



Lea Valley Cats Protection

Newsletter

New Year 2015

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A STICKY START!

Kay gets 'glued-up' on how to treat an adhesive cat!

In mid-November, one call amongst the many to the Branch helpline to request assistance with neutering, was from the 'Station Master' of an industrial estate near the North Circular Road in Edmonton. A mother cat and kittens were living in a disused building on the industrial estate. The mother seemed tame but the kittens had not been handled, so were very timid.

On visiting the site, I found three kittens; two of the three kittens were trapped fairly quickly and taken to the vets to be neutered and taken into care, but the mother and her third kitten were most elusive. After several attempts, I was successful in trapping the kitten only to find that it was smothered in an extremely sticky substance. I took it immediately to Medivet who investigated the substance to find that it was an industrial adhesive. Under anaesthetic, the kitten (now called Sticky) had the majority his coat shaved. His body and what fur remained needed to be bathed regularly in vegetable oil and 'Swarfega' to remove the glue. He remained at the vets for five days for this treatment to be carried out. The picture shows him back at home with very little fur.

Amazingly, within a week, this regular handling and bathing had turned Sticky

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A Sticky Start!

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from an extremely timid kitten into a tame, affectionate one. The turnaround in the behaviour of this kitten was truly remarkable.



The Station Master had asked to adopt the kitten, if it could be saved. And so it was that, just seven days after being covered in glue with a slim chance of survival, this little kitten has gone from a very sticky start to a happy ending.

This picture shows *Sticky* recovering and gradually re-growing his fur.

By the way, his two siblings are doing fine and should be adopted soon. Sadly, I was unable to catch the mother, so she is free to breed again; let's hope that any further kittens don't suffer the same start in life as poor little *Sticky*.

Kay Moore, Neutering Officer

If you would like to help us to help more cats and kittens like *Sticky*, then please become a Friend of the Branch and donate £7.00 each year to support our work..

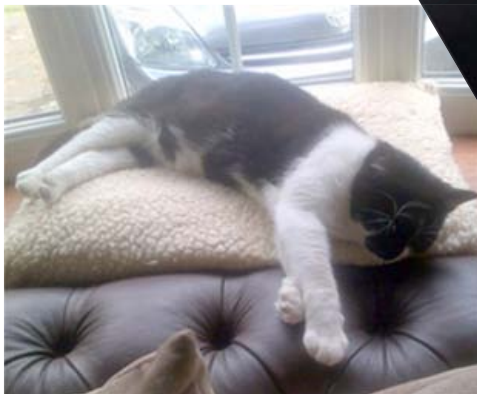
Simply email: cpleavalley@live.co.uk for an application form.

Please give a home to Tess

Tess has been with us for some time now so we're really keen to find her a forever home. She enjoys being around people and loves to rub around your legs and show her affection, especially at feeding time or when you come home from work. Like many cats, because she gets stressed when in close contact with other cats, she needs to find a loving home where she can be the only pet in the household. We've recently moved her from a house with other cats to a foster home where she is the only animal – which has made her a very happy young lady! She's very independent so she's perfectly happy to be left alone for part of the day, but she would like to be allowed to snuggle up on the bed at night!

Tess would be an ideal companion cat for a mature family or single person household without children.

Please call the Helpline 0845 313 4746 or email: cplvadoption@live.co.uk if you would like Tess to brighten your life!



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Co-ordinator's Column

It is never good to start with an apology, so here I go breaking the rules! This Autumn edition of the newsletter should have been edited and distributed in November. Pressure of work (volunteering) prevented me from achieving this aim for which I apologise. So, welcome to the New Year 2015 edition!

As 2014 ends and 2015 begins, it is time to reflect on what we achieved last year and what we should strive to achieve this year. Briefly, in 2014 our loyal band of volunteers continued to deal with the huge numbers of cats needing care and attention; we continue to receive up to 20 requests to take cats into care each week. We homed around 130 cats and kittens, somewhat lower than 2013, but there were understandable reasons for the reduction. We had a number of pens inactive for some weeks whilst they were repaired or replaced; the number of pens available to us has reduced and the general situation common to many branches is of difficulty in finding adopters for our cats in care.

