

# VOLUNTEERS' NEWSLETTER

January 2007

## Goodbye and thank you

It is with great regret that the Trustees have received the resignation of our Honorary Treasurer Joan Tompkins, who will be leaving at the end of March 2007. Joan has worked tirelessly for the organisation and we owe her a great deal.

We are intending to move to a computerised accounting system, with the day-to-day financial work in the office. Helen has agreed to extend her hours to cover this.

We are now looking to recruit a new treasurer. We need someone who is competent to monitor our financial affairs and to assist with the organisation's financial strategy. The treasurer will need to be available once a month to sign cheques and monitor the organisation's accounting.

If you are interested or know someone who might be please do get in touch.

## New Volunteers

Please welcome:

- Lorraine Welch at Bridge
- Amelie Nguekam at Bridge
- Marjorie Alleyne at Open Door
- Adelaide Dwarka at Rainbow
- Margaret Bookless at Women's Group
- Darren Derriman at Bridge

## Drop-Ins and Workshops

I am updating the emergency information files that are kept at the various venues.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with them and if anything is unclear please ask.

At Rainbow we no longer have access to a landline. Will Esther and the volunteers please check who has a mobile at the beginning of each session.

## Di Waterhouse - In Memoriam

Di volunteered at Westways Rehabilitation Centre for many years. She will be sorely missed.

## Jumble Sale

This was held in November and raised about £350 for APCMH funds. Our thanks to Karen and Kathy, Peter and Lynn (friends of Karen), and all other helpers for this great effort.

## Expenses and Invoices

**Please** submit these by the end of March - it is very important that Joan can complete this before she leaves her post.

### Trustees

The dates for Trustee meetings in 2007 are:

14th February  
25th April  
13th June  
19th September  
17th October + AGM

Please let Sue or one of the Trustees know if there are matters that you wish to be put on the agenda.

We would also be pleased to hear from anybody who would be interested in becoming a trustee. The role is not onerous but a lively interest in the development of the organisation is required.

### Support and training

The **Spring Training Course** runs from  
25th April - 30th May 2007  
on Wednesday evenings  
at the South Croydon Centre, Ledbury Road.

There will be two Saturday morning  
training/support sessions for **all volunteers**  
to be held at the Bethlem.  
28th May and 14th July  
10.30 - 12.30  
followed by bread and cheese lunch.

Do try to come to these events.

### Quiet Day

Saturday 31st March  
St Mary the Virgin, Farleigh

Places are limited in order to maintain the quiet  
atmosphere so valued by participants.

Bookings should be made directly with Andrew -  
(020-3228-4361)

### Creative Workshops

The Trustees have agreed to continue funding the  
workshops at St. Andrew's until the end of  
September. We are likely to need both new funding  
and a new venue as St. Andrew's have  
redevelopment plans.

Naomi Lee (a carer, volunteer and member of the  
creative writing group) has been short-listed for a  
prize in a poetry competition - congratulations Naomi!

### Do you buy anything on the internet?

By using the website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to access registered retailers, you can raise money for charity. A percentage of your purchase price (up to 15%) will be donated to any registered charity (yes, you'll find us there!) at absolutely no cost to you. Please bookmark this page/add it to your favourites and remember to use the site for your online shopping.



### A Reminder of the Diary Dates

End of March All invoices and expenses to Joan Tompkins

31st Mar Quiet Day - St Mary, Farleigh  
25th April Spring Training Course starts, running for 5 weeks.  
28th May Training / support at the Bethlem  
14th July Training / support at the Bethlem