

Gloucestershire Branch

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9th Annual General Meeting/'Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) – Understanding and Supporting the Learning of Children/Young People with PDA' FREE Autism Talk by Geoff Evans

Date: Thursday, 12th October 2017 (7.00-9.00pm)

(Registration from 6.30pm)

Venue: Alderman Knight School, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8JJ

Geoff Evans – Consultant and Trainer:

Geoff qualified as a social worker in the 1970s, since then he has focused his career around supporting individuals with autism and is considered by many as an expert in the field, having recently been recognised as a finalist for the NAS lifetime achievement Award and the LiangBuisson outstanding contribution award.

He has had the privilege of supporting families of people with autism which included siblings. His many roles have seen him develop skills in training and education, consultancy, leadership and management, advocacy, quality and compliance. His specialisms include sexuality in adolescence, wellbeing, sensory perception and processing in young people, managing stress and anxiety, behaviour which challenges and all aspects of supporting families of children with autism. His recent research has included identifying the competencies required to work effectively with individuals with autism and the experiences of parent of children with autism. Most recently his published articles have appeared in GAP and on-line for Network Autism.

7.00pm – 9th Annual General Meeting: The Branch Officer will briefly summarise what the branch has achieved over the past year and re-elect the new branch committee.

7.10pm (Approx.) – FREE Autism Talk by Geoff Evans on Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) – Understanding and Supporting the Learning of Children/Young People with PDA

Over relatively recent years, the unique needs and ways of supporting children/young people with PDA has been recognised. Whilst there is still debate about whether they require a separate diagnosis to autism, Geoff argues that those supporting them need to understand their unique needs and ways of experiencing the world and the learning experience. Following a discussion of their needs, Geoff will outline practical approaches and ways of supporting their behaviour and learning. He will cover strategies that can be used in the classroom and in more unstructured times.

To book a place: Bookings can be requested by email: tinacreed@btinternet.com or completing and returning the booking request form (below). If emailing, please specify number of places you would like, names of those wishing to attend, whether you are a parent/carer/family member/person with an autism spectrum or professional. Non-members are welcome to attend this talk, but we would ask everyone to arrive by 7pm and sit in at our AGM meeting, so that our speaker can start immediately after our AGM is concluded – thank you.

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AGM & Autism Talk by Geoff Evans – Thursday, 12th October 2017 (7.00-9.00pm) – Cost: FREE

Name: Tel. No:

Address: Email:

I wish to book (no. of places) – if applicable (please include additional names on the reverse of this form)

I am a *Parent / *Carer / *Family Member / *Person with AS / *Professional (*please delete, as applicable)

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