



Springboard News

Focus on Morag, our Play Coordinator

Autumn 2009



Morag runs the Arts & Crafts sessions upstairs in Pudsey's Playroom mornings from 10.30 to noon and afternoons from 1.30-4 pm, as well as the Twins and MoM's club which meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. This club offers parents of twins and triplets a chance to meet and offer one another mutual support.

Morag is 31 and lives in Storrington and enjoys horse riding and the countryside. She loves the variety of the work at Springboard—no two days are alike!!

Themes in the playroom this summer have been "The Beach", "The Countryside" and an exciting "Butterfly Garden Project" which resulted in the release of five painted lady butterflies into our Jubilee Garden.

Other events included the ever-popular trip to the Fire Station, enjoyed by children and mums alike.

The Autumn sessions in Pudsey's Playroom running up to Christmas will include activities such as creating Autumnal pictures using different materials such as pulses, leaves and other natural materials. Plus we'll be making a mini clay garden using acorns, pine cones and sycamore seeds.

We also, of course have Bonfire Night and Halloween themes to look forward to, always a fun time in the play room, with Christmas cards and decorations to make and lots of winter/snow pictures, culminating in a week of Christmas parties beginning 7th December. (Bookings will be taken in November)

There is a 50 p per child charge for each visit to the Playroom with each 4th visit free.

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From our comments book:



"My twin daughters come regularly to Springboard and each time they ask me to come upstairs where they really enjoy all the activities. It's a fun place to be with Morag looking after them so well."
Wanda Ryley

"The playroom is very accessible. Morag gives just the right amount of help and is very encouraging. Ben loves the cooker and Amy is very fond of gluing and sticking" Jill Smith, Grandma to Ben and Amy



Our Activities Teams



The Activities Team is based on the top floor of Springboard House. Their responsibilities centre around the arranging and running of holiday, weekend and evening activities for children and young people with disabilities enabling

them to take part in a wide variety of exciting, fun and safely-managed activities.

The team includes, our Activities Manager, supported by four Leisure Development Coordinators, Scott, Jamie, Vickie and Sue, (with plans to appoint three more), and an amazing group of skilled Team Leaders and volunteers, whose dedication and hard work make all we do possible. Our busy programme includes the following groups:-

Bunny Hoppers for 0-5's

This group meets on the first Sunday of each month, offering support and friendship to families who have a

Photo gallery from this summer's activities



a child with a disability.

Grasshoppers - Horsham and Crawley-for 6-12's

This programme involves a weekly Saturday morning club, as well as holiday schemes running from 10.00am - 3.30pm during school holidays. We are also developing a programme with after-school sports and arts clubs for this age range, so watch this space!

Outburst and Buddies- Horsham, Crawley, Mid Sussex (and soon to be rolled out in the Sutton Borough)- for 12-18's

These groups offer social, sporting and creative activities and outings during the holidays as well as evenings and weekends. If you would like more information on these groups please email pmanager@springboardproject.com or call the Activities Team on 01403 257699.

Garden Party and AGM 2009



This year's event was attended by the Chairman of Horsham District Council, Cllr Keith Wilkins and his wife Carol (pictured left). The opportunity was taken to officially open our new Jungle Walk which is the second part of our Adventure Maze area. The Jungle Walk (pictured right) has been funded by a number of benefactors including Horsham DC, Horsham & Crawley MENCAP, Tanbridge School, Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest and Marks & Spencer Horsham.



As usual we presented our annual awards to the volunteers who have made a special contribution through the year: **Grasshoppers Plate** : Rachel Peacock, **Grasshoppers Shield** : Emma Farnes, **The Novartis Cup** : James Warwick, **Hassocks Buddies Plate** : Vanessa Brown, East Grinstead **Buddies Cup** : Nick Groat, **Horsham Buddies Plate** : Laura Bilborough & Chelsea Downey, **Bunny Hoppers Plate** : Samantha Kennedy, **Springboard Cup** : Holly Batchelor, **Special Recognition Awards** : Margaret Dawson & Eileen White, **RSA Special Recognition Cup** : Ian Woodland of Elementus.