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Autonomy 4 Women

Our next meetings this year will be:

Wednesday, July 17th

Wednesday, August 21st

from 6.30pm - about 9:00pm

at:
The Severn Gorge
Southwater Way
SATNAV: TF3 4FU
(01952) 290404

See you there!

Our next Autonomy newsletter (Issue 118) will be the September 2024 edition.

Our trip on the Sabrina Boat

On Saturday, June 22nd
23 Autonomy members/family members/carers had a pleasant sail down the River Severn and an entertaining and interesting journey back – as the captain gave an amusing talk as well as steering the boat.

We sailed in 2 different groups - one at 2pm and one at 4pm and this was due to the online booking system which confused Sara; the website seemed to show that the 2pm sailing was full but some members easily booked their tickets via the phone!

All members had a good time and the weather was great too. Some members went for a drink in a pub before or after the trip and others had a drink or a walk in the Quarry Park afterwards.


Group photo while we waited!


Christian, Ben and Chris


Sam, Mark, Thomas, Stuart, Dan and Simon

Autonomy Social Events *open to all members*

Telford Socials:

The Severn Gorge, Southwater Way, SATNAV: TF3 4FU (01952) 290404
Monday, July 1st
and
Monday, August 5th
from 6:30pm - about 9:30pm.

The Bridgebuilder, Wrekin Retail Park, Wellington, TF1 2DE
Monday, July 15th
and
Monday, August 19th
from 7:00pm - about 10:00pm.

Shrewsbury Socials:

Ten Pin Bowling at: **Hollywood Bowl, SY1 3AZ** on **Tuesday, July 9th from 6:30-8pm. Cost is free!** Meet in the bar area, one bowling game. ***Some members will be going to The Featherbed, Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4AB for a social after bowling around 7.45pm-8pm so please arrive promptly for the bowling game.***

The Hole in the Wall
1, Shoplatch, SY1 1HF
(01743) 271847
on **Tuesday, July 23rd**
from 7:00pm - about 10:00pm.

The Abbey, 83, Monkmoor Road, SY2 5AZ, 01743 236788 **Tuesday, August 13th**
from 7:00pm - about 10:00pm.

The Beacon Pub, Copthorne Road, SY3 8LP
(01743) 344286
Tuesday, August 27th
from **7:00pm - about 10:00pm**.



Natalie and Tracy



Anthony, Lorna, Connor and Luke



Chloe



Jean and Malcolm



Chloe, Warren and Tom enjoying the trip.

Outstanding Contribution Finalist in the National Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards 2024.

Sara was pleased to be nominated for the award by 2 of her clients, and was delighted to be one of ten shortlisted finalists. She attended the 'black tie' awards ceremony in Birmingham on Friday June 21st, which was a very exciting event, but she did not win the award.





Save the date for our Severn Valley Railway Trip

We hope to travel on the Severn Valley Railway again on Saturday, September 14th as the last time we went there was in April 2015! Lifts will need to be given to members there and back. Drivers can ask for a reasonable contribution towards mileage, but must not make a profit from it as it risks invalidating their licence - due to not being a taxi. How charging your mates for lifts could see you slapped with a fine up to £2,500 and even invalidate your insurance – The Sun | The Sun

DWP Update on PIP 10 year Award Reviews

This is for information for any member who has what is known as a 10 year PIP award.

Please do not be worried as this is for information only, but it is helpful to know. Sara was told that 10 year awardees will not be assessed in the same way as a person who has a shorter term award. PIP started to be claimed in this area in 2013/14 so some local people will be having their light touch review this year.

We were told that it would be a phone call, but I've noted in the news that there will be light touch letter with what is known as an AR2 form to be completed after all. It won't be as big as the review form that some people have completed as it is said to be only 6 pages long. This article explains what information a person would need to provide on the form: https://www.msn.com/.../dwp-pip-claimants.../ar-BB1o1152...

Please do contact Sara for help with this if you do receive an AR2 form in the future.