The shop continued to pull its weight by contributing about the same amount of money to Branch funds as in recent years. The shop covers the cost of veterinary bills for the year, so it is a vitally important asset. However, the number of volunteers working in the shop has dropped due to illness and resignations (all for understandable reasons). Unless the number of volunteers willing to work a day or half day in the shop increases in 2015, the viability of running the shop six days a week (and of it generating sufficient funds to cover our vet bills) decreases. We cannot afford to introduce paid staff because it will just about wipe

out any profit that the shop makes, making the whole proposition futile. So, if any of you would like to help in our shop, or if you know of anyone who might consider it, then please call the Helpline 0845 313 4746. It really is interesting and often fun work!

Also, at the end of the year, we had a change of roles in the adoption and fostering volunteers. In October 2009, Lynette Belch volunteered to take on the role of Homing/Adoption Officer. She had little idea of the ins and outs of the role but, ably-supported by her husband Derek, she rose to the challenge and really succeeded in making a great success of it. Five years on, she has decided to re-focus on other activities in her life and I am delighted to say that the role of Adoption Officer has been taken on by Ruth Lightfoot. Pat Frankland has joined the Branch Committee and taken on the role of Welfare Support and Fosterer Liaison. More information on these changes is in the Adoption Team News on page 5, but I shall take this opportunity to thank Lynette and Derek publicly for the wonderful work that they have done for the Branch over these past five years. They will be a hard act to follow.

As a Committee, we shall be reviewing our aims for 2015 at our meeting in January. This year will not be easy, but I am confident that we can rise to the challenge.

As ever, thank you all for your continuing support, without which we couldn't do what we do for the cats in our care. With my best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2015

Bernie Till

Sponsorship Scheme

Our sponsorship scheme has been running for over 21 years and helps to support the long-term care of our cats that are difficult to re-home.

As well as the many cats that are available for adoption, we also have some in our care who cannot, for various reasons, be adopted into new homes and must remain in foster care for the rest of their lives. Some are simply too old to adjust to another home; others have health problems. Sadly we also have cruelty cases where the cat is too traumatised and could not cope with a new home. BUT we do need money to keep these cats safe and well in our care. We need to provide for their food and keep; many need regular medication and other veterinary care - and this all costs money! To pay for this, we operate **The Sponsorship Scheme**.

For a minimum of £20 a year you can sponsor a cat of your choice. When you sign up, you receive a certificate and a photo of your chosen cat. You will also receive regular newsletters keeping you right up-to-date with their progress. The Sponsorship Scheme makes an excellent present, especially for someone who loves cats but who cannot own one. You can see our current list of cats for sponsorship on our website: cpleavalley@cats.org.uk.

Max, a 6-year old, FIV+, sponsored cat



If you are interested in sponsoring one (or more!) of them, then please call Stephanie on: 01707 657876 or email: stephanie.duffy1@btinternet.com and she will send you more information.



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Every Picture Tells a Story - *Tabitha*



Tabitha and Reighan

We make no apology for retelling this story that was published in our Sponsorship Scheme newsletter earlier in 2014. Not only is it a heart-warming tale, but it also proves that cats and children can and do mix – and mix extraordinarily well.

It tells of the extraordinary bond between seven year-old sponsored cat *Tabitha* and a toddler. When *Tabitha*'s owner died, she came into care but was found to have a pronounced heart murmur and needing considerable dental work. This was seen to by one of our vets and now *Tabitha* lives with Sarah Green and her family. The photo is delightful with the cat and the little girl, Reighan, really 'connecting'.

This is what Sarah said "Our daughter, Reighan, is now 18 months old and she has such a beautiful bond with *Tabitha*, (as you can see from the picture). Whenever our daughter is upset *Tabitha* rushes to her in an attempt to soothe her and stop her crying. She nuzzles her and tries to lick her tears away whilst meowing softly to let her know she's there, it's so beautiful! I don't know many animals, let alone cats, which cherish an 18 month old. *Tabitha* is a strong and important part of our family and each and every one of us loves her dearly."

