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Welcome to Issue 27, our Spring edition of The Autism File.

I am delighted that we have a very full magazine for all our readers across all areas of interest. Some will find a few articles a

little controversial in parts but we have always tried to be and always will be an 'open voice' for autism. My philosophy as editor is to try and recognise the very diverse range of views and opinions that are out there and to help our readership in understanding the differing perspectives and making their own minds up.

One matter that concerns me deeply is the perception, real or imagined, that certain autism related topics are 'off-limits'. This can never be appropriate in an area of developing knowledge such as autism whilst significant numbers continue to seek guidance and support. The Autism File is therefore wholly unbiased in respect of any of the more sensitive issues such as vaccination concerns, autism treatments and future care options and we will aim to publish any well considered contribution from experts, politicians, parents and carers alike. We will listen to everyone and try to learn accordingly which is what all good professionals in the

autism world should be doing.

On the matter of learning, for those of you that are new to biomedical intervention in autism and want to learn more then I highly recommend you attend the Treating Autism one day seminar on March 8th at the University of Surrey. For people that want to learn more about High Functioning Autism & Asperger's then the Edge Hill University conference with Professor Temple Grandin on 23rd May in Lancashire is a must for you. The Autism File will be at both conferences, so please come and introduce yourselves; we would love to meet you!

Internationally, Jon is off to the Spring DAN! Conference in New Jersey to bring back all the latest for us in the biomedical world and I am off to the Autism One conference in Chicago in May where I will be hunting for the 'best' to write for The Autism File in the coming issues.

Together we are moving towards answers because we are big enough to ask the questions. I'm proud of all my writers and grateful to all my advertisers; they keep us in print so please try and support them!

Everyone should be fighting the same fight in autism which is better lives for all that need it. That's why we are here.

Enjoy Spring!

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