



Cats Protection

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A New Member of the Family

Black and white cats seem to come in two versions; the elegant, dinner jacketed, symmetrical type with white bib, tummy and socks, or the more raffish, random-patterned variety. The latest member of the family is most definitely one of the latter, and she certainly stands out alongside our other four cats, Cara, Orange, Hettie and Boots (a black and white of the dinner jacketed variety). Her arrival was totally unplanned and unexpected; here's what happened...

Just after New Year a friend's son found a box in her parking space. Inside was a small cat, some water and a toy ball. The cat was barely more than a kitten, was cold and nervous, but otherwise well. She seemed to have been well cared for. The friend remembered our involvement with Cats Protection, and brought her over.

Immediately the cat, now named Kimmy, displayed a kittenish curiosity. No drawer was unworthy of exploration. Closed doors were obstacles to be overcome. Other cats were there to play hide-and-seek with, not that they were always keen to oblige! All our skills were needed to prevent her getting out.

As January passed, the integration process moved on. There were

trips to the vet for blood tests FIV, immunisation, spaying and chipping. Kimmy was given wider range within the house, and eventually allowed out, although she has not yet mastered the cat flap!

She is now fully integrated into the family, although she sometimes tries the patience of the older cats! We sometimes wonder about her prior history..... Who were her owners and why had they abandoned her? Since they had left her where she was bound to be found, along with a toy, they obviously hoped she would go to a good home. Perhaps they simply could not afford to keep her.

Whatever the reason we have a wonderful new cat, who is firmly 'one of us'!



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Message from the Branch Co-ordinator

If I'm not too late, a Happy New Year to all our friends. We enter another year with, as ever, great hopes for a better year for the cats than last! However, we are all aware that this will probably not be the case. The need to care for unwanted and ill-treated cats seems endless. As I write, we have just been told of a cat dumped in a box in Hertford. Fortunately, she has been offered a new home immediately by Linda and David Haysey but, as we all know, not all such situations end so well.

We cannot operate without funds to pay for all the effort that our volunteers expend tirelessly on the welfare of our cats. I am pleased to say that we had a successful year raising funds and that we are in a reasonable position to carry on our welfare work. Thanks to the continuing efforts of our volunteers, our shop had a good year. It keeps a steady flow of funds coming into our bank account to pay for our expensive vet bills. Our fundraisers, too, had a successful year, complementing the shop income with welcome funds to keep us going. Again last year, we succeeded in being totally self-funding (receiving no grants from head office), ending the year in a sound financial position.



In addition, the steady income generated by our Branch Members is of great importance to the day-to-day running of the Branch. We have about 185 loyal Members and we are really grateful for their financial support. Further, in addition to paying the Branch Membership annual subscription of £7 (concessions £5), many add an extra donation so that our annual income from members is almost doubled. These subscriptions and donations are all eligible for Gift Aid (increasing the value to the Branch by 25%) so, if you have not already let us know that you are a taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your membership or any other donations to the Branch, then please do so by completing the form on page 18.

When introduced, Branch Membership offered Members free Newsletters (others were to be charged 50p); however, I am not aware that anyone has ever paid for one, so the benefit is really notional. Accordingly, the sharp-eyed amongst you will have noticed that this newsletter has no cover price.

In addition, as some other CP branches have already done, we have decided in future to describe our Branch 'Members' as 'Friends', describing better the relationship that we like to think that we have with one another – we are all friends in the cause of helping animals. The 'price of friendship' remains the same and it would simplify our administration no end if you were able to pay the annual amount by bank standing order, rather than by cheque (especially as all cheque payment will be withdrawn by 2018). Current Members (now Friends) can use the form enclosed with this newsletter. Others who would like to support our work by becoming a Friend, may also use this form.

All our income is raised to spend on caring for cats. Our welfare volunteers cared for 133 cats and kittens, we neutered 150 and found new homes for 111. All these are increases on our 2009 figures and mean that we need to keep our finances sound.