Stephanie, who manages our Sponsorship Scheme said "This is a truly delightful story that really deserves front page coverage. The bond between *Tabitha* and Reighan is obvious from this beautiful photograph. I can honestly say that I have never before seen a cat look so trustingly and lovingly at such a young child and for the child to reciprocate so tenderly. Absolutely beautiful! I am pleased to say that I have been in touch with Sarah recently and the friendship is continuing now that Reighan is two years old. I have never seen anything quite like it before and it is very touching."

Every Picture Tells a Story - *Cyppy*

Never give up hope! This is a picture for every cat owner who wants a "lap" cat.

We have had *Cyppy* for about two years and it is only in recent months that she has started to sit on a lap and, as you can see, even with our 11-year-old dog, *Ibi*, in residence, nothing stops her! *Cyppy* will rub herself around *Ibi*, sometimes nearly knocking him over in her enthusiasm. She has also learned to get around *Husky* (aka *Hidey*, our sponsored cat) when she wants to come upstairs to sleep in our bedroom.

In short, cats are always changing and the wandering hunter of yesterday can become the lap cat of today. We are still offered the occasional little 'presents'.... but that's what cats do when they love us!

Pat Frankland (plus hubby Tony, the human presence in the photo)



Three's company!

Want four chances to win £20 each month? Then why not play the Lea Valley Lottery?

It's simple!

For each monthly donation of £4.00 you are allocated a unique number that is entered into the monthly Lottery draw with a chance to win one of four £20 prizes.

For more details or to join, please call Kypros on: 01992 631556 or email: kyprosav.44@hotmail.com



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Adoption Team News

Since the last update in the Summer issue of our Newsletter, there have been some structural changes within the Adoption Team. I thought branch Friends might find it interesting to know the work of the individual volunteers within the team.

The Adoption Team: We would like to welcome Pat Frankland in the role of Welfare Assistant and Fosterer Support as of the beginning of November. She is already a fosterer and looks after sponsored cat *Husky* and she is now linking with fosterers and their foster cats as well as supporting Yvonne by receiving and dealing with calls to the Helpline relating to owned cats (in homes) needing to find new homes. In this, she works closely with Yvonne and Ruth who takes over my former role of Adoption Officer.

Pat will replace me as a member of the Branch's Committee. I will continue to organise the Branch's Homing Days and link up with Pat, Ruth and Yvonne as needed. We wish Ruth and Pat lots of joy and success in their truly rewarding roles which I have enjoyed over the past five years.

Our team continues with:

Yvonne, our Welfare Officer and fosterer who oversees the calls regarding stray cats and kittens, deciding (on merit) which ones can be taken into our care, providing advice on feline welfare as well as administering the Branch's Welfare records, adoption paperwork and liaison with Head Office and our Branch treasurer, Roger

Kay, our Neutering Officer, feral trapper, fosterer, and Branch Secretary

Valerie, Wendy and Leah our other outdoor fosterers

Carolyn, Sheila, Carole, Guven, Claire and Paul our indoor fosterers

Alex our main cat transporter

Lynette, general support and stand-in, home visitor and Homing Days organiser

Urgent Trapper Appeal: Kay needs another "Kay" (or "Kevin"!) to help her in this field of work. She is currently our only trapper and is a truly dedicated volunteer. She

would welcome both the practical and moral support. Please contact her via the Helpline 0845 313 4746 if you can spare a few hours every now and again.

Long-term Fosterer Appeal: We often get calls from families where an older cat is left behind through bereavement or an elderly owner has to go into a home. As these cats may be harder to home, they are likely to be in our care for longer. All the support of a short-term fosterer would be given, with all food and litter supplies and vet bills paid at source. Please contact our Helpline 0845 313 4746 if you can find a space in your home and in your heart for a 'golden oldie'.

Adoptions: During the four months from August to November, we are pleased to have homed 49 cats and kittens in our care (just over 12 a month) and were able to place 5 with other CP branches and other charities.

