



HOPE & GLORY

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*The newsletter of Re:Charge R&R -
reaching the heart of the community*

GREAT PROGRESS, BUT HELP NEEDED! We are continuing our solid progress, with overall attendance figures up by 30%, and this is before we start the summer season, when we see a lot of school-age children joining their younger siblings at our sessions. But, we have had a few hurdles to jump (see news below) and are pretty stretched for resource. We need YOU! Check out the details below (SOS 1 and 2), and even if you, yourself, are unable to help, please talk to friends and relatives to see if they can assist us in any way.

Love, Hannah and Georgie

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.*

HELLO SHELLY!



Welcome to **SHELLY CALVERT**, (above) who started with R&R in June as Family and Child Support Worker, to work alongside Hannah Lucas. Shelly has attended sessions as a mum at R&R for many years, and brings some very relevant experience, together with a flair for creative ideas. She has already made a big impression and we are very excited for her future here with us. The mum's and children are already loving her many and varied creative ideas!

SOS ! (1) VOLUNTEERS NOW URGENTLY REQUIRED!

Due to increasing numbers at our sessions, and to enable plans for expansion of our activities, we are now in URGENT need of more practical help in the shape of volunteers.

We need volunteers not only to help in the sessions but also to take on some of the 'back-room' tasks. For example it would be useful if somebody could take on the organisation and admin for individual projects, such as a group away-day or arranging visiting presenters relevant to our groups. We also welcome hands-on fund-raising ideas, which you could organise and run yourself!

So, if you would like some time organising, administrating or being active in the sessions why not spend a few hours a week helping us with our exciting and fulfilling work? If you would like to find out more, then just give Hannah or Georgie a call (numbers below).

SOS ! (2) R&R LOOKING FOR NEW OFFICE

We suffered a big blow in June when we lost the office and storage space we had enjoyed for free for the last 2 years at the Foundation Business Park in Maidenhead. This was due to the imminent demolition of the building to make way for new offices.

We had only a couple of weeks notice and it took much work and effort to find temporary homes for the office furniture and a large amount of toys and other items which we accumulate for funding events etc. Thanks in particular to the **Green Board Game Company** who are temporarily storing a pallet full of stuff!

But we need to quickly find alternative accommodation, either office space or storage space or hopefully both combined. If you know of anything suitable, either free or for a cheap rent, **please, please, get in touch.**



Lovely summer dress!

GRANTS - A BIG THANK YOU !!

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

- **Louis Baylis Charitable Trust**
- **The Prince Philip Trust**
- **Spoore Merry and Rixman Foundation**

Huge R&R thanks to these organisations, without whom we would be unable to continue.



Dad enjoys play time

HURLEY REGATTA! SATURDAY 20th AUGUST

R&R are running a Prize-every-time Tombola at Hurley Regatta. This is a great event for all the family with many sideshows, rides, barbecue and other attractions, all in a lovely setting next to the Thames. Come and see us there, and have a wonderful day out!



Hurley Regatta - last year!

MORE THANK YOUS!

To all the lovely people who donate funds and undertake regular giving to R&R.

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

R&R ON FACEBOOK

Most of the photos featured in this newsletter (and many more!) have been posted in our Facebook page, with news of the sessions as they happen. Don't forget - search on Facebook for 'Re:charge'.

Hit 'Like' to follow us and keep up to date with what we're up to!

A DAY DOWN ON THE FARM!



Thanks to the generosity of **Maidenhead Rotary Club**, and **Maidenhead Round Table**, we will be taking a group of our parents and children to **Finkley Down Farm**, in Andover, on Saturday September 17th. The trip will be both educational and great fun! We will show you some pictures in the next Newsletter! But many thanks to those two worthy organisations, taking an active interest in their local community!

OTHER FUTURE FUNDRAISING DATES

Some more dates for you diary:

Saturday 3rd September - Larchfield Festival at Desborough Park, organised by River Church, with stalls, sideshows, food, and fun for all. R&R will run another of our famous 'Prize every time' children's tombolas!

Saturday 5th November - Combined Charities Fair at Maidenhead Town Hall. We will be doing a 'Nearly New Toys' stall! Come along and bag a Christmas bargain!

R&R TEAM UP WITH YOUTH ORGANISATION FOR FUN DAY!

R&R love to link up with other organisations working for, and within, the community.

The Challenge is the UK's leading charity for building a more integrated society, working on a local level running a variety of youth and community programmes. One of their initiatives is the **National Citizen Service (NCS)**, which focuses on young Year 11 and 12 students, helping them to build new skills for life, and interact with many people in the community.

R&R and NCS have got together to run a **FAMILY FUN DAY** at **Larchfield Community Centre on Saturday 13th August**. A team of NCS young people will be there to help out and bring energy and a sense of vibrant community. So come along with the family, invite your friends, and have a brilliant day out!

Full details of this exciting event are attached to this Newsletter (below). Please print it off and pop it on the wall at work or in the office!

IT'S SUMMER - AND TIME FOR MAYHEM AT R&R, WITH THE OLDER SIBLINGS JOINING IN!



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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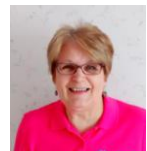
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in partnership with
The Challenge - NCS

FAMILY FUN DAY

(Super Hero theme - come dressed up)

Saturday 13th August 2016
at Larchfield Community Centre

11.30am - 2.30pm

Entrance £2 per family

Bran Tub - 20p

Guess the name of the Teddy - 20p

Guess how many sweets in the jar - 20p

Children's Tombola - £1, prize every time!

Free - Colouring, Glueing/stickers, Dressing Up,
Toys

Competitions and lots more

PLUS

at the café - drinks, bacon butties, burgers, sweets,
slush puppies, made by Sally - normal prices