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PACS Newsletter December 2008

Dear PACS members

Firstly our best wishes to you for christmas and the new year.

Below are some dates for future events.

New Year Party – Saturday 17th January 2009, 1.30-3.30pm.
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. Adoptive families tell us they value the chance to talk and share experiences with each other. There will be entertainment for the children such as arts and crafts, games and music. We will provide some food and ask you to bring something to eat and something to share.

BAAF Conference – Wednesday 25 February 2009, 9.45am for 10.15am.
Venue: Discovery Point, Discovery Quay, Dundee DD1 4XA.
“What’s your poison?” – Alcohol, substance misuse and the impact of adult addictive behaviours on children.

While our understanding of the impact of maternal consumption of alcohol and drugs during pregnancy continues to expand, the misuse of alcohol and the consequences of parental addiction continue to feature as significant factors in the neglect and abuse of children. This conference will explore among other issues questions such as are poor outcomes the inevitable result of acquired damage or inherited vulnerability, or can attuned sensitive parenting reverse or offset negative effects, and what are the implications for the recruitment of foster and adoptive families?

PACS will pay for attendance at this conference – please let me know by Monday 16th February if you are interested in attending.

PACS Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 24 March 2009 , evening meeting.

Further information on the venue will be available nearer the time. We will be very pleased to welcome new committee members so do get in touch if you are interested. Let us know as well about any topics that you would like PACS to cover.

Dan Hughes Seminar – Monday 25 May 2009

This seminar is being organised by Adoption UK. Dan is an American clinical psychologist, an internationally acclaimed therapist and author of three ground breaking books on attachment and emotional recovery. Further details of the venue, and seminar description, will be available in March. PACS will pay for attendance – places for Dan's seminars get booked very quickly so please put this advance notice in your diary.

Finally I would recommend you to a book recently published by BAAF 'The Colours in Me' by Perliita Harris (£12.95). It is a unique collection of poetry, prose and art work by adopted children and young people. It is a highly original and thought-provoking book, the first of its kind in the UK.

As I will be abroad for a little while could you please communicate with me by email until further notice.

Best wishes

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