



welcome

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everyone



SO WHAT IS SNAPS ?

Snaps are a local parent led, well established, community group
"Special Needs Activities with Parents Support"
We were formed in 1999 by a group of parents/carers of young people with various disabilities
complex and additional needs aged 0-25.

Our aim is to provide support to families in the Tees Valley area;

We achieve this by organising out of school and holiday activities for the whole family to join in.
We also offer a wide range of information, practical/emotional support for parents/carers .

We do ask parents/carers to be responsible for their young people at all times
and show respect to other families

Membership is free but contact details are needed for all families

THE MANAGEMENT



Jan Raper
(Treasurer)



Ruth Benson
(Chairperson)



Carole Wilson
(Secretary)

**We would like to introduce the rest of the committee
as voted by parents at the A. G. M. In July 2010**

David Pitcairn (parent)

Carolyn Enright (parent)

Mel Waite (parent)

Janine Wilkinson (parent)

Marie Holroyd (parent)

Lynne Richardson (parent)

Jayne Hort (parent)

PARENT/CARER'S PAGE

Phewwwwwwwww thanks to Snaps we survived the summer holidays here are the activities and what parents thought.

***FAMILY
FUN
ALL
THE WAY***

Monday
Fun House

***“Exclusive soft play
what a great idea”***

Friday
Thornaby Youthy

***“Relaxed atmosphere,
chilled out met my
friends and made new
ones”***

Sunday
Zig-Zag Plus

***“Didn’t expect it to
be so good”***

***“Loved the dance mats”
“What a laugh we had”***

Wednesday
Mile House

***Fun evening spent with friends
playing dominoes, cards, with a
game of prize bingo or a pub
quiz.***

***We bought pub food there
which was fantastic***

Friday
Climbing Wall

***“A new experience!
felt safe in the
hands of the
qualified instructor”***

Sunday
Swim & Fun Floats

***“Thanks to the exclusive small
pool use my son has conquered
is fear and gained confidence to
enter the main pool during this
session when the wave machine
is on”***

Thursday
Sports & Picnic

***“ My family really enjoyed
this afternoon especially
the picnic and playing
football with his new
friends Thank you”***

Friday
Dance

***“Easy to follow dance
routines, had fun,
instructor was very
patient with my two left
feet”***

Monday
Back 2 Basics

***“Board games/puzzles no
technology just good old
fashioned play with
refreshments and cakes
beautifully decorated by
the kids..... YUM YUM”***

Thursday
Funky World

***“Soft play, sensory rooms,
cinema screen, wii all in
one secured place....and
exclusive”
“If kids are happy, I am
happy and they were”***

***SEE YOU AT
THE NEXT
ACTIVITY
Or October
Half Term***

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DO YOU KNOW

SNAPS

As well as your SNAPS term time activities (if you haven't received one yet contact Ruth Benson at r.benson4@ntlworld.com)

We are proud to be hosting this years MB Awards

Michael Benson who had Spinal Muscular Atrophy sadly passed away 2 months before his 16th birthday. His friends felt that Michael should be remembered for his achievements. He was a wheelchair user who approached his life with enthusiasm and determination he wanted to try everything, often adapting activities so that he could participate.

He was then and is now an inspiration and his memory will live on through these awards

The categories are:

Personal Achievement:

Sporting Achievement:

Supporting Someone:

Teamwork:

Although nominations are now closed You can still attend the MB awards without nominating or being nominated booking is needed as we need to know the total number attending please for catering purposes.

Friday 22 October 2010 at 7.00pm

The Theatre Suite, Billingham Synthonia Club
Belasis Avenue, Billingham
Stockton, TS23 1LH

e mail to r.benson4@ntlworld.com

Any one wishing to donate a Raffle prize for the evening please contact Ruth

WISH TOKENS

Evening Gazette

SNAPS have registered for the Evening Gazette Wish Token appeal 2010

Wish Tokens will start to appear in the Evening Gazette from October

Could you ask family, friends, colleagues if they are not collecting the tokens themselves can SNAPS recycle them

EASTERN RAVENS TRUST

Eastern Ravens information Centre a new parenting drop-in facility in wellington square Stockton (opposite river island)

Come along and access free information, advice & more
Open 9.00am—5.00pm

Stockton family information service are there Wednesday 1.00pm—3.00pm
SNAPS & The Corner House are there Friday 10.00am—12 noon

Stockton International Riverside Festival Parade

S.I.R.F. Once again brought schools and community groups from across Stockton together in celebration.

An event took place 31/07/10 along the high street. The artistic team worked with groups throughout June and July to create some amazing carnival costumes.

SNAPS families took part for the first time in this activity.

Parent comment:

“it was great fun from making the costumes to the wind blowing us down the high street whilst dressed as a piece of fruit”

HAVE YOUR SAY OLD & YOUNG

Do you have any comments/ jokes/ information you would like to pass on ?

Next issue due January 2011

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Val Squires and **Ryan Pickering** who arranged a Football match back in May to raise money for SNAPS.

Val Squires had been part of SNAPS over 7 years ago, so without her, we would never have been thought of.

Thanks again to the Ryan and the lads who organised, played, were sent off injured but ultimately raised £400 for SNAPS and to all who supported them on the day.

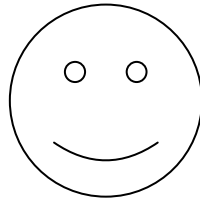
Thanks again to **Paul Wilson and the Tuesday Night Pool League** for donating £50 to treat the young people to sweets at SNAPS parties and activities

Exciting Christmas events 2010/2011 being organised
Bookings and more details available from Committee

SNAPPERS

YOUNG PERSONS PAGE

JOKES



Q. What do you get if you cross
a fish with an elephant
*
A. *Swimming trunks*

Q. Why is it hard to play
cards in the jungle
*
A. *There are too many
cheetahs*

Q. Where do cows go
on a Saturday night
*
A. *To the mooovies*

Q. What is a
crocodiles favourite
game
*
A. *Snap*

Q. Why are
elephants wrinkled
*
A. *Have you ever
tried to iron one*

Knock Knock
Who's there
Lettuce
Lettuce who
Lettuce in and you will find
out!

Knock Knock
Who's there
Police
Police who
Police stop telling these awful
jokes!



There's a Crocodile in Our Pickle Jar Word Search

D	X	X	K	A	N	G	I	X	H	Y	Y	S	X	D
C	A	R	R	O	T	S	Y	L	I	T	G	R	E	E
C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	O	N	E	T	L	S
E	L	I	D	O	C	O	R	C	I	C	I	E	A	S
S	E	L	K	C	I	P	V	P	B	B	C	Z	T	E
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A	R	O	T	A	R	E	G	I	R	F	E	R	R	T
X	M	J	K	F	H	D	Y	J	N	V	A	W	F	B

Alex
bite
broccoli
cake
carrots
chocolate

crocodile
dessert
helpings
pickles
refrigerator
teeth