To boost our homing numbers and increase our profile in our area, we held our first Homing/Open Day on 2 November at St Andrew's Church, Cuffley.

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Message from the Co-ordinator *cont from page 2*

It was a real success (see the story on page 8) and we are planning our second event on 12 March and trust that this will have a similarly successful outcome. See the advert on page 9.

More details of our homing and other work we undertook in 2010 will be contained in our Annual Report and be discussed at our Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday 20 March 2011, again this year at Brides Farm. More details of this and other forthcoming events are in the Social Diary on page 11 and, of course, on www.leavalley.cats.org.uk. Please do try to join us. We really do appreciate your support and it makes the efforts of our volunteers so much more worthwhile.

Bernie Till

Fundraising Made Easy!

Members are able to support the Branch by raising money when they search the web and/or buy goods and services on-line, simply by using *easysearch* and *easyfundraising*.

I have written previously about this easy way of raising funds for the Branch with no cost and minimal effort on your part. Since then, some of you have used *easysearch* and *easyfundraising*, so many thanks to those of you who are already helping in this way.

However, I would like to encourage even more of you to try out these simple ways of raising funds. To do so, all you need do is log on to the following websites and use them instead of any other means of searching and/or buying online:

Searching

<http://leavalleycats.easysearch.org.uk/>

This is a search engine that uses *Yahoo!*, *Ask*, *bing* and other search engines to find what you want on the web. By using this search engine, a small donation is made each time a search is made. The more searches, the greater the funds raised. It costs the user nothing. All income is donated by the websites that are accessed through *easysearch*.

The screenshot displays the 'easysearch.org.uk' website. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Web Pages', 'Images', 'Video', 'News', and 'easyfundraising'. Below this is a search bar with a search button. A 'Dashboard' section is visible, containing three main widgets:

- Widgets:** Includes options like 'Set as my Home Page', 'easysearch from my Browser', 'Add to my Favourites', 'Change Organisation', and 'Add a New Cause'.
- Welcome to easysearch:** A message stating that users can raise extra funds when they search the web, with a note that 50% of the fees paid by advertising sponsors go to Cats Protection Lea Valley Branch.
- easysearch Statistics:** Shows that £18,711 total funds have been raised from 3,720 completed searches. It also states that 30,464,469 searches have been made by all easysearch users, and that statistics are updated weekly (last updated: 26/12/2010).

At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '© Copyright 2007 easysearch.org.uk, searchfundraising.org.uk. All rights reserved.'



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Shopping

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leavalleycats>

Easyfundraising provides a free service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and, at no extra cost, raise funds for our Branch. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally but, simply by using the links from this site first, each purchase you make will generate a cash donation to our Branch. You pay the same prices - exactly as if you visited each retailer's website directly. Using this service will not cost you a penny more than you would pay normally.

For example, spend £25 with WH Smith and 3.5% will be donated. You will have raised 0.88, at no extra cost to your purchase. Make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated. Insure your car with Direct Line and raise £35.00, or purchase a mobile phone from O2 and earn £17.50, and so on.

You can shop with over 600 brand name retailers and raise funds simply by using the links from this site first - it's that simple! As you can see from the screenshot below, I have raised over £80 simply by shopping on-line.

Comparing Prices

There is even a price comparison section to the *easyfundraising* site. *Price Checker* lets

The screenshot shows the 'easyfundraising.org.uk' website. The user is logged in as 'Bernard Till' with a total raised of £80.70. The page features a 'Welcome' message, a 'Task List' with 4 items, and a 'Popular Retailers' section. The 'Popular Retailers' section lists several retailers with their respective donation percentages: Clarks (2.25%), Amazon.co.uk (2.5%), Boden (2.5%), M&S (1.5%), Expedia.co.uk (1.75%), Argos (6.75%), and Special Offers (Clarks, Argos, M&S). There is also a 'Featured Retailer' section for M&S with a 2.5% donation and a 'Shop Now On' section for January Sales. A 'Christmas Advent Competition' is also visible.

you compare thousands of products and prices from *easyfundraising* retailers and narrow your search by price and category, as well as seeing delivery options and donation amounts. When you have selected the deal that suits you best, click on the retailer link to visit their site and purchase your product. Your purchase will then generate a donation to our Branch.

