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### **Future Events:**

**ALL the following events are FREE to younger Branch members thanks to the 'Amanda fund'**

*We don't want problems with finances or with transport to prevent you attending our events. We may be able to subsidise them for adult Branch members and arrange transport for you. You can contact us confidentially to arrange this.*

**!!!! Christmas Panto: Peter Pan at the Mayflower in Southampton matinee January 14<sup>th</sup> !!!!:** Please get in touch with Maureen as soon as possible if you are interested. Tickets are subsidised and will cost £12 (free to members of the Amanda fund).

**Branch meetings in 2011** are: Sept 10<sup>th</sup> (as part of the family day) and November 19<sup>th</sup> (with speaker from TRACK HD).

**All Branch meetings** (except for the one on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>) are at 2pm at Sembal House, Handel Terrace, Southampton SO15 2FH. There is disabled access, ample parking and it is only 5 minutes from the central railway station and a bus stop. DVD player provided to entertain younger children.

**Next Carer's Meeting: Next meeting is in Southampton on 23<sup>rd</sup> August at The Cowherds** (The Common, Southampton, SO15 7NN) at 7:30 pm. We can pick you up from the ferry if you are travelling from the Isle of Wight and the Branch can pay travel expenses. **Please get in touch with Anne if you would like more details about carer's meetings.**

**The Orchard House Care Centre Summer Party 26<sup>th</sup> August 3-5pm:** The Orchard Care Centre have nominated us as their charity for this year. Their next fund raising event is their summer party where they will have stalls, BBQ etc. Please drop in and support them if you can at 189 Fairlee Road Newport PO30 2EP.

### **Family day September 10th 11 am to 4pm at Brockenhurst Village Hall**

Ann Pathmanaban (RCA for Dorset and Wiltshire) and Eve Payler (RCA for Hants, IOW and Berks) are working hard towards the Family Day we are going to have on September 10th. It will be held at Brockenhurst Village Hall, which is a short walk from the main railway station. **Places are free.** You will be able to start **booking via Head Office (0151 2983298 / 01513315444) from 1st August.** They will be sending out further details before then. It will be first come first served and there are only seventy places. There will be a lovely buffet lunch and presentations from a Speech and Language Therapist, a Genetics Nurse Specialist and from a representative from DENDRON (Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network), which supports research. We will also have some workshops. There will be a raffle, so if anyone knows any generous people who can donate prizes, let us know! Please bring along a raffle prize yourself if you can. The whole day will be relaxed and informal and we will have a chance to meet up with other families and members. Hope to see you there. Let Anne know if you need help with Transport.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> National Family Conference and HDA AGM:** If you would like to go to this please get in touch as we will subsidise attendance and may be able to organise a car share. This is an excellent event. It is a great way of finding out about coping with HD, research news and there is lots of chance to network with others in the same position and get professional advice. The food and the disco are great!

**Family Skittles October:** We are planning a skittles afternoon at the Mead End Inn, Denmead. This will probably take place on a Saturday afternoon in October. The date will be in the next newsletter or contact Anne for details.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting: Speaker from Track HD :** Dr. Nayana Lahiri BSc Clinical Research Fellow with TRACK-HD (who has been working with Lynda and Mick from our branch) is coming to talk about the progress of this research. She will also update us with news from the World Congress in Melbourne in September which she is attending.

The Committee are happy to support others who would like to organise events or get involved in other ways. Please get in touch if you have any ideas.



**Hampshire Branch Meeting: July 2011.**

*Present:* Barry Blake (chair), Lorraine Docwa, Elaine Frier, Tony Geary, Maureen Graham, Colin Gould, Mark Howard, Hugh Marriott, Avis and Cliff Nevatte, Eve and Jacob Payler, June Slocombe, Meg, Ben, Florence and Ellie Walters,

*Apologies:* Myra Heppenstall, Pat and Robbie Richardson, John Seller, Annette Scivier, Trudi Smith, Anne Stephenson Andreas Wyttenbach

**What happened:** The Raffle raised £13 thanks to Eve and Jacob and thanks to Maureen for taking the minutes

**Chair's Report:** Barry gave a summary of recent activities: Awareness events at Totland (IOW) and Shelley Park had gone well, thanks Annette and Becca, Hugh, Debbie, Maureen and Barry for their support. The Totland Event raised a staggering £900 and the publicity surrounding this enabled us to make contact with several families on the IOW. The IOW family BBQ at Fort Victoria was well attended, thanks to Annette and Becca for organising this. The meal at the Coach and Horses was enjoyed by all and thanks to Trecie for organising this and raising £85. The HDA summer camp at Avon Tyrell is full with 32 kids attending including several from our branch. We have received a letter of thanks from Barbara Grosvenor for the help given with her book at the last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ben has sent a letter of thanks to Keith Sullivan for the £60 which they raised from sale of goods. It was nice to hear from Mark's family and very kind of them to continue to raise funds for the Branch. We need to continue to raise funds to meet requests and support our activities and especially to cover the extra hours we have in place for Eve to support families; if you can help in anyway (eg sponsored events or by contacting your local Waitrose etc) then please do!

**Donations:** Thanks to Elaine Frier for her donation of £11.05 which she collected by encouraging visitors to put small change in a collecting box. Thanks to Zoe MacLaren for her donation of £140 which came from 2 events including one at one at The Queen's Arms in Basingstoke.

**Fund Raising:** Annette Scivier is taking part in the 'swim the solent' event on 8<sup>th</sup> September. She will be splitting any money she raises between the Hampshire HDA and the West Wight Sports Centre. If you can't do a fund raising event yourself please support Annette by sponsoring her and getting your friends to do the same. You can sponsor Annette and find out more at <http://www.solent-swim.co.uk/r/annette-scivier>

**A message from Eve :** Please register with the national HDA if you haven't done so already as we need to make sure as many families as possible are counted in the national statistics as this will inform care provision and support for families in the future.

**Important news from Cath Stanley at Head Office**

I am delighted to tell you that we have **appointed a new Event Support Co-ordinator**, who will replace Jenni Fleet. Her name is Hannah Longworth, and she will be starting in August.

Also, due to the expansion of staff in Head Office, **Head Office is on the move**. We are really excited to be moving to: Suite 24, Liverpool Science Park, Innovation Centre 1, 131 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TF. 0151 331 5444.

It will give us much needed space, but also provide an opportunity to build relations with other science related charities

**CONTACT DETAILS: Website: [www.hdahampshire.org](http://www.hdahampshire.org).**

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