



# GREAT BRITAIN STATE CONFERENCE 2012

**Friday March 23— Sunday March 25  
The Friars, Aylesford Kent ME20 7BX**

## **Rising to the Challenge**

**The challenge of special educational needs, the challenge of inclusion  
and the challenge of enhancing every child's musical talent.**

**Key note Speaker— Dr Jacqui Ashton Smith**



### **Education of Girls with Autism**

Dr Ashton Smith has worked in the field of autism education for 30 years. She has been Principal of the National Autistic Society 'Helen Allison School' for 20 years. She has done extensive research into the different ways girls on the autistic spectrum present, and their specific educational needs. She will speak about raising awareness of autism in girls, in order to have an earlier, more accurate diagnosis and to improve their quality of life and potential as adults.



### **Success in Adversity,**

**Kevin Sewell** registered blind, via special school education, went on to attain an honours degree in English and Drama. He now works at a university as a skills lab technician. He will talk about the pros and cons of special schools.

### **Generating enthusiasm for music in the primary school.**

**Aidan Scahill**, a former Scots Guards musician and now a primary school teacher will show how, by introducing and involving pupils in many different musical genres they become motivated and respond enthusiastically to his innovative methods.



### **The Weekend also includes**

- ◆ 20th Century Re- Birth of an Ancient Priory. Talk by a Carmelite brother
- ◆ Dancing with Dorothy
- ◆ Singing with Jess
- ◆ Thomas Wyatt of Allington Castle a talk by Gail Gladwin
- ◆ Sunday morning. The River Medway on the Allington Belle

All visitors welcome

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