If you search the web and/or shop online, why not help the Branch at no extra cost from searches and purchases you would make anyway? Just make sure that you register with Cats Protection Lea Valley Branch as the "Cause" on the *easysearch* and *easyfundraising* sites.

Thanks for your support.

Bernie Till



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Quiz

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- 8] 13 = S on the AF
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- 10] 18 = H on a GC
- 11] 90 = D in a RA
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- 13] 4 = Q in a G
- 14] 24 = H in a D

- 15] 1 = W on a U
- 16] 57 = HV
- 17] 11 = P on a FBT
- 18] 29 = D in F in a LY
- 19] 64 = S on a CB
- 20] 40 = D and N of the GF
- 21] 76 = T in the BP
- 22] 50 = W to LYL
- 23] 60 = S in a M
- 24] 1 = H on a U
- 25] 7 = B for SB
- 26] 21 D on a D
- 27] 7 = W of the AW
- 28] 15 = M on a DMC

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New Event @ Familiar Venue!

Try your luck with Bingo and enjoy an Indian Buffet Lunch!



Sunday 10th April, 12.45 - 4.15

Tickets £15

(or £13.50 for 2-course, English alternative)

Come as individuals or groups; tables of 6 or 8

Please reserve early to avoid disappointment

Contact Lynette: lyndelbelch@ntlworld.com

or tel; 01992 301404

Raj Vogue, 48 High Street, Cheshunt, EN8 0AQ
Cash Bar and Raffle



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Last Home Fosterers

I can only start with how I felt when I lost my beloved Lilly of 14 years. I felt lost as the house was quiet and dull, and the soul had just gone out of it.

I told a friend how I was feeling and she suggested contacting Cats Protection to enquire about fostering or adopting.

So that evening I looked on the web site and saw a lovely little girl with a funny face looking back at me. I instantly knew she belonged to me and my husband. I contacted Lynette and explained my situation and my love of cats and, after a few days of chatting on the phone and a meeting at my house, I was told the great news that I could foster Catalina. And because of her age Cats Protection would cover her vet bills as insurance would be out of the question.

I was so excited and felt uplifted again. I was updated on her history and couldn't wait to spoil her with a warm home and plenty of love.

When we collected her she was a little timid girl and I immediately fell in love with her. My life began to feel normal again but unfortunately she became ill quite quickly.

We only had her for six weeks but I take great comfort in knowing that her last remaining weeks with us were good ones and we have very fond memories of her.

Not long after, I was having a conversation with Yvonne on the phone and she said she had just taken in an old boy of 23, found in a terrible state.

I offered to foster him and after a few days he came to live with us. He is so adorable;

everybody who comes here just loves him! We have changed his name to "The Colonel" because I feel we should salute him! He is deaf and dribbles but the love he returns to us is immense. I feel so lucky to have him and, at 23 and nine months, he is still going strong!!!!

Fostering and getting involved with Cats Protection has changed my life. I have a great sense of satisfaction knowing I am able to offer a home for these poor old cats who need a last home with a loving environment for their remaining time. I often get asked "How do you do it knowing its only for a short time?" I tell them it's not the amount of time you have together, it's the amount of time you put into it that matters.

Tracey Gardiner

If you feel you have what it takes to be a long-term/last-home fosterer for the older cats coming into our care, we need to hear from you !!

You will have full support from the branch. Any vets bills will be paid directly and you will be supplied with food, litter and equipment. In return you will be rewarded by the knowledge you are offering a true home to a deserving cat who might otherwise have to remain isolated in a pen.

Please contact Lynette (Fostering) or Yvonne (Welfare) urgently... the cats remain ever hopeful!



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WANTED!

