



WPCC Newsletter

17th August 2020



Dear all

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

We are nearing the end of the summer holidays and I am sure most of you are sorting out school uniforms etc, a busy time for all!

If you are looking for some ideas before the schools return, then there may be some helpful information on Ready Steady Worcestershire. This is a new Worcestershire holiday food and activities website, providing information about activities and support available to families during the school holidays, as well as to help children and young people get ready for a return to school.

Visit <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs> to find out more.

We have started to look at returning to some events, we have started with the youth group who, by the time you receive this newsletter, will have taken part in an activity day at Boundless Outdoors at Malvern. This is in place of our yearly residential. We hope the young people had a great time. They will be back at Malvern for more fun on the 22nd August.

We are looking into re-booking the West Midlands Safari Park event, we are hoping to book for a weekend date in early October. More details will follow, once we have confirmation from the park.

Booking forms will be sent as soon as we have a set date. In the meantime, please take a look at their website for details on keeping Covid safe, <https://www.wmsp.co.uk/adventure-theme-park/>

Also please look at the government website for information on what you can and can't do in regards to Covid, [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do)

AGM

As some of you may remember, we would normally hold our AGM in June, but due to Covid-19 we have had to postpone. Following government guidelines, we have decided to hold a Virtual Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 29th September 2020 at 10.30am**, via Zoom. Sadly this year we won't be able to have a guest speaker or a meal or activity afterwards, but as soon as it is safe to do so we will arrange a meal for our parent carers.

The link for the Zoom AGM will be sent via email in early September. We would love for some of our members to attend the AGM with us.

BOOK.

The WPCC book is coming along nicely. If you have spoken to Clare, then thank you, it is not always easy to share your thoughts and feelings with a someone you may not have met with before, but Clare has such a lovely approach and does not judge anyone. Clare has had so much experience as a parent carer too, so she can understand the stress, the heartbreak and also the fun, happy times that families go through.

If you are already a member of WPCC, then don't forget you can go online at www.parentcarers.org.uk to become an online member. Just click on the yellow Join Us balloon.

If you have received this newsletter from someone else and are not already a member, then please feel free to join us if you are a parent carer of a young person aged 0-25 who has a disability or additional need and you live, work or the child attends a school in Worcestershire.

Just follow the Yellow Balloon link on our website



Please don't forget we are still taking new members, so if you know of someone who may benefit from WPCC please pass this newsletter on to them. It is free to join WPCC.

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Information

I am sure you have all been bombarded with information over the last several months, so we won't be doing our usual find your information here section, but if you do have something that has helped you, then it may help others, so please let Aud know and she will share it in the newsletter.

100 Club

We have decided to put this on hold until April 2021. If you have already paid, rest assured your money is safe, and the 100 club will start in the next financial year.



Coffee Mornings .

Several members have asked us when we will be restarting our coffee mornings. At the moment, we will continue to hold Zoom chats every Wednesday evening at 8pm, at least until the end of September. We are following Government guidelines (which are liable to change quite quickly) so we have no plans to start anything else soon.

We would need to have individual members on separate tables, which would mean using many tables in a coffee shop, which would not be fair on the venue and we would have no privacy if members wished to share their thoughts.

We are looking into holding a coffee morning at Crossroads, but this does depend on permission from the manager at Crossroads and numbers allowed to meet up inside a building .



It is so frustrating not being able to book anything in advance. As soon as we have any firm plans we will of course let our members know.

The next newsletter will be out on the Monday 21st September, but please keep an eye out for any booking forms or links to the AGM sent to you via email .

And finally another big  to all of our members for being amazing people!

Stay safe

From

Aud , Sue, Robyn and the Trustees at WPCC