that we need to do a better job educating kids in elementary school so that they grow up among people with disabilities and learn to value them as equals. At the same time, I recognize the importance of my kids having peers just like them, to communicate with and identify with. That's why we are always having sleepovers with deaf and hard of hearing kids from all over—those friendships are very important to my kids."

Karen's long-term hope for diversity is, "to find ways to overcome the attitude barriers. I want my three kids to experience life to the fullest and know that they can pursue any dream that they want to." In sharing her life with the world, Karen also recognizes the importance for people who are hard of hearing or deaf to share their stories. "The more we share our stories, the more we can connect with one another and understand each other's unique perspectives." For people in the hearing community, she simply wants 8



them to, “Spend some time with us, get to know us and see the person– the whole person and not just the disability.”

With life as a mom, Karen looks back on many experiences with pure pride. “I have several moments that stand out, but one that I really cherish is that I was able to help a friend give birth at home to her third baby. She had her two other children via cesarean and she asked me to be her doula for this birth. She labored all night off and on. By the morning, her labor finally started to pick up and the husband called the midwife. She moved into the birthing tub and I could see that the baby was moving down. The midwife walked in just as I asked the husband if he was ready to catch the baby. A few pushes later, she had a beautiful baby girl. I will never forget the look on her face as she brought her baby up and out of the water. Definitely a cherished memory for me.” As a parent, when it comes to tips on organization for other busy moms, Karen answers that issue with a direct, “Oh lordy, you’re asking the wrong person!”



## **Rise in Child Abductions to Non-Hague Convention Countries Indicative of Wider Failures of the Family Justice System Concerning Relocation**

Families Need Fathers recently released a press release expressing their dismay that the number of abductions of children, to countries not yet ratifying the 1980 Hague Convention on International Child Abduction, has risen from 146 to 161 in the period between 2009/10-2010/11. The Charity, which has been helping parents since 1974, says that, in its view, the family justice system relating to abduction and relocation cases is in need of an urgent overhaul in order to provide the rights of children and ensure the maintenance of a meaningful relationship with both parents.

The CEO of the charity, Ken Sanderson, commented ““Child abduction destroys lives. Children are denied the love and support of a parent, and the parent left behind is placed in the intolerable position of not knowing where their children are, whether they are safe or when, if ever, they will see them again. Such abductions cause irreparable harm to individuals, families and their communities.”

Families needs Fathers would like the international community to work harder at encouraging more countries to sign the Hague Convention. It also makes clear that, in general, relocation cases can take far too long to be processed. During this time irreparable damage can be done to the parent-child relationship. Additionally, the costs of recovering abducted children are prohibitively expensive for most ordinary people to pursue, particularly where cases are dragged out over months, or even years. Families Need Fathers want recognition that access to justice is open to all, regardless of means.

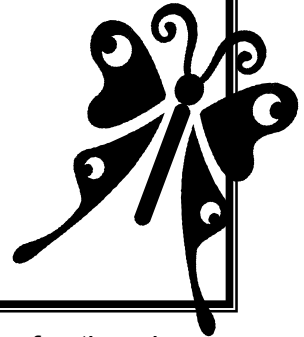
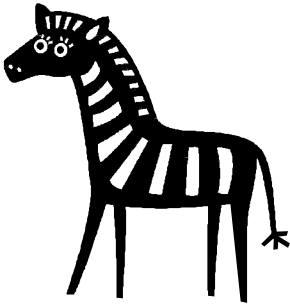
Find out more about Families need Fathers at their website: <http://www.fnf.org.uk/home>

# NOTICE BOARD



## Special Children's Day out at London Zoo for Deaf Children, Deaf Parents/Families

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
& Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**



Events including a 'Discovery Zone' – the whole of our Education Centre will be open for 'hands on' activities, storytelling, live animals, crafts, face painting etc. This will be an exclusive zone for attendees of Special Children's Day only.

Facilities such as; changing tents, this year for the first time we will have a hoists onsite within the changing tents, also portable disabled toilets are being brought on site and set up in exclusive areas for the first time with respite areas for the families.

### Special Facilities

- Charity Hub – A hub onsite where charities will be on hand to offer guidance, Information, networking etc for the families.
- Additional British Sign Language interpreters at animal displays and talks.
- A special welcome entrance for the families
- Unique 'touch tours organised for children with sight impairment
- Animal walks, free animal displays and feedings throughout the day.



### Also Available:

Tickets at almost half-price of normal Zoo entry 10% discount vouchers for each family on food and retail purchases. Extended rides on our carousels and discounts on face painting.

