



Practical help for homeless people

By Daphne Chamberlain

The Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association have alerted us to a chance to do something positive about the plight of the "hidden homeless". They are hosting a meeting on 16 April at North Bank, Pages Lane, N10, at 7.30pm, when Lia Leonis will be giving details of practical ways to help.

Lia is the CEO of All People All Places, a registered charity with 13 centres in Haringey offering shelter in the winter, plus three drop-in day centres. She decided to stop walking past evidently homeless people on the streets, and to do something about it.

She says: "What hope is there for a homeless person to get back into accommodation and work? It is very difficult to hold down a job unless you have somewhere to sleep, wash and eat.

"Rough sleepers have no representation. The public will continue to think 'someone else' is doing something when, in fact, no one is doing anything, because the problem has not been recognised."

Entry point

"All People All Places is the only entry point for an unsupported homeless person who wants to get back into the system," says Lia.

"It costs less to support an organisation such as ours than to pay the NHS bill of homeless people endlessly going to

Cook your way to cash

Channel 4's hit show *Come Dine with Me* is coming to north London but this time with a twist. The new series is for couples who feel they host great dinner parties. Three couples. Three nights. Three dinner parties.

Programme makers are looking for contestants over 18 years of age with the combined skills to produce an amazing dinner party which could put them in line for a cash prize of £1,000.

Filming will be taking place between April 14 and 19. To apply, email emma.leonce@itv.com or call 020 7157 4555. (Calls from a BT landline will be charged a set up fee of 14p per call plus 10p per minute. Calls from other networks may be higher and from mobiles will cost more).

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New home for arts group

Arts charity Community Focus, which was evicted from the artsdepot building in North Finchley last March, has found a new home at Friary Park.

The group will move into the first floor of Friary House from July once the building has been fitted out and will be given a 20-year lease.

Community Focus director Tim Balogun said: "We are eager to work with all our community partners in Barnet to create an amazing new arts hub at Friary House and extend our valuable outreach projects throughout the borough."

How do you like your info?

Barnet residents are being asked for their views on the kind of information they would like to see published by the council to make it more transparent.

In recent years the council has taken a number of steps with the aim of increasing openness including publishing online major contracts, expenditure of over £500, the performance of individual services and senior salaries. The transparency consultation runs until 13 April. Find out more at engage.barnet.gov.uk

A&E because they can't get a GP as they've no address and ID. How is anyone going to get ID if it was stolen from them?

"All People All Places receives no statutory funding and relies 100% on public support."

Lia has arranged a sponsored Sleep Out on 6 June, hosted at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, to encourage other sponsored events with schools, scouts, local businesses and local residents. Anyone who wants to get involved can go to the FGMHA meeting or contact Lia on 07538 331521 or at lia@allpeopleallplaces.org

Plant swap

As reported in our last issue, East Finchley's seed and plant swap day is happening again for the third year in a row. This year it's on Sunday 13 April at Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, off the High Road from 2pm to 3.30pm.

This is a great chance for everyone to swap a diverse range of seeds, plants and vegetables, and to discuss gardening or get advice from fellow gardeners. There is no entrance charge and no money changes hands.

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Lovely view of your pond from up here



Most often spotted on the shores of a lake or by the side of a babbling brook, herons like to be on a level with their hunting ground. But this particular chap thought he'd get more of a bird's eye view for a change.

He was spotted on the roof of a house in Richmond Road, possibly on a tour from the nearby Long Lane Pasture. From this high vantage point, he was able to look down into a row of properties and spot if there might be a snack swimming around in a garden pond.

His presence wasn't appreciated by the regular gang of local crows and an odd seagull who repeatedly swooped on his position with threatening calls in an effort to dislodge the lanky visitor. However, apart from a slight flutter of wings, he held his ground for a good 20 minutes and only flew off when he was good and ready...perhaps with his next meal in sight.

Support our skydiver

There is still time to sponsor ARCHER deliverer Stroma Leith from Neale Close in her first skydive. Stroma takes to the air on 4 May. By the end of March she had already raised nearly £1,200 for the North London Hospice.

Read more about Stroma (who went "ape" in Windsor Great Park a month after her 70th birthday) in February's ARCHER, available online at www.the-archer.co.uk.

To contribute to care for those who need it and support for their families, you can donate via www.doitforcharity.com/stroma or by cheque to the North London Hospice. If you are a taxpayer you can increase the amount of your donation by adding your address.

Good luck, Stroma!



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