


# “Rapport”

*Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of your newsletter....*

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Chris Markham is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Portsmouth and is particularly interested in what's important to children with speech and language difficulties, what problems they face and the changes which would make their lives better.

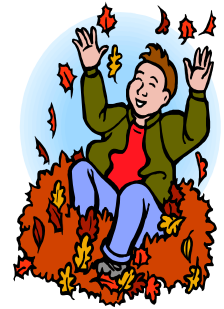
Recently, the Wordswell Clinic received the following communication from Chris:

“At the moment I am designing a quality of life scale for school aged (6-18 yrs) children with speech and language difficulties. This is an opportunity for any children with communication difficulties that you work with or care for to talk about their lives. I am inviting parents and professionals across the UK to fill in one or more of the assessments, helping towards improving the quality of my scale. I would love to involve independent practitioners in this national study, which will include therapists from a range of backgrounds and agencies.”

If you feel you would be interested in taking part in this research please contact Janet at Wordswell and we will put you in touch with him.



Afasic is a charity founded in 1969 as a parent-led organisation to help children and young people with speech and language impairments and their families. In June they organised a charity cycle challenge, which started at Great Yarmouth and finished at Barmouth in Wales and covered over 300 miles. They hoped to raise over £16,000 from this event and full details about Afasic and their work can be seen at: [www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)



We will be emailing this newsletter to as many people as possible, if you are new to Wordswell and would like emailed copies of our quarterly newsletters, please send us an email with the word “subscribe” and we will ensure that future newsletters will be sent to you that way. If you receive an emailed copy and would like further copies, please feel free to print off as many copies as you need. All our contact detail are shown at the end of this newsletter.

From time to time, Wordswell receives news of the successful outcomes of assessments and SENDIST tribunals, being able to share this news with all of you is one of the joys of being part of the Wordswell team. The quotes below are from 2 families for whom we were able to make a difference –

“..thank you for your professional input into our fight against the authorities, it was a fight that we knew we had to win as a successful placement would determine X’s quality of life”

“...as you may have heard by now the Tribunal has awarded in our favour. This, hopefully, brings to an end a very stressful period for us and we are highly relieved.

The success vindicates...advice to use the best consultants and representatives. Throughout the process we were impressed with the quality of analysis and attention to detail...Please accept our heartfelt thanks.”

**A ray of hope for treating Dyslexic, Dyspraxic, Attention Deficit Disorder and Autistic children**

Registered Charity No. 1055404

Tuesday 6th November

10am for 10.30am

Venue: Meadows Community Centre

Room 3, 1 St. Catharines Road

Kings Hedges, Cambridge CB4 3XJ

01223 566156

[www.cambridge.gov.uk](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk) for directions

Seminar provided by Cambs2gether support group

working with the Parent Partnership Service

**LUMATRON LIGHT THERAPY**

**Presented by Joan Lewis Registered Nurse/Midwife**

- HOW DOES IT WORK?
- HOW CAN LUMATRON LIGHT THERAPY HELP MY CHILD?
- CURRENT PROVISION

**RSVP Joan Lewis 01223 510551**



Useful websites:

• [www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

• [www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk)

• [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

The Ear Foundation produces independent information, education and support for deaf children and young people with cochlear implants, their families and their supporting professionals. They also carry out child and family-centred research in the field of cochlear implantation.

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Talking Point is the first stop online for information on communication development and disability for parents and professionals. As part of ICAN, the charity which helps children to communicate, Talking Point offers parents in particular a source of information about services in their area, helping their children to communicate and information on communication development and disability. The websites for Talking Point and ICAN are shown below:

[www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk)

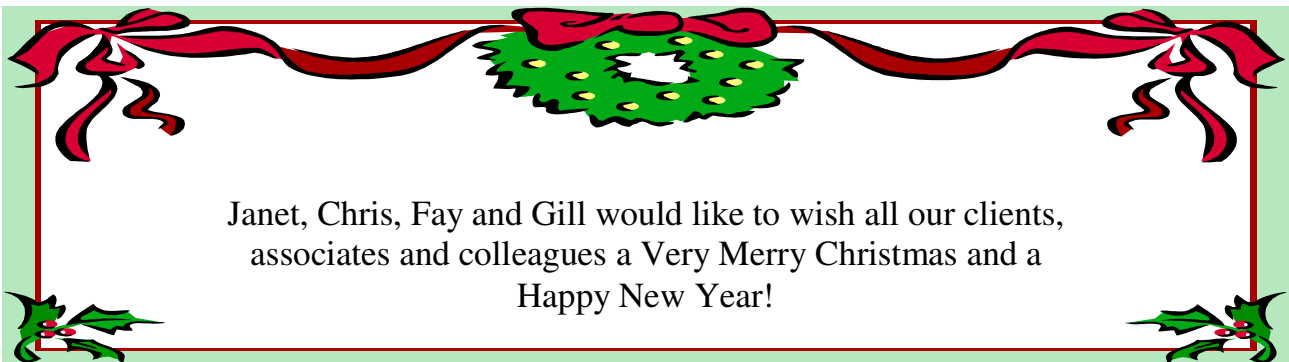
[www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

There is so much information, help and support for parents these days and the staff here at Wordswell will be keeping you up to date with useful addresses, contact numbers and websites for all sorts of areas of concern.

At *Wordswell* your therapy can begin immediately and will continue uninterrupted for as long as necessary so that we can build a rapport and personal relationship with you and develop a programme specifically tailored to your needs. You will receive practical suggestions and ideas for activities which can be carried out at home in between sessions to maximise progress....

**REMEMBER...**

Communicate with *Wordswell*.....for advice and therapy that make a difference!



Janet, Chris, Fay and Gill would like to wish all our clients,  
associates and colleagues a Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!

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