Requests for Bringing-In: To give you a flavour of the number of requests to bring in strays or cats already in homes – in the first 2 weeks of November, this has involved 29 cats/kittens in homes and 15 strays. This truly reflects the climate of change with so many owned cats having to be relinquished for one reason or another. So this naturally leads to the perennial appeal for more fosterers... PLEASE!...We promise that you will find the work rewarding and enjoy being part of such a committed team. So please contact Pat via the Helpline 0845 313 4746 if you can help.

Finishing with a huge *thank you* to all the volunteers who have supported and encouraged me in my role as Adoption Officer. Working with this truly amazing and dedicated Branch of Cats Protection (led by our Co-ordinator Bernie) has been and will continue to be a warm and shared experience of good-humour and hardworking humans wanting the very, very best for all the needy felines that come our way.

Lynette Belch

Lea Valley Adoption Team

cplvadoption@live.co.uk

Are you reading this in black and white? Would you like to read it in full colour?

If so, then please email cpleavalley@live.co.uk and we will send future editions to you by email. Well over 150 of our Friends and supporters receive their newsletters in this way. Not only will you be able to enjoy the full colour edition, but it will save our Branch the ever-increasing costs of printing and postage too! *We shall not use your email address for any other purpose than sending you copies of the newsletter or informing you of other Branch events.*



Our *facebook* page now has over 150 'likes'.

If you haven't already done so, please take a look at:

www.facebook.com/cpleavalley

and please 'like' our page to keep abreast of things going on in the branch.

Spring Newsletter

The Spring edition will be distributed in April 2015. Please send any articles, pictures, etc., to the editor at: cpleavalley@live.co.uk by the deadline date of: **14 March 2015**. If you do not have access to the internet, please address hard copy to the Newsletter Editor at our correspondence address: 145 Chase Side, Enfield, Middx. EN2 0PN. *Thank you.*



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Fundraising Update

During November we had our second Quiz of the year at Elm Court which, once again, was a very successful, most enjoyable event and an extremely good fundraising evening. We also held our Christmas Bazaar in November and it was nice to meet some of our Friends, many of whom travel quite a distance and we otherwise would not see. It is the second year we have held it at St Andrew's Undercroft in Cuffley and everyone says that it has a cosy and friendly atmosphere. These two events raised about £1,500.

When you read about the dear little kitten *Sticky* on the front page, it makes you realise just how very important our fundraising is and how much time and effort goes into helping these cats and kittens to have a better life. So a huge thank you to our fundraisers and all involved in helping these cats and kittens. However you help, big or small, it all counts and enables us to help more cats and kittens.

We have not yet finalised dates of events for 2015. As soon as they are available, they will be put on the website and in the next Newsletter.

As gardeners' thoughts turn to spring, if any of you are splitting-up your perennials or have far too many seedlings, then I would love to have them to sell in our shop. Plants raise quite a bit of money for us throughout the year. I shall be having a plant sale at the end of May/

beginning of June so anything suitable for sale then would be gratefully received. If you can't get to the shop, then please telephone me as I can probably arrange for them to be picked up.

If anyone can spare a day or half a day a week or just to fill in for holidays or sickness then please think about helping at our charity shop. I can't emphasise enough just how important this shop is to the Branch. It enables us to pay

all our vet bills which, as you can imagine, are huge. The fundraising we did through events raised about £5,000 in 2014, which covers a couple of months' vet's bill; so you can see how vital the shop is to our Branch. There is a good atmosphere in the shop and you meet interesting people from all walks of life. If you feel like giving it a try either pop along to the shop to see

what goes on or give me a ring. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



Maureen Till, Fundraising Officer

P.S. There are so many other ways that supporters are able to support the Branch - playing our monthly Lottery (£4 per month), sponsoring a cat in long-term care (£20 per year) or simply by becoming a Friend of the branch and paying an annual subscription of £7 per year. Other simple ways of supporting the branch financially are shown below.

More Ways to Help More Cats



Become a **Friend**. Lea Valley is fortunate indeed in having hundreds of human friends who are happy to support our cat care work by being Friends of the Branch. For a minimum of £7.00 per year, they support our work financially so that our branch volunteers have the resources to continue their work.

