



HOPE & GLORY

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reaching the heart of the community*

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO? Is it Christmas yet? As well as being fantastically busy we have recently had quite a few operational challenges. Hannah has been struggling with an ongoing nasty back problem, while John, our Editor (and Georgie's husband!), has been recovering from a hip replacement operation, needing support from 'nurse' Georgie! So the Newsletter is also necessarily a bit late! So, sorry about that, but we know you would all be pleased that despite these obstacles we are continuing our amazing progress! Our superb sponsors and donors continue to give us the resources to give more and more support to more and more families. We really are delighted, and we know we have a secure future ahead of us! Thank you!



We love a superwoman!

Love, Hannah and Georgie.

CHRISTMAS TIME !



As usual we had some brilliant fun at Christmas, with celebrations at all 3 venues and our main party being at Larchfield Community Centre.

A truly awesome Father Christmas made an appearance, with some lovely gifts for the children. Everybody had a lovely time and ate too much cake! Thanks to the **Louis Baylis Cracker Appeal** which made all the fun possible!!



(Above) Hannah, Georgie and the **volunteers** enjoy their own (quieter) celebration! A good time to say a big thank you to our volunteers who work so hard, and give up their time for R&R.

HALF TERM FUN

We were amazed at the numbers of parents and children who came to our February Half-term sessions. It was lovely to see so many children who are now at school coming back to enjoy themselves at R&R!



ANOTHER HANNAH!



Welcome to **Hannah Bullen**, (pic above) who started with R&R in February as Family and Child Support Worker, alongside our other Hannah (L)!

Hannah B will be with us until the end of May when she is off to North Carolina to spend 6 months with a Christian Ministry. She is a great asset and will be very much missed when she leaves.

CAN YOU REPLACE OUR HANNAH B?

Hannah Bullen has been doing a tremendous job for us, but as you can read (left) we are losing her in May. We need a part-time Family and Child Support Worker to replace her and join our team. You will need a real heart for people and communities, be well-organised and enjoy dealing with children of all ages. This will be for 3 days per week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to know more about this fulfilling role please contact Georgie or Hannah (numbers at the bottom of this newsletter).

GRANTS

We continue to attract grants from local organisations, which provide the solid financial base from which R&R works. Recent grants have included:

Louis and Baylis Charitable Trust and **Berkshire Community Foundation** (part of RBWM's '3' Fund). Many thanks to those organisations.



Some beneficiaries of the funding

THANK YOU!

To all the lovely people who donated funds to R&R:

Nourish Group at River Church

Boyn Hill Baptist Church

and also **Cookham Rise Primary School, Nursery School and PTA**, from work carried out for them by a generous accountant who asked for her fees to be donated to R&R.

These donations make all the difference to us, and continue to make our work possible. **Thank you!!!**

MUM'S CREATIVE SESSIONS

Our very popular Creative Sessions, run by Laura Vann, have now come to an end. The Mums have thoroughly enjoyed them and we hope we can run some more in the future. Thanks are due to Laura and to RBWM who provided the funding.



Three Mums working hard at creativity!

FUTURE FUNDRAISING DATES

Some dates for you diary:

Saturday 20th August - tombola stall at the **Hurley Regatta**

Saturday 3rd September - **Larchfield Festival**

Saturday 5th November - **Combined Charity Event** at Maidenhead Town Hall

Hope to see you there!!

WANT TO HELP?

VOLUNTEERING: We are always on the lookout for volunteers and helpers at our sessions or in the 'back room' administration and organisation. If you would like to chat about how you could join in, then just give Hannah or Georgie a call (numbers below).

GIVING: We would love you to join the lovely band of people who regularly contribute to R&R either by monthly or ad hoc donations. Please contact Georgie for more info

R&R MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching the community's need, building relationships, and empowering individuals to have self-belief to achieve the very best in their lives.



Our long-serving volunteer Barbara helping to make the mission statement a reality



Charlotte at work!



Hands off my biscuits!



An R&R Super Hero



A little dragon!



Goodies on Mum's Day

R&R SESSIONS

Just a reminder of our session times:

Larchfield Community Centre, Desborough Park, Tuesdays 10am to 2pm

St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Furze Platt

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm
(Light lunch available)

Quaker Meeting Hall, 14 West Street, Maidenhead

Thursdays 10am to 3pm

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