Radiate Redditch- creating the warmth of community

Newsletter: January 2024

Christmas Hub

Well, you did it, you amazingly wonderful group of people!
You delivered our 11th year of welcoming guests into the warmth of community over Christmas! And we couldn't have done it without every single one of **you**!








Every year we are overwhelmed by your generosity of time, energy, creativity, good spirits, open-heartedness and willingness to serve. It is because of you all that the Hub generates such a wonderful atmosphere of warmth, welcome, hospitality, acceptance and fun.

New volunteer Paul said ' Thank you to everyone for bringing brightness and smiles into my life over the Christmas period, ,I found volunteering, a very rewarding and positive experience. There is so much I have learned and gained from this – it is not just about me giving my time and skills; I have gained a different perspective on life and gained new friendships.

A few facts and figures.....

- 128 volunteer places were covered within14 shifts over 8 days including set up and close down days, we cannot thank you enough
- We welcomed 65 different guests over the 6 days we were open, total number of guest attendances was 201
- Average attendance per day was 33 guests. The highest number was 39 guests on Boxing Day. There were 27 guests for Christmas Day lunch.
- So we served at least 201 meals, not including seconds and take aways!

And a few 'thank you's....

- to our wonderful Hub Manager, Mark Barron for his calm efficiency, enthusiasm and bingo calling skills, Glenn and the kitchen team for their dedication, hard work and culinary skills bringing us great food every day, Jin for all the hours of hard work co-ordinating volunteers, responding to the many, many, offers of help and to the rest of the Management Committee: Ben, Ian, & Sharon who worked so hard in different ways leading up to and during the Hub. Terrific teamwork!
- To the following supporters, donors, and entertainers:

Redditch Lions	Cllr Andy Fry – WCC Divisional Fund	Batchley Support Group	2nd Studley St Mary's Brownies
Sainsburys	Emmanuel Church	Bayliss and Harding	Gary & Geoff from 'I'm homeless, get me out of here'
Essential Sign Language Choie	Becky Lucox	Carol Ann Hartells	Music in Motion

Lost Property

Are you missing a pair of glasses? a pair were found in the coffee bar area over Christmas. Contact Sharon on the number below to be reunited with them.

Community Café: Our monthly Community Café is open on the second Monday of every month. Doors open to guests at 4.30pm with meal service at 5pm and close at 6pm. Our upcoming dates are:

Monday 12th February

Monday 11th March

Monday 8th April

Hope to see you all again soon!!!!

If you have any sponsorship or fundraising ideas or would like to support the aim of Radiate Redditch to be a warm welcoming place for people please contact us on 01527 65952, 07596 879792 or on FB RadiateRedditch to see how you might help.

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