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I am delighted to say it is 'World Autism Awareness Week' this week (Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th April 2016). I am hoping more people can start to understand autism.

If you missed me on the Melvyn in the Morning on BBC Lincolnshire radio Wednesday 23rd there is still time to catch up. From 9am Melvyn was talking about a six part drama about a 5 year old boy with autism which is on BBC Tuesday's from 9am <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0759b0c>. I was talking around 9.33am and a good friend of mine and CANadda Callum Brazzo was talking at 9am <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03lzjt>.

CANadda has a few social events coming up over the next few weeks so I hope you can come along and join us.

SOCIAL EVENTS

 **Cuppa Wednesday** - Every Wednesday (Term Time Only) at 10:30am to 11:30am.

 **Holiday Club** — Tuesday 31 May 2016, 10am to 12pm

Queens Park Community Hub, South Park, Lincoln, LN5 8EW.

 **Autism Support Coffee Meeting**—Saturday 23rd April 2016, time and venue TBC.

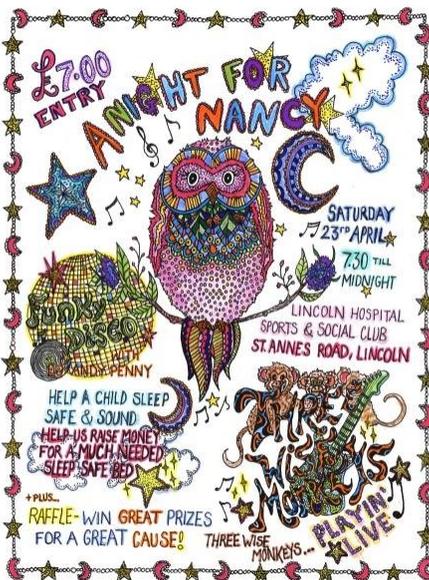
 **Bowling** —Saturday 21 May 2016 @ 5pm TBC.

Lincoln Bowling, Washingborough Road, Lincoln, LN4 1EF.

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A Night For Nancy

Saturday 23 April @ 7:30pm



Lincoln Hospital Sports & Social Club, LN2 5RA

This is to raise money for a special needs bed for an adorable 3 year old with complex needs. She was diagnosed quite early on due to the extent of her autism, alongside this she has many other conditions including: sensory processing disorder, global development delay (delayed in all areas), hypermobility syndrome and loose joints and poor muscle tone.

For me information visit—<https://www.facebook.com/events/1766449646923814/>

Can you help?

"We have recently received funding from the Dogs Trust to explore how pet ownership relates to dog quality of life, as well as family quality of life in families with children with ASD and ADHD.

It is important that we continue to conduct high profile research in this area in order to advance possible treatment protocols that maximise benefits for all those concerned (children, families and the dogs!).

As part of this study we are looking to interview around 20 parents of children (aged 4-10years) with ASD and/or ADHD who own a pet dog. The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes and will be conducted over the phone."

Dr Sophie Hall, School of Life Sciences

If you would like to be involved, please read the attached flyer/application form and email it to Dr Hall at SHall@lincoln.ac.uk

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Autism Support Coffee Meeting

Saturday 23 April 2016



Venue and time TBC due to a bigger venue is needed.

A place for people with autism and their parents, siblings, or carers to meet and become friends with other people with experience of autism, and get advice off both them, and adults with autistic spectrum disorders.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism spectrum has no clear cut-off point, research suggests

[Autism spectrum has no clear cut-off point, research suggests](#)

Dyslexia / Dyscalculia

This website shows non-dyslexic people what it's like to read with dyslexia

[This website will show you what it's like to read with dyslexia](#)

Why dyscalculia and Irlen syndrome deserve the same exposure as dyslexia

<http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/dyscalculia-irrlen-syndrome-deserve-exposure/story-28505255-detail/story.html>

Developmental Coordination Disorder (Dyspraxia) / Dysgraphia

Big-hearted Balsall Common teen raises awareness for other dyspraxia sufferers

[Big-hearted Balsall Common teen raises awareness for other dyspraxia sufferers | Coventry Observer](#)

Finding a cure for poor penmanship

[Finding a cure for poor penmanship | The Jewish Chronicle](#)

ADD/ADHD

Moving animated video shows reality of living with ADHD from a child's perspective

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Rosie King, Asperger's Syndrome Writing and Public Speaking Quote.

"What if the greatest compliment you ever got was, 'Boy, you sure are normal!?' " writing and public speaking



Reference: <http://bathtubbulletin.ning.com/profiles/blogs/rosie-king-quote-from->

World Autism Awareness Week Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th April 2016

We know a lot of people have heard of autism. In fact, 99% of the public say they have. But how many actually understand autism?

To people with autism the world is a mass of people, places and events which they struggle to make sense of, which can cause them considerable stress and anxiety. In particular, understanding and relating to other people and taking part in everyday family and social life can be very hard.

At least 1 in 100 people in the UK have autism. In society as a whole, a lack of understanding of autistic people and their families can stop individuals from reaching their full potential, and can lead to social isolation and mental health issues.

We know that by supporting everyone to understand autism future generations will have the knowledge and understanding to accept and empathise with autistic people.

It would be fantastic if you could help to raise awareness. You may already be aware that within Lincolnshire there is the Autism Partnership working on the implementation of the All-Age Autism Strategy (please find enclosed).

Let us know what you chose to do to raise awareness about autism by sending us photographs, video clips, or stories so that we can showcase these by sharing them with the wider community (email to autism.partnership@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

We have included infographics, social media posts, and a poster which hopefully you will be able to use, or create your own and help spread the message.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information. Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you in March.

Kind regards, Sharon Jeffreys, Head of Commissioning for Learning Disabilities and Autism – South West Lincolnshire CCG, Chair of the Lincolnshire Autism Partnership Board.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lapb autism.partnership@lincolnshire.gov.uk
www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx

After only 20 minute helicopter ride over New York City, autistic artist, Stephen Wiltshire was able to draw the New York skyline, in pen, just from memory.



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