



DRUMBEAT

December 2011

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*In loving memory of our dear friend, Steve Reeve, who passed away on 14th November 2011
Steve's funeral is on Friday 25th November, West Herts Crematorium 2pm – DRUM will be closed on this date
Steve had requested family flowers only and if desired, donations to DRUM*

DRUMBEAT Charity Gig

Many thanks to everyone that came along to the DRUMBEAT charity gig on 12th November.

We had over 150 people attend and raised an incredible £1,300 on the night!

Special thanks must go to our staff and volunteers, who worked so hard leading up to and on the night getting raffle prizes together, selling raffle tickets and taking money on the door. Many thanks to Ross Goman (Mel's son) who arranged the evening at the Sun Sports & Social Club, who gave us use of the hall for free.

Raffle prizes were donated from local businesses, restaurants and pubs. The two fantastic bands, who played on the night, also gave us their time for free.

Christmas Craft Fair

Many thanks to everyone that came along to the DRUM Christmas fair on 19th November.

Through the Christmas fair, sale of our DRUM Christmas cards and 2012 calendars, we have so far raised over £700.

Many thanks to those of you that donated cakes, raffle prizes and made crafts for the fair, especially Heather, Chris & Yvonne.

Special thanks must go to our staff and volunteers, who worked so hard leading up to and on the day - especially Lilian Jan and Jean for their kitchen duties!

If you haven't already done so, can we please ask you to buy a pack of DRUM cards or a calendar, as all the money raised will help us purchase new art materials for your art classes.

Pack 16 Cards £5
2012 Calendars £5



Camelot Team Challenge - Tue 29th November

A team of Camelot staff will be joining DRUM for the day, on 29th November, to help us produce a new DRUM leaflet. DRUM day services will continue as normal. Please make the team welcome!



Current Day Activities

- Mondays – Art with Kathy & Yoga with Jane
- Tuesdays – Art with Emma & Yoga with Jane
- Fridays – Ceramics with Juliette & Kathy & Yoga with Sharon
- Saturdays – Art with Emma



DRUM Volunteers Required

To assist tutors and members during our very busy Friday morning ceramic sessions

Saturday 10th December – Snow White



DRUM will be closed on this date (...oh yes it is) as we are taking members to the Christmas panto at St Albans Arena. Transport has been booked for a little later this day and we will be meeting in the pub (next to the theatre) from 11am. The matinee begins at 1.30pm and usually finishes about 4.30pm.

Please bring extra money for refreshments and if you wish, lunch at the pub.

DRUM Christmas Meal

Friday 16th December 12-3pm



DRUM will be open from 9am for those members that have early transport. A Christmas film will be shown during the morning and refreshments will be available.

The meal will take place in the main hall from 12-3pm. There will be raffle tickets on sale, for a draw on Tuesday, so please bring along extra money. Although some soft drinks will be available, please along your own alcohol!

Sending Christmas Cards?

Every year we throw away loads of unopened Christmas cards at DRUM, where members have not been in to receive them or have forgotten to take them home!

Why not make, or send, just one Christmas card to everyone at DRUM, which we can display at the centre.

Save your money and you could then donate this extra money to DRUM?



Tuesday 20th December

This is our last day before the Christmas closure and we will have Christmas carols, refreshments and mince pies in the morning, followed by a Christmas tea party from 12.30-3pm. There will also be a raffle.



We would be very grateful for donations of cakes & desserts for this event!



Saturday Morning Drop-In DRUM Art Class

10.00am-12pm £4.00

Open to anyone with a physical and/or sensory disability, carers and family.

No previous art experience necessary!



Many thanks to Jean Walls who nominated DRUM for a donation from The Three Crown's Pub in Bushey. Through their weekly charity quiz nights, DRUM has received a cheque for £1,000!

Many thanks to Mary McGee and Ross Goman, who nominated DRUM for a Sun Postal donation of £300.

Some of you, in DRUM last Friday, would have met two trustees from the Archer Trust. I am very pleased to say that both Catherine and Lyn were extremely impressed with our group and have sent us a grant of £2,000!





Owls Bowls Club, DRUM Charity Quiz Night

Saturday 18th February

The Owl's will be holding a charity quiz night, hosted by quiz master Gill Goman, on Saturday 18th February. The event will start at 8pm and there is a light supper provided, usually a jacket potato or similar.

Teams have a maximum of 5 people on each and we would really appreciate your support for this event. The club house is situated to the rear of the Watford Leisure Centre in Garston. There is parking and disabled access.



