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PACS Newsletter October 2009

Dear PACS members,

Please find below information about forthcoming events.

Meeting between PACS, Adoption UK and G.A.P members
Saturday 14 November 2009, 12.30-3.30pm
Logie Kirk Hall, Alloa Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, FK9 5LH

G.A.P.(Group for Adopted People) is an informal group for adopted people in central Scotland who meet on a monthly basis in Stirling for coffee and a chat, whose co-ordinator is Jan Morris. Together they explore some of the issues around adoption and tracing of birth relatives – www.gapscotland.org.uk

PACS and Adoption UK members have met with G.A.P previously. We found shared interests between adoptive families and adult adoptees such as the amount of background information available, help with tracing, experiences of letter box and/or face to face contact, post adoption support and services and the life long experience of adoption. As these meetings proved very interesting and helpful in learning from each other we look forward to getting together again and very much hope that you will be interested to come.

A creche and lunch will be provided. Could you please fill in the slip at the end of this Newsletter (or contact me by email/phone) so we know numbers for catering and the creche. Please let me know at the latest by Monday 9 November.

BAAF Autumn Conference
Making Adoption Work for children in Scotland
Tuesday 17 November – Registration 9.30 am – Conference 10am
Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JR

The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 came into operation on Monday 28th September 2009. The conference will provide an important opportunity to exchange ideas, information and share experiences. Participants will have the opportunity to: gain an overview of the needs of children separated from birth families - hear about key messages from research – consider those services required to support adoption and how these could be provided – listen to the experiences of those with personal knowledge of adoption.

For further details about speakers please see the BAAF website Scotland@baaf.org.uk

PACS will pay for its members to attend this conference. Please let me know by Friday 6th of November at the latest if you would like to attend.

New Year Party – Family fun day

Saturday 17th January 2010 - 12.30 -4.00pm

Venue: Logie Kirk Hall, 10 Easter Cornton Road, Causeyhead, Stirling, FK9 5LH.

Following the success of last year's party we are joining again with Adoption UK members for this social. More than 100 children and parents celebrated the start of 2009 with games, activities, good food and entertainment.

We will provide some food and ask you to bring something for yourself to eat and something to share. No need to let us know if you are coming, please just turn up. We will send you a reminder and more information nearer the time.

Receiving the PACS Newsletter by email

Jane Rae (Admin, Adoption & Fostering Team, Falkirk Council) very helpfully sends out the PACS Newsletters. Some PACS members already receive the Newsletter via email. If you would be willing to receive this by email, it would be of great help to Jane and make communication easier and speedier. Please contact her at jane.rae@falkirk.gov.uk and thank you very much in advance.

We hope you will be able to join us at some of the above events.

Best wishes
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PACS/GAP Meeting Saturday 14 November 2009

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Any other comments.....

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