If you want to help us to help more cats, then please consider becoming a Friend of the Branch. Your annual subscription will help us to care for more cats in need.

Simply email: cpleavalley@live.co.uk and ask for an application and standing order form.



Play our **Lottery**. If being a Friend does not appeal, how about playing our monthly Lottery? Just £4.00 per month, brings a good chance of being one of the four lucky winners of £20 each month.

For more details or to join, please call Kypros on: 01992 631556 or email: kyprosav.44@hotmail.com

Use **easyfundraising** and **easysearch**. In 2014, over £300 has been raised through supporters using **easy-**

fundraising to buy goods and services from the usual retailers on-line. This is such 'easy money'! It costs you



nothing, but pays us something! Simply log on to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=17770> to get started raising money for the cats.

Recycle your old **printer cartridges and mobile 'phones**. Simply take them to our shop in Chase

Side, Enfield or pick up recycling envelopes from the shop. If you can't get to the shop, call the helpline and ask for recycling envelopes; we shall be pleased to send them to you.



Many thanks for anything that you do to help raise money to support the work that we do.

Maureen Till, Fundraising Officer



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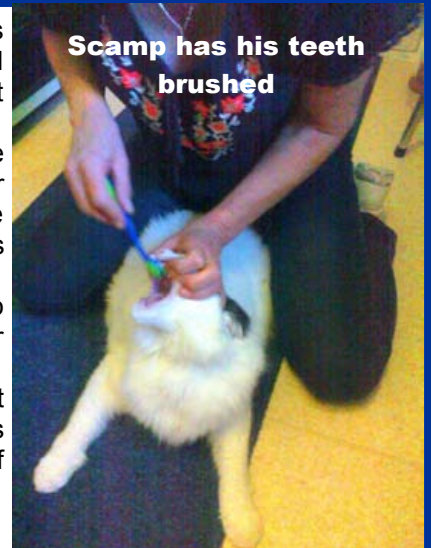
Feline Dental Hygiene!

Scamp is 5 years old and, on a recent visit to the vets, they found that he was developing mild gingivitis in his gums. Despite using a daily toothpaste, which I would put on his paw, this wasn't having a great effect on his gums, so the vet suggested that I buy a baby toothbrush and try brushing his teeth!

Now, although Scamp is a very accommodating, large cat, I did wonder how he would react to this. As he has a once-weekly grooming session (combing, ear cleaning, weighing and generally checking him all over), I decided to introduce the tooth brushing into this regime. I needn't have worried. Scamp was as accommodating as ever, and took to it immediately.

After just a few months, his gums are not looking so inflamed. By continuing to brush his teeth, this should reduce the need for dental treatment (under anaesthetic).

I would recommend that anyone who gets a new cat should start getting their cat used to having his mouth played with (as I did with Scamp) from an early age. This has allowed me to not only brush his teeth, but also to administer all sorts of medicines as and when necessary. *Yvonne Rapley, Welfare Officer*



Penthouse Pets

Yvonne's ten-year old wooden pens had done yeoman service but were showing serious signs of their age. After some research, they were replaced in October by a stunning pair of new uPVC pens pictured here. They are light and airy, have really cosy, heated 'penthouse bedrooms' and are so much easier to keep clean. When others of our wooden pens come due for renewal, (their normal lifespan is ten years) the Branch will probably replace them with this uPVC type of unit. As you can see, outside, the pens are clean and bright. Inside, the pens are spacious, warm and clean. What more could a rescued cat ask for? The answer, of course, is a permanent, loving home - and that's where you could step in! *Bernie Till*



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Bumble Bee and Pepa

Some years ago, Marian Feldman took me over to Nazeing, to a bungalow overrun with black and white cats! Mrs Prentice was moving home and could not take her very feral cats with her. Marian and I trapped them over a few weeks and at last had them all safely caught. They came to live with us at Brides Farm in Hertford Heath. They were always feral and kept their distance even at feeding time.

When we knew that we were moving to Wales in the summer of 2013, we set about trapping them and, as each one was caught, they were put into a heated shed in very large cages. We placed two or three cages together to make a long run for them. The last one to be caught, being the most nervous, was called *Bumble Bee*. We bought a long rabbit hutch and she began feeding in there. At last we had her in! She was so frightened at being in captivity, that I brought her into the house; there, still in her long rabbit hutch, she got used to us and the nine dogs!