Indoor Fosterers

to take in cats and kittens on a temporary basis whilst they are awaiting permanent homes.

Home Visitors and Transporters

who are willing to travel to North and East London areas from where we still get enquiries.

Both roles are hands-on with the cats/kittens!

Training, support and all expenses will be provided for these much-needed and satisfying voluntary roles.

Please contact Lynette by telephone on 01992 301404
or e-mail lyndelbelch@ntlworld.com

Shop News

Our shop at 145 Chase Side, Enfield ended another successful year with sales up again on those for 2009. Many thanks to all the many volunteers who help run the shop, especially Eileen Brown, who has been a stalwart of the shop for many years. Unfortunately, Eileen has been unwell and in severe pain in recent weeks; we all wish her well for a speedy recovery – the shop is not the same without her!

Although we are fortunate in having two new volunteers working at the shop, we need still more people prepared to work half or full days (10am - 4pm). If you are interested, or know of someone who is, then please call 08453 712740.

Bernie Till

TRIED AND TESTED

As bonfire night fast approached, my own cat, Scamp, who is very timid, would come running in at the slightest bang. Three days before bonfire weekend, I came home from work, and Scamp did not come in to greet me, as was usual. Worried that he was hiding away, as there were a few fireworks going off, I spent the next two hours searching for him, calling him every time there was a lull in the bangs. He eventually appeared about three hours later, absolutely terrified. He was filthy, shaking with fear, and very black eyed.

Worried about the bonfire weekend fast approaching, I spoke to my vet about his fear, and she suggested I try him on Zylkene. This is a natural product that is manufactured to human pharmaceutical standards. It has been clinically proven to help both cats and dogs to manage stress. I bought the tablets, available without

prescription, and gave Scamp one tablet on the first night of the main fireworks. I had been told that I could give him another tablet six hours later if necessary. Within 15 minutes of the bangs starting, Scamp was totally relaxed, asleep, despite many fireworks going off very close to home. He slept through the whole ordeal, barely flinching. I repeated the tablets for the next three nights, without the necessity for a second one, and Scamp happily got through the firework season.

The tablets can be bought individually, costing only about 30p each [online]. I would thoroughly recommend them to anyone. They could be used at any period of stress. I now keep some in the cupboard for Scamp, and he had a very peaceful new year, sleeping through all the fireworks!

Yvonne Rapley



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Homing Day Success

Huge thanks to all who helped to make the first Homing Open Day on 6th November such a heart-warming success. Branch volunteers, members of the public and 10 cats and kittens on their best behaviour (plus the stray who “wandered in” courtesy of a “finder”) all contributed to a friendly and happy atmosphere with fruitful outcomes.

As a result of the morning event :
13 cats and kittens found lovely new homes,
a new indoor fosterer was recruited and
around £75 came in via donations and sales.

We're looking forward to our second Homing Day on Sat 12th March, again in Cuffley. Please see full details in the advert on page 9. We'd love to see you there plus any family, friends and neighbours who want to find out more about the work of Cats Protection and to meet some of our current temporary feline residents!

Lynette (Adoption Officer)

**Are you reading this newsletter's printed version in black and white?
 Would you like to read it in full colour?**



Then send your email address to cpleavalley@live.co.uk and we will send future editions to you by email. Not only will you be able to enjoy the full colour edition, but it will save our Branch the 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.

Happy Families

Some photos sent in from recent adopters.

Milton, Sooty (now Merna), Ant and Dec (now Bob and Marvin), Wispa and Treacle.



They are so proud and happy with their new family members who are well settled into their new lives!!

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LEA VALLEY CATS PROTECTION HOMING OPEN DAY

Saturday 12 March

10.00am - 1.30pm

at

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



COME AND VIEW SOME OF OUR CATS AND KITTENS

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.

