

THE Autism FILE



WELCOME TO ISSUE 25.

We've been exceptionally busy the past few months organising the launch of our new website and online directory for families that need help with autism. We as always welcome comments and advice, so please call us if you know of any services that you can recommend that should be on there.

I would like to welcome Ella Barber back to The Autism File; Ella will be working solely on the directory, so please call her if you have any questions regarding the directory.

Also my sincere thanks go to Catherine Kanter who has agreed to proof read every issue, this is something we badly needed, so many thanks Catherine!

I hope to feature at least one article an issue on autism around the world, this issue has reports from Belfast and Poland. If you live outside the UK and can write a report on your area we would be very interested in hearing from you.

I am delighted to report that Stephen Shore has agreed to write on a regular basis for us, I love the article in this issue and most importantly feel that we can learn so much from him.

As always this issue has many different therapies and opinions, remember we are a non-bias magazine and aim to give you the most up to date information on autism from around the world.

Issue 26 will be with you in early December with reports from 3 other conferences.

I hope you all had great summer holidays... Enjoy this issue!

Polly Tommey

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