Pepa at her new home in Wales

When we moved to Wales, she came to live inside the house with us, (and our house cats). She gradually became less nervous and then an amazing change came over her; she became attached to me, following me round the house and sitting on my lap in the evenings.

She was fed little treats and titbits next to me on the sofa. This, I realised later, must have been the reason why one of our dogs became over-jealous and did what she did. We came home one night to find our beloved *Bumble Bee* lying dead on the floor.

I cannot describe how upset I was; it had taken so many years to build her confidence and trust and I felt totally guilty. We have 9 dogs and 20 cats and not once has anything like this ever happened. My dogs don't even chase cats.

One month ago, we were in Spain on holiday and I noticed a young cat feeding at the back of a restaurant. The owner told us that this little cat was the last one left as all the other kittens and mother cat had been run over by cars on the dangerous crossing to the restaurant.

During our week, I began feeding her. At the end of the week I knew I had to bring her home. She went into quarantine for 21 days and was driven to our Welsh home by *EasyPet*. When she arrived, I took her upstairs to settle in. That was one week ago.

Since she has arrived I have realised that she is identical in every way to *Bumble Bee*. Every hair on her body is the same. Her markings are the same. Her personality is the same. In every way she is *Bumble Bee*. But the real shock came when, yesterday, I pulled out our old Christmas tree and started putting it up. I suddenly remembered that, at exactly this time last year, *Bumble Bee* had died the week before I had started putting up the tree. So this new, identical cat called *Pepa*, arrived at our home in Wales in the same week as *Bumble Bee* died!

Don't worry; little *Pepa* will live in the safety of our upstairs and only come down when we are there; the Jack Russell who had committed the act now is kept well away. *Robbie Bartington*

Shop! Volunteers needed!

The shop at 145 Chase Side, Enfield provides around 50% of the funds that keeps our Branch solvent and able to care for cats in our area. Without this income, the Branch would not prosper and more cats would be left unaided in their time of need.

It's open from 10am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. If you can spare a full or half day each week, you could join the current volunteers in ensuring that the Branch can continue to help cats in need.

Please call the Helpline if you are able to help. The work is enjoyable and varied and your fellow volunteers are a happy bunch to work with!

shop.

Just as important, keep taking or sending your donations to the shop. We are always in need of donations of quality clothing and bric-a-brac. Please, if you are having a clear-out of any items that we could sell or recycle, especially unwanted Christmas gifts, then take them to the shop. If you can't travel to the shop, we may be able to collect donations from you.

Please call the Helpline or email cpshop@live.com if you can volunteer or to see if we can help collecting donations.



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Horticultural Half Hour

Well, as my Dad used to say, no birds, no bees, no flowers, no trees, no wonder, November! Well, this is actually not quite true. November is a wonderful month for autumn colour displays and, as the weather has been quite mild lately when the sun has been shining, I have seen the odd bee flying about. The birds are also still very active and a reminder to keep feeding them, especially as the weather turns even colder and wetter. I find when I'm away and not feeding the birds it takes a few days for them to come back, so they really do get into a routine and rely on food put out for them. Also remember to leave out a bowl of fresh water.

When the days are brilliant and sunny, it is a real treat to visit gardens where there are glorious autumn displays to enjoy, but it is also a time to take note of beautiful trees and shrubs that you like and see if you can incorporate them into your own garden. Even if it is just one or two autumn display plants, it can make a big difference to your own view from your kitchen window. Suggestions include the many small Japanese *Acer palmatum* varieties now widely available, which can also be grown in containers. Acers are best grown in dappled shade, in moist free-draining neutral to acid soil. They give wonderful seasonal displays in gold, red, and orange depending on the variety chosen, and some have striking coloured bark as well.