NEUTERING AND OTHER CAT CARE ISSUES

Discuss with Lea Valley branch volunteers cat care issues such as neutering. Plus, we can assist with the cost of neutering your cats, if eligible

DISCUSS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



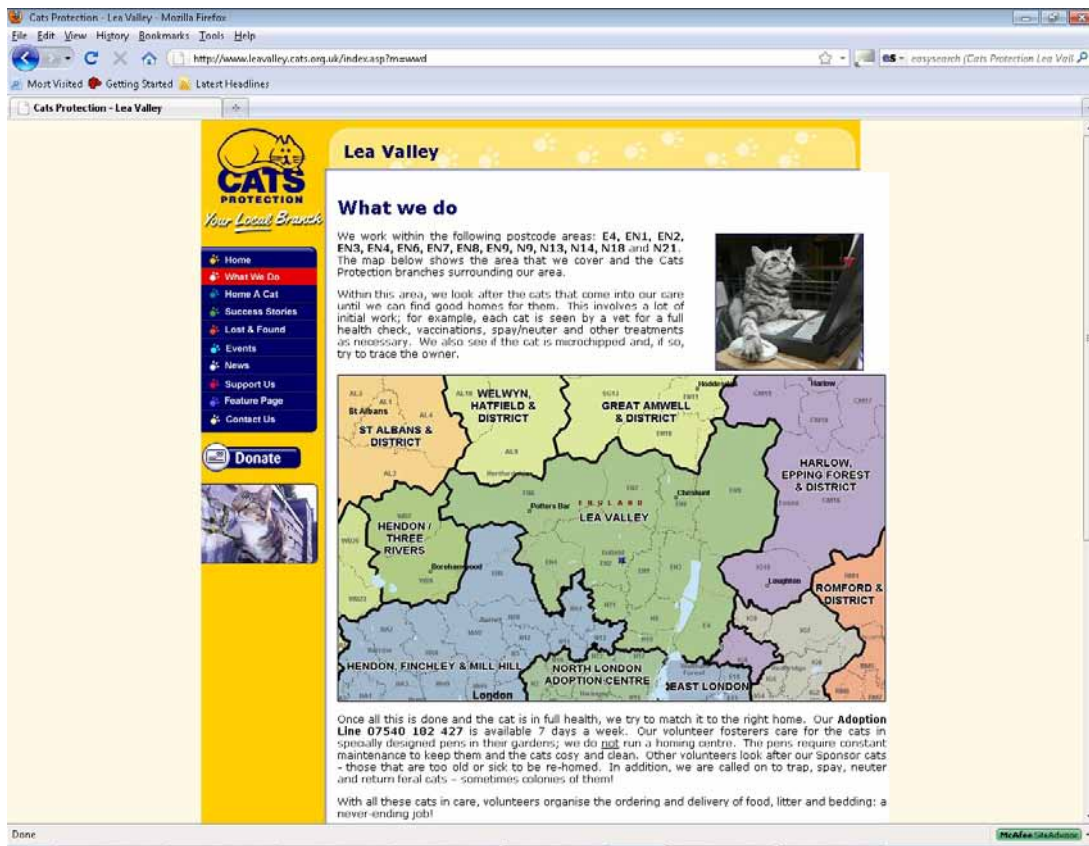
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to keep up to date with Branch news and events, see our lovely cats that need new homes, read about the cats that we have cared for and find out about our sponsored cats.



Plants

We plan to have a plant sale once again at the beginning of June (see Social Diary on page 11) to raise funds so, if any of you gardeners have cuttings or plants to spare, we would be very grateful if you would donate them for sale.

In addition, plants sell very well in our shop so, at any time of year, we can take any spare plants that you might have for sale in the shop.

Please ring Maureen on 077699 72724 if you can help in this way.

Thank you.



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Social Diary

Saturday 12 March Homing/Open Day

The Undercroft, St Andrew's Church, Plough Hill, Cuffley EN6 4DR
10.00am - 1.30pm.

Come along and see some of our many cats awaiting loving, new homes; meet branch volunteers and discuss cat care issues and neutering (we can assist with the cost of neutering, if eligible); discuss volunteering opportunities.