Head Way Hertfordshire is starting a new discussion group in Watford, from January.

The sessions will be held on alternate Wednesdays, run by a tutor and may be of interest to you, as they are usually discussions on current affairs.

Details are still to be finalised but if you are interested in attending the sessions, please speak to Sarah in the DRUM office.



The Sea Lion Swimming Club is open to anyone with a permanent or temporary disability.

Family members are also welcome to join in the swimming sessions. The club benefits from an excellent group of volunteer helpers who are available to provide assistance and support to all members. The club has a comprehensive range of specialised equipment, including a hoist to assist members in and out of the water as required. Swimming sessions are held on a Saturday from 5-6pm, at the Watford Leisure Centre, Hempstead Road, WD17 3HA. For further details Tel: 0845 6216600

Our sincere condolences and love to Sharon, Kevin & Family, for their recent loss of Kevin's mother. xx



Direct Payments



Cash to arrange your own care services

Hertfordshire County Council offer direct cash payments so that you can arrange your own care services from the various options available, giving you more choice, greater flexibility and more control over the support you receive. The money is paid into a separate bank or post office account.

Who can get direct payments?

Anyone who is currently receiving or has been assessed by Health and Community Services (formerly Adult Care Services) as needing support with daily living, is aged 16 or over and is willing and able to manage this money (with help if needed).

How much will the direct payment be?

This depends on your needs but they would normally give you the equivalent amount that it would cost for them to provide the services you need. Depending on your income and savings, they may ask you to pay towards the cost. If so, the direct payment will be reduced by this amount.

Please note: These direct payments are not a benefit and are different from the Department of Work and Pensions 'Direct Payment' which is a means of paying either benefits or a pension directly into an individual's bank account. Direct payments are made by the council to the individual to purchase their own services. They are not a form of income and should not be regarded as such. **Tel: 0300 123 4042** or log on to <http://www.hertsdirect.org>

If you are already getting Direct Payments for day services at DRUM, can you please ask the DRUM office for a Standing Order Form, so that you can pay DRUM charges on a monthly basis.

As you will know, our funding was cut earlier in the year and despite our recent successful fundraising events and donations, we still need to raise lots more money to keep DRUM services at our current level.

Our budget for this year is over **£25,000 less** than previous years. We can't raise money without EVERYONE'S help and it's not fair that it's always the same old (and young!) faces helping out and attending events.

We totally understand that some people are very busy in their lives, have other commitments and some have health issues but would a cut in DRUM services cause you even more issues? Come on everyone.....DRUM is YOUR charity and we need YOUR help.

You can help us by arranging and attending fundraising events and bring along all your family, friends and neighbours. You can also donate items such as biscuits, cakes, sugar and coffee, buy DRUM Christmas cards, calendars and do Lauren's lottery or collect your small change. Every little helps!

Fill a Jam Jar!

We don't want Jam....we want your small change!

Many thanks to those of you that have already sent in your jam jars full of change.....however, for those that haven't, we still more please!



Lauren's Lottery - £1 per number

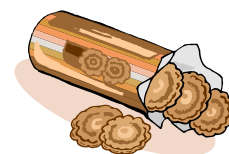
Please don't forget to join in with Lauren's Lottery.

If all 49 numbers are taken, this raises £25 a week for DRUM and if you pick the bonus ball, you can also win £24 for yourself!

Donations Required

We have now eaten all the biscuits!

Please remember to bring in a packet of biscuits, bag of sugar, or jar of coffee now and again, as it helps us keep down costs and enables us to provide these free to our members. Many thanks for all your support.



Dates for your Diary

Sat 10th December

Snow White Panto, Albans Arena (DRUM Closed)

Mon 12th December

Lunch & Show at Wicksteed Park (DRUM Closed)

Fri 16th December

Christmas Lunch at DRUM 12-3pm (open from 9am)

Tue 20th December

Christmas Carols & Tea Party

DRUM will be closed for Christmas from 21st December – 2nd January

DRUM will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2012

Sat 21st & Mon 23rd January

'DRUMWORKS' Art Exhibition and Open Days

Sat 18th February

Owl's Charity Quiz Night, 8pm

Extreme winter weather can occasionally shut down transport & close DRUM.

If we have heavy snow, please log on to the DRUM web site

www.drum.btck.co.uk or call the DRUM mobile 07748005712

MERRY CHRISTMAS