Callicarpa bodinieri var. *giraldi*

'Profusion' has unusual, but striking purple bead-like berries. The fruit are often the last to be taken by the birds, and this lack of popularity means they are left for you to enjoy for a little longer, and



***Callicarpa bodinieri*
var. *giraldi* 'Profusion'**

don't forget hollies. *Ilex aquifolium* is the native green variety, but there are many cultivated forms available, in-



Ilex aquifolium

cluding the variegated variety 'Handsworth New Silver', which is a purple-stemmed holly with slender leaves edged with cream. Hollies are mainly dioecious. This means most forms have male flowers on one plant and females on another. Both are required for berries. In a small garden you could plant 'J C van Tol', a self-fertile holly with not too prickly green leaves that can berry on its own. Once established, hollies

are invaluable for inclusion in homemade Christmas decorations.

Now is also a time for a tidy up in the garden. Sweep up fallen leaves, especially on lawns, but



Handsworth New Silver

don't be too tidy and leave some untidy areas for the wildlife, including some piles of logs etc. for overwintering bugs, frogs and toads. We all need somewhere warm and dry in the winter, and this includes the many creatures that share your garden.

Happy Gardening
Julia

Would you or someone you know like some financial help to neuter a cat or kitten?

If so, please call: 0845 313 4746 to see if we can help.

Part- and full-payment vouchers are available, depending upon circumstances.



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Events Diary



Cat & Kitten Homing Day, Saturday 7 March 2015

St Andrew's Church, Plough Hill, Cuffley EN6 4DR

10.00am - 1.00pm

Some of our fosterers will be bringing along their lovely foster cats and kittens ready for re-homing. You may reserve a cat on the day and a home visit will be arranged as soon as possible. Fosterers and other volunteers will be on hand to assist you with the adoption process.

Other events will be added to the website as and when details are available.

Kay awarded the WV in New Year's Honours

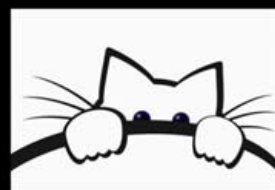
In our version of the New Year's Honours, we are pleased to announce that Kay has been awarded the WV (White Van)! In recognition of her important and extensive work in trapping and neutering, to save the wear and tear of transporting traps, cages and other equipment in her car, the Branch committee decided to buy a van for Kay to continue with her neutering and trapping activities. Here's the van, a true 'White Van Man' model, but ours has a model driver!



Free Neutering

FREE neutering is available through the Cat Care & Control Consortium 'C4' scheme - a joint initiative by major animal charities working in Greater London to tackle the problem of too many cats. C4 offers free neutering for cats within the M25 area whose owners receive certain state benefits, are on a low income or are students. The scheme also includes neutering of stray cats that are being fed temporarily by someone.

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About the Branch

Branch activities cover the postcodes E4, EN1, EN2, EN3, EN4, EN6, EN7, EN8, EN9, N9, N18 and N21. Amongst other areas, our postcodes include Barnet, Cheshunt, Chingford, Cuffley, Edmonton, Enfield, Potters Bar, Waltham Abbey, Waltham Cross and Winchmore Hill.

The Branch has a very active group of volunteers that provides much-needed care and attention to cats in need, education and advice on neutering and cat welfare and, of course, fundraising to pay for all the cat care, vet bills, food and associated expenses.

Branch activities are overseen by the Management Committee:

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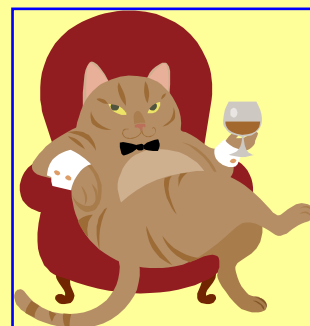
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Neighbouring Branches

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Neighbouring Branch / Adoption Centre

