



DRUMBEAT

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members, carers, staff and volunteers.

We cannot start off 2012 without looking back over the last year....and what a year it was! I've been at DRUM for 10 years now and 2011 was probably the hardest both financially and emotionally.

We've lost many people over the years but losing five of our friends in just 10 months was especially difficult. Danny, Ernie and Steve's families very kindly asked for donations towards DRUM, instead of floral tributes. This money has helped DRUM enormously and all three would so very pleased and extremely proud. We also received donations from Sharon's family, after her mother-in-law passed away. Our love and thanks go out to all the families.

We may have had a tough year but we stuck together and just got stronger.

Winners of the HCPA Award 'Care Team of the Year'

Winners of the Rickmansworth School Youth Philanthropy Initiative

We raised £1,000 at our DRUMBEAT Charity Gig in November, over £900 through our Christmas fundraising, which included the lovely new Christmas cards and calendars. For those that didn't get a calendar, we will have a few calendars on sale at the art exhibition.

We celebrated the Royal Wedding in April with a wonderful party and finished the year on a fantastic high, with our Christmas celebrations and dinner for 70 people at the centre on 16th December.

Well done to all the DRUM team for their hard work, dedication and commitment during the past year.

2012 does not look any better financially and we now have no minibus driver and Total UK is no longer funding our minibus fuel.....oh well, keep on smiling!

We start 2012 with our brilliant new art exhibition on 20th, 21st & 22nd January, so please encourage all your family and friends to come along.

We have a few ideas and events lined up for the rest of the year and have a new art project to look forward to, inspired by the 2012 Olympics. We are also planning special celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Games, which should be great fun!



All the best for 2012 - Sarah X

DRUMWORKS

An Exhibition of art work by members of DRUM 'Orient Express'

Friday 20th January

Private Viewing & Chinese New Year Opening Ceremony



The DRUM Centre will be closed during the day, so that staff can set up for the exhibition.

DRUM will be open to members, families, funders and guests from 4pm-7pm.

The exhibition will be officially opened at 5pm by Richard Harrington, MP for Watford, followed by Chinese New Year celebrations, dragon dance and food. **Please come along and support DRUM**

Saturday 21st January

DRUM Exhibition and Open Day

DRUM will be open to members from 10am and the exhibition is open to the public from 11am-3pm.

Members will be able to take part in art and there will be refreshments, cakes, food, cards & calendars and various other items on sale during the day.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO COME ALONG

Monday 23rd January

Chinese New Year Day



DRUM will be open from 9am-3pm as normal and we will be open to local schools in the afternoon, from 1-3pm. We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a take-away lunch!

If you require transport on Friday 20th January please speak to the office and we will do our very best to help you. If anyone can offer transport to others please, let us know as soon as possible.



CHIROPODIST £13

Ameeta will be in DRUM on Tuesday 7th February.



Dates for your Diary



Breakfast & Ten Pin Bowling £10 **Monday 13th February 9.30-3pm**

Join us for breakfast at Frankie & Benny's, from 9.30am, followed by Ten Pin Bowling at Hollywood Bowl from 12pm.

£10 per person, which includes breakfast & unlimited tea & coffee at Frankie & Benny's and a game of Ten Pin Bowling at Hollywood Bowl.

Extra money is required for transport and refreshments during the afternoon.....there is also a licensed bar!

To book - please complete the slip on page 5, choose your breakfast and return your form, along with full payment, to the DRUM office by the end of January. The DRUM Centre will be closed on this date.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – DRUM Party **Tuesday 5th June**



Put this date in your diary,
further details to follow
soon.....

Hair the Musical, Albans Arena £25.50 **Matinee Performance - Saturday 16th June**



The international smash hit production of Hair arrives in the UK for the first time, bringing tales of love, peace, freedom and a timeless soundtrack packed with classic songs including Aquarius, Let the Sunshine in and the infectious title track Hair.

Staring Gareth Gates (Pop Idol, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat) and directed and choreographed by Gary Lloyd (Thriller Live, X Factor). To book - please complete the slip on page 5 and return your form, along with either a deposit or full payment, to the DRUM office by the end of February.

London 2012 Olympics – Community Celebration **Saturday 21st July**

The event is being planned provisionally for Saturday 21st July 2012 at Radlett Road Rugby Club. The full details are yet to be finalised but the purpose of the event is to raise money for local groups and bring different communities of people together. The event will consist of a number of stalls, attractions & entertainment. Further details to follow.....

NEW Drama Workshops

Monday 5th & Tuesday 13th March

10.30am-2.30pm



There will be no art or yoga session on the above dates

Volunteer Driver Required

Ken, our driver, had to leave DRUM during the Christmas period, due to family commitments. We are now looking for a new volunteer minibus driver(s).

A driver is required for the following days and approximate times:-

Mondays & Tuesday 8.30-9.30am & 1-2pm

Fridays 8.30-10am & 2.45-4.15pm



We would be very happy to hear from anyone that may be interested, even if they can only do just a couple of hours a week. Please contact Sarah, at the DRUM office Tel: 01923 442114

Owl's Bowls Club Quiz Night Saturday 18th February

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

Teams have a maximum of 5 people on each, so if you are hoping to attend the quiz night, please let the DRUM office know in advance.

The club house is situated to the rear of the Watford Leisure Centre in Garston. There is parking and disabled access.



DRUMWORKS – New Art Project Starting from February 2012

Get inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games!



The art sessions will be held on a Monday, Tuesday & Saturday morning. The ceramics sessions will continue on a Friday morning for now but, due to other commitments, Juliette may need to change some ceramic sessions from a Friday morning to a Saturday afternoon. We will keep you posted.

