

NEWSLETTER — AUTUMN TERM 2010

Firstly I would like to thank Thornton Steward Sailing Club for donating the proceeds of this year's 24 hour sponsored sail to Dyslexia Network Plus (DNPlus). The annual event this year raised £1,365.50. Thank you to all of those who sailed from the oldest (too polite to say) to the youngest at aged 5, for the most experienced sailors and to those who sailed at Thornton Steward for the first time at this event. Additionally, I would like to thank all the Club Members and DNPlus members who took sponsorship forms and actually raised the funds.

Although it was hard work to run the 24 hour sponsored sail, it was a good social event at the sailing club as well as raising the awareness of DNPlus to a new audience.

It is wonderful for DNPlus to have some funds which we can use as and when they are needed, e.g. for more talks, or for advertising our services. Often our funding comes from grants like the one Jenny Williamson has just secured and these are for specific projects.

Secondly, but just as importantly, I would like to thank the members of the committee, this comes in no particular order:

Jill Swinhoe who was one of the main forces behind setting up DNPlus and answers all the calls from our help line, as well as giving talks across the area about dyslexia related issues.

Judith Stansfield – is not only our ICT Officer, Judith also set up and updates our website as well as carrying out many LEXION screening for children in the area and is involved in a number of discussion forums in relation to Dyslexic issues. With Heather Lagan, she has also maintained our Northallerton HERD.

Jenny Williamson is our fundraiser, Jenny has been active filling in grants applications and has just secured a Grassroots grant for nearly £900, which will be for provision of IT resources for Bedale HERD. Jenny has also just volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer, for which we are very grateful.

Caroline Nicholls, who is our press officer, arranging press releases and photos to advertise and raise the profile of DNPlus.

Sian Harvey and Janet Thompson who are the Bedale

Co-Ordinators, they run the HERD sessions on a fortnightly basis.

Yvonne Jackson as Deputy Child Protection Officer, completing all those necessary forms to ensure that we comply with current legislation.

Judith McKenzie – as DNPlus Secretary and until very recently also dealing with membership. Judith is very efficient and takes on many tasks for DNPlus.

Finally, to Sarah McCourt, who has just resigned as our Treasurer, thank you for all your hard work looking after our finances and we hope you will still keep in touch with DNPlus in the future.

This year's AGM will be held at Thirk Children's Centre during early October, the AGM itself will be very short, just to carry out necessary business and then there will follow a discussion on SEN provision in North Yorkshire schools. Can I encourage as many as possible to come and contribute to this discussion.

It is at the AGM that we re-affirm all the roles for the committee, we would very much welcome new members to the committee, in particular we are looking for a Policy Officer, to ensure that we have the correct policies in place for our group. Additionally we will also be looking for a Child Protection Officer and a Deputy Child Protection Officer. We can always do with more people helping at HERD or with Fundraising. Please contact me or any member of the committee if you are interested.

HERD Sessions

Northallerton: Sessions will continue to run fortnightly.

Thirk: Sessions will run once per half-term on Saturday mornings, depending on help. Dates to be confirmed.

Bedale: Sessions will continue to run fortnightly.

Easingwold: It is hoped that sessions will start some time in the new school year and these will be run by Helen Hockenhull and Laura Hanson. This will also be dependent on local help.

Sara Perkins, Chairman



Dyslexia Network Plus is a local Not-for-Profit organisation, run by parents to support families with dyslexic type difficulties

Information Line: 0845 22 60 240

British Dyslexia
Association



Join the HERD

DROP-IN SESSION

for families with children of all ages



Join the HERD

Members may:

- * borrow games and resources
- * find support and information
- * just drop-in for a coffee and a chat

Wednesdays (fortnightly*)

at **Northallerton's Children's Centre**

Fridays (fortnightly[†]) at **Bedale C of E Primary School**
both anytime between 3.30 and 5 pm, during term time

*Northallerton Dates: Wednesdays 15/9 29/9 20/10 10/11 24/11 8/12

[†]Bedale dates: Fridays 24/9 8/10 5/11 19/11 3/12

HERD—Helpful Education Resources for Dyslexia

Autumn 2010 Events

AGM: The Way Forward

Monday 11th October, 7pm

With all the uncertainties of national cuts and County changes in support provision, the DNPlus committee thought it would be useful at our Annual Meeting to hear what is happening to you as parents. This will take the form of an Open Forum.

Dyslexia Awareness Session for Parents

Wednesday 20th October, 7 pm, Bedale CofE Primary School

An introduction to the main issues.

All sessions are free of charge

Do you live in the Richmond area or know someone else who would be interested in having an informal chat about their own dyslexia or dyslexia screening for a child? This opportunity can be provided by appointment at the John Ross Suite, Gilling West.

Ring 0845 22 60 240 for more details or to make an appointment