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www.cats.org.uk/london

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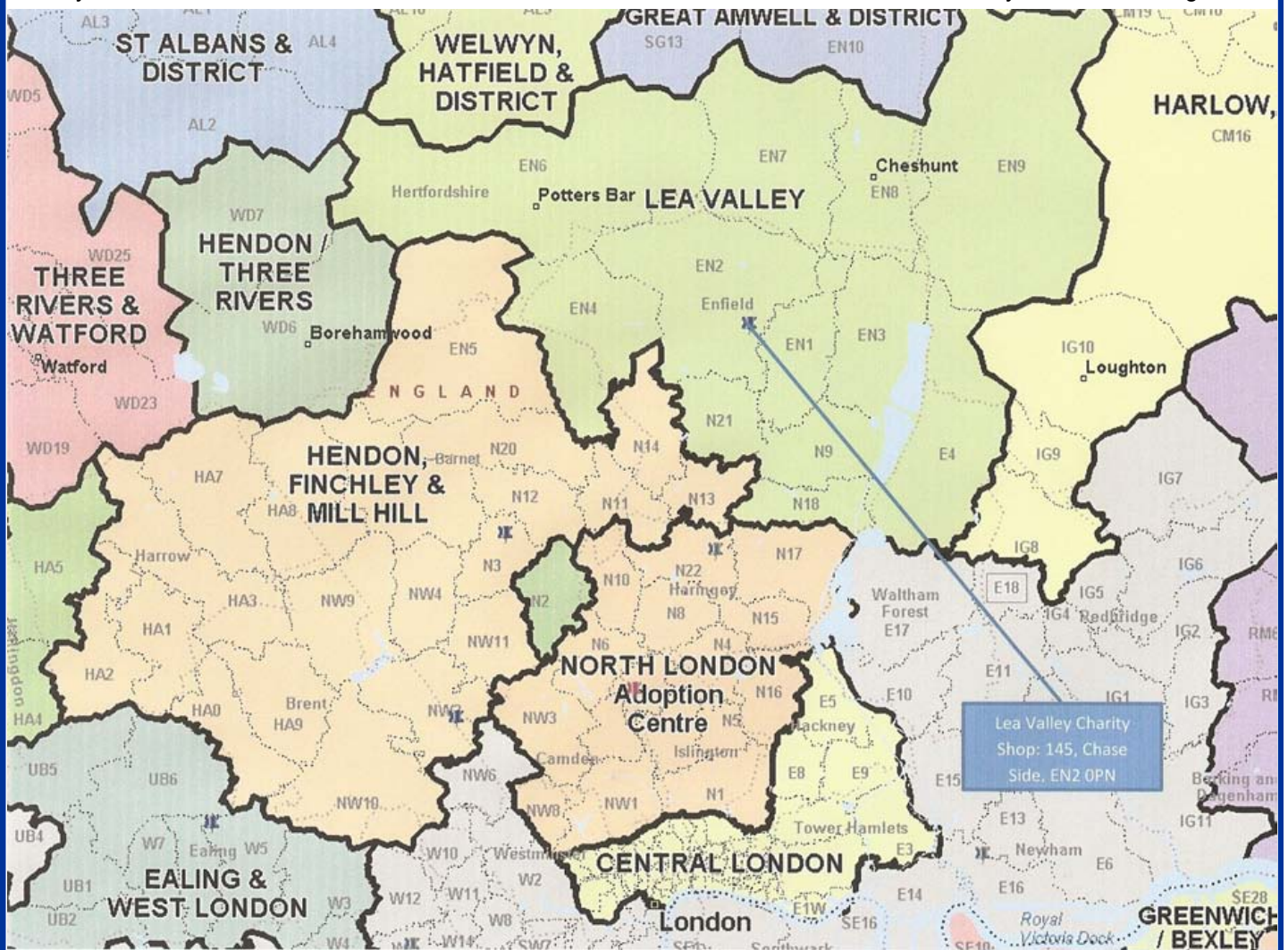
www.northlondon.cats.org.uk

www.romford.cats.org.uk

www.stalbans.cats.org.uk

www.threerivers.cats.org.uk

www.welwynhatfield.cats.org.uk



Central London Branch

We are pleased to report that we have a new branch as a near neighbour. The Central London Branch covers postcode areas E1; E2; E3; E5; E8; E9; EC1; EC2; EC3; EC4; W1; WC1; WC2 (see the map above). The branch can be contacted on 07815 493 729 or barbara.cplondon@gmail.com. The branch website is at www.cats.org.uk/london.



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