Welcome to the July edition of Family Corner

Welcome to the July 2017 edition of Family Corner. Read on for news about our new Help at Home volunteer service for families, events coming up this summer, plus a great offer for families from Center Parcs.

As always, we welcome your views, so if you have any suggestions for future editions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, or fill in our feedback form on the website. We'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to contribute to Family Corner, so if you are a budding writer and would like to share your experience with other families, please get in touch!

If you no longer wish to receive Family Corner, just let me know, or click on the 'unsubscribe' link at the bottom of the email.

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Help at Home service - could a volunteer help you?

We set up our EACH Help at Home volunteer service at The Treehouse in 2016. Since then more than 20 EACH families have benefitted from the service in Suffolk and it has made a real difference to families’ lives. The service provides families with a trained volunteer who offers an extra pair of hands around the family’s home so parents can spend more precious time with their children. The Help at Home service is now also available for families based in Cambridgeshire so if you feel that we can do anything to help you please let us know so we can find the right volunteer for you. Visit our website to find out more...

Read more

Family Day at the Fitzwilliam
4th August, 11am – 3pm.

Our popular Family Day at the Fitzwilliam is returning for 2017. Join us for a day of sensory storytelling, Indian animal themed creative activities and outdoor fun at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. All EACH families welcome. Visit our website for more info...

New Center Parcs offer for families

As part of their partnership with Together for Short Lives, Center Parcs are offering **TWO** free short breaks to families who use EACH’s services. Visit our website to find out more...

Sign up for text messages from the EACH Comms team

Over the last couple of months we've been able to let families who've signed up for text messaging know about a range of tickets and offers, as well as sharing news about forthcoming fundraising events.

If you're not already signed up, head to [www.each.org.uk/texting](http://www.each.org.uk/texting) to register your details.

(Please note you can opt in or out of receiving text messages from EACH at any time – opt out information is included in every text message, or you can simply contact the admin team at your local hospice.)

Wellies at the ready – EACHfest 2017 is on its way!

EACH’s very own festival for young people is back for 2017! The event will be held at Milton hospice on 2nd August, and young people across all three hospice localities have been invited. The line-up includes a samba drumming workshop, live jazz and acoustic music sets, a festival-themed creative workshop, BBQ lunch and mocktails on the lawn. Keep an eye on the website after the event where we’ll be sharing photos and videos from the day.

Our fundraising teams are also getting involved with the EACHfest vibes this summer, and inviting people to host a festival-themed party to raise funds for EACH – visit our website to find out more...

Families enjoy creative
workshops for Memory Making May

On Saturday 20th May, Milton families were invited to come to the hospice to take part in a memory making workshop. Two sessions were run, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Families got involved in various creative activities, including making a family quilt, word pictures and clay birds.

Milton management changes

As you may be aware, Milton Service Manager Josie Dwyer has recently left EACH after 20 years of employment with us.

We’re very pleased to be able to let you know that Mike Higgins has accepted the Service Manager post for Milton. Mike is a registered children’s nurse and health visitor, he is currently working as a Team Manager for a local health care provider. He is delighted to have the opportunity to work at EACH and is looking forward to working with us. His starting date is 29th August. Care Manager Lucy Brumpton has been temporarily promoted to the Service Manager post as an interim arrangement.

We wish Josie all the best for the future, and look forward to welcoming Mike to the team!

Short break care cancellations

We apologise to all families who have recently had their short break care cancelled. This is due to an increased demand on our services for end of life care and is likely to be ongoing over the next few months. Please could you ensure there are alternative arrangements in place for your child in the event we need to cancel their care at short notice. We are currently looking at ways to minimise cancellations and would request your understanding of the situation in the meantime – many thanks.

The EACH Family Information Service

www.each.org.uk/informationservice

This online service is updated regularly and includes information about holidays and special days, financial help, grant making organisations, support groups and conditions, and advocacy and legal advice.

Girton Town Charity - helping families at a time of need
Girton Town Charity is one of over 9000 trusts in the UK set up to give money to good causes. Girton Town Charity is based in Girton, Cambridgeshire, and has been generously supporting EACH this year. They also have a number of services available to families living in the Girton area – read on to find out more...

Events

Please let us know if you’re planning to attend any of our events – this will help us organise catering and to advise families if arrangements change, or if an event needs to be cancelled. See below for a selection of events coming up soon, and click ‘View all Events’ above to see our full up-to-date calendar on our website.

**Milton Music Makers**

*8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Aug, 2pm - 3.30pm*

Fun music sessions for all the family, on Tuesday afternoons during August.

Address: Milton (Education Centre), CB24 6AB
Contact: Oli King: 01223 815106, eachmiltonactivities@each.org.uk

**Play sessions in the playground and sensory garden**

*9th Aug, 23rd Aug, 1.30pm - 3.30pm*

Summer holiday play sessions, for all children and young people who access EACH services and their families.

Address: Milton, CB24 6AB
Contact: Helen Thrower or Jenna Kent: 01223 815100, eachmiltonactivities@each.org.uk

**Sibling Days**

*9th & 30th Aug - 5-11yrs*  
*10th Aug - 11-19yrs*

Activity days for siblings.

Address: Milton, CB24 6AB
Contact: Amy O’Meakin: 01223 815128, eachmiltonactivities@each.org.uk

We realise some people may feel put off coming to an event because they don’t know anyone who’ll be there. Please let us know if you’d like us to put you in touch with another family going to the same event. We know many families have found the links and friendships they’ve made through coming to events very helpful, and there are a number of families who’d like to help in this way.

Contact Milton: Tel: 01223 815100. Email EACHMiltonAdmin@each.org.uk