

My name is Mandy Debarring, I have NF1

Following discussions with other members of the Neuro Foundation I have decided to try to form a much needed local group in the South West. I am going to try and get a permanent regular meeting place endorsed by the foundation where everyone will be welcome to attend.

I have found a lovely venue in Bradninch near Exeter in Devon. It is easily accessible by bus and car from Exeter. The venue facilities will meet all our needs for an initial meeting and includes full disabled access. There will also be child care provision in a separate area of the building while we have guest speakers

The launch of the Group will be on the afternoon of **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 at 2.30 till 5** at the Guild Hall Bradninch. Many of you have asked for a Saturday; an afternoon function gives people travelling from outside the area time to arrive. This event will be an afternoon tea with a raffle, tombola, tea, coffee, cakes, squash and fizzy drinks for the children. This will be open to all giving us an opportunity to start to make people NF aware and to raise some much needed funding for our group.

I have so many ideas for future meetings, trips, talks from professionals interested and knowledgeable about NF. I hope you too will come with LOTS of other ideas and between us we can really raise the level of interest in this condition. There will be applications forms for people wishing to join the Neuro Foundation

Donations will be asked for please, to help cover the costs

Hopefully this will work and if everyone is happy with the venue it can become permanent event. I have already made sure this is possible

Please can I ask you all if you have any fundraising ideas to get in touch with me at this mail address? beNFawarecarepleasedontstare@hotmail.co.uk or contact the Neuro Foundation on <http://www.nfauk.org>

Looking forward to meeting all of you, and your friends and family, at the launch next March

Mandy x