### New for 2011!

New for 2011 - There are plenty of penguins at ZSL London Zoo in our new Penguin Beach exhibit – England's biggest penguin pool.

Penguin Beach recreates a South American beach landscape in the heart of London, with stunning colonies of Humboldt and Macaroni penguins. For more information, check out the link:

<http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/news/penguin->

### Ticket Information

Children under 3yrs: Free  
Children: age 3-18yrs: £8.50  
Adults: £12.50  
1 Carer per family: Free

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of London, Regent's Park  
London NW1 4RY.  
Tel: 020 7449 6551 Fax: 020 7449 6579  
Web: [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)

**'Tickets for Special Children's Day at ZSL London Zoo will be available from the website shortly'. Please watch out for this information on [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)**

## **Parents & Toddlers Group at Green Lanes Deaf Club**

Green Lanes Parents & Toddlers Deaf Club is open to parents & babies/toddlers or pregnant ladies on FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH from 11am - 4pm, at a cost of £2 per family. There's also a cafe there which provides snacks and drinks. Come along and have fun and socialise with other people and kids! Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2011

**St John's Centre, 258 Green Lanes , Manor House , London , N4 2HE**

**Nearest Tube Station: Manor House**

Our address is:

DPVK, 49 Gordon Square

LONDON WC1H 0PD

**Deadline for next newsletter is October 1st 2011**



# Parenting Support Group

**Are you a Deaf Parent/ Deaf Parent to be?**

**Live in London Borough of Newham?**

**Want to mix with other Deaf Parents & pre-school age children in a family friendly environment?**

Parenting Support Group run by Deaf Parenting UK

Abbey Lane Children's Centre  
1 Abbey Lane  
Stratford  
E15 2SD

3rd Friday of every month from 10am - 12 noon  
(First session is Friday 17th June 2011)

For more information – please contact:

Nicole Campbell, DPUK Coordinator

Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)

Fax: 0871 264 3323

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# Deaf Parenting Support Group

## Camden

**Are you a Deaf Parent/ Deaf Parent to be?  
Live in Camden and neighbouring Boroughs?  
Want to mix with other Deaf Parents & children?  
Want to receive information, support and advice?**

**Camden Deaf Parenting Support Group run by  
Deaf Parenting UK.**

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every Month  
10am –12 noon  
1<sup>st</sup> session start 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Harmood Children's Centre  
1 Forge Place,  
Off Ferdinand Street  
NW1 8DQ**

**If you would like to attend or for more information – contact:  
Nicole Campbell, DPUK Coordinator  
Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)  
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# Shoebox DollHouse Project

## Kew Palace, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011

10am-3pm



Deaf Parenting UK

1 day free workshop for 20 Deaf Parent & Children age 7-10 years  
BSL Interpretation  
Free Tour of Kew Palace  
Tea/Coffee Refreshments provided

**Get inspired this summer by Kew Palace!**

Children will work together with their parents using a shoebox as a base for their dream room, using different materials, objects and most of their own imagination.

You will need to bring a shoebox to participate in this workshop.

Come to Kew and create your dream home!

For further information and booking forms please contact  
DPUK Families Project  
Coordinator:

Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)

Fax: 0871 2643323

SMS: 07928 842529

Only 18 places available on first  
come, first served basis.

Bring your own packed lunch  
Free unassisted time to roam  
around in gardens after end of  
workshop.



## Deaf Parenting UK Awards 2011 tickets

Join us on 7 October 2011 to be part of the excitement of our star-studded awards ceremony which will also include entertainment and music with well known Deaf performer Caroline Parker and delicious food, including tea, coffee, biscuits/pastries on arrival and a luxury hot buffet for lunch rounded off with a cool dessert to tickle your taste buds! This is great opportunity to celebrate with us and to meet new and old friends and support all nominees in recognition of their achievements.



There will also be a Raffle, with some fantastic prizes including meal for 4 at a leading restaurant, a family trip to Windsor Castle and many more!

And to celebrate Deaf Parenting UK's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have fabulous goody bags to giveaway for everyone who attends the Awards ceremony!

***Come on, buy your tickets now!***

**When: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm (Door open at 10am)**

**Cost: £15 per person.**

**Dress Code: Smart clothes (no jeans/trainers please)**

### **How to pay for tickets :**

· Pay online via Paypal including Credit/ Debit Card  
<http://www.deafparent.org.uk/awards2011/ticket.html>

(If you are not sure how to use Paypal, contact us for booking form and complete your payment details, we can process your payment online)

Cheque/ Postal Order

(Deadline for Cheque is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to allow time for cheques to clear into our account)

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