Sunday 20 March Annual Meeting

Brides Farm, The Roundings, Hertford Heath, SG13 7PY
10.30am – 1pm

Less a business meeting than a social gathering! Join us for our Branch Annual Meeting in the gorgeous surroundings of Brides Farm at which the Committee will provide information about the work and achievements of our volunteers. We shall be glad to meet volunteers and Friends, so please try to attend and meet your fellow cat lovers to hear about the amazing work that the Branch achieved for cats in need in 2010 and will continue to do in 2011.

Please confirm your attendance to Bernie Till on 0780 192 6171 or e-mail Bernie_till@hotmail.com.

Sunday 10th April Curry Buffet Bingo

The Raj Vogue, 48 High Street, Cheshunt, EN8 OAQ
12.45pm - 4.15pm

Indian Buffet Lunch: Cash Bar and Raffle

Tickets: £15 pp (or £13.50 for English 2-course alternative)

Come as individuals or groups and join tables of 6 or 8.

To avoid disappointment, please book early.

Reservations: Lynette: 01992 301404 or e-mail lyndelbelch@ntlworld.com

Saturday 4 June Plant Sale

The Foyer, Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA
10.30am - 12.30pm

Bag a bargain from a wide variety of perennial and annual plants grown by our volunteers.

Friday 10th June Summer BBQ

Roxford House, St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury
18.00 – 22.00

Join us for a barbeque in the lovely gardens of Roxford House.

Reservations: Please phone Shirley on 01992 309166 to book your place.

Sunday 13th June Potters Bar Carnival, Elm Court, Potters Bar

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Enjoy the Carnival and support our fundraising stall.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Raisin Awareness!

We recently had a frightening experience with our beloved Border Collie 'Nemo', which prompted me to write this article.

Nemo is the friendliest of animals; he dearly loves everyone and he is particularly good with children. We have had him since he was 10 weeks old and he has grown up with our grandson Hari, so he loves all children. Unfortunately he can also be greedy and he won't miss an opportunity to "thieve" anything tasty that's left unattended.

This brings me to the reason for writing this. Recently my wife was bringing the shopping in and she left a bag unattended in the hall, which contained two delicious Pain au Raisin pastries. Nemo did not hesitate to prise the bag open and wolf both down in a matter of seconds! It was fortunate that we discovered this quickly. It transpires, talking to people, that it is a very little-known fact that all dried grape products are very highly toxic to dogs and can, at worse, cause renal failure and death, at best, profuse diarrhoea that will

last for days.

Of course the severity depends on the amount of dried fruit and the size of the animal. Anyway Nemo had to be rushed to the Royal Vet College in Brookmans Park where he was given an emetic to sick up the contents of his stomach and a charcoal compound to absorb the toxins. He was fortunate that the digestion process was not complete for the toxins to enter his bloodstream. Apparently, to prevent this, treatment must be given within two hours of ingesting the food.

The vet told us that it was fortunate that we knew about the harmful effects of raisins and took him for treatment quickly, as very few people appear to know this. Just that week we were told that two dogs had died from renal failure.

So when you think of the rich fruit cakes, Christmas puddings, mince pies and Pain au Raisins available, particularly in the festive season, dog-lovers beware!

Kypros

Whoever said that
cats and children don't mix?



Evie with Felix,
a Lea Valley rescue kitten.



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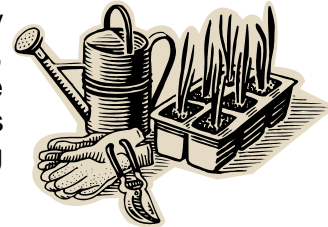
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Horticultural Half Hour

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of the doorway. Therefore January is traditionally seen as the beginning of the year. A time for “New Year” resolutions. How many have you made already (and having been doing the same ones for years) that have already gone by the wayside? Perhaps we would have more success if we left the resolutions for a few weeks (maybe the beginning of March?) when we are in a better frame of mind (and much warmer), that then may actually be achieved. The start of Spring is always a refreshing time and all those good intentions have more chance of being realised.

The same is true of the garden. How many years do you say you must do better, plant some fruit and grow more vegetables, which is the gardening equivalent of lose weight, get more exercise and spend less money – all forgotten a couple of days into January! Why not try to amalgamate the lot into one big resolution – spend more time in the garden.



Sit down and list what is really important to you about your outdoor space - fun for the family, DIY, pottering, semi self-sufficiency, wildlife, stylish surroundings, interesting and absorbing plant collections. Now work out an action plan as how to achieve this. In some cases this may mean making major upheavals, but midwinter is a good time for doing that. The weather may not be brilliant currently (but at least the snow has gone for the time being!) and many routine jobs don't need doing at the moment, so there is time to dig a pond, put up a fence or plan a new patio. Work out achievable targets, even get some people round to give you quotes for jobs either for landscaping or tree pruning. Once you decide and have booked you are one step closer to achieving your aim. The same is true if you are buying from catalogues, once you have sent off your order, you are committed.



Even if you don't have grand new plans for your garden and just want to see better results, the key is to be well organised. Get out your new 2011 diary and make a list of key jobs such as sowing or pruning which need to be done and allocate time to carry them out. The solution is to pace yourself, you will have a better sense of achievement if you do less but do it better. Whatever your garden plans, work out a strategy and stick to it. Hopefully this year will be the year you get some of those things you always wanted to do in your garden, achieved!

Happy Gardening.



Julia Brook



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Rupert's Diary

Oh drat! I've done it again – if only I wasn't so hot headed. They've renamed the landing 'sniper alley'. Just a glimpse of Mum's shapely (she says), white ankle disappearing down the stairs looked so juicy that I just had to sink my teeth into it....out came the antiseptic and plasters again, just like the old days. I really don't know what got into me, I do feel a little shamefaced, but in my defence I was going a bit stir crazy 'cos of all the snow.

Whilst telling you some naughty news I might as well get the rest of it out of the way; here goes. You remember that nasty big bruiser? He's still around so Mum and Dad thought they would treat me to a new cat flap with bells and whistles, well, not exactly, but apparently it would be only for me, operated by my microchip and would stop that horrible cat coming in and beating me up. I must admit it looked very flashy, but I didn't like it.

Mum and Dad tried everything but I refused to go through it, even when it was left open. No amount of Whiskas treats on the other side made any difference. Pushing me also wasn't an option if they wanted to keep all their fingers.

At 3am Mum sat trying to entice me through; nope, not doing it. She let me out and left me there looking at her through the flap, nope, still not doing it. Shut me in the lobby, no, no, no, WON'T go through.

After three weeks Dad put the old one back. I'm perfectly happy now. The cat flap is closed at night; it stops the other cat coming in. If I need anything, or just for the hell of it, I pop upstairs and claw the side of the bed and sometimes Mum's feet. It works a treat, up she get and caters to my every whim, a perfect solution. For me.

Christmas was fun. I got another catnip mouse, some cat treats and a cardboard box, it's super. I race up the stairs, along sniper alley and straight into it ripping it to shreds. Far better than the furniture as it makes more noise, especially around 4am. I'll be getting a new one soon, if I behave myself. Mum's looking a bit tired recently, but she has stopped limping and the bruises are fading. I also have a feeling that I haven't seen the last of that cat flap; we'll see.

Very best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy New Year.

Rupert Palmer Duffy



Want the chance to win £20 each month?



Then why not play the Lea Valley Lottery?

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Quiz answers

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| 1] Letters of the Alphabet. | 16] Players on a football team. |
| 2] Days of the Week. | 18] Days in February in a leap year. |
| 3] Arabian Nights. | 19] Squares on a chess board. |
| 4] Signs of the Zodiac. | 20] Days and nights of the Great Flood. |
| 5] Cards in a Deck [with Jacks]. | 21] Trombones in the Big Parade. |
| 6] Planets in the Solar System. | 22] Ways to leave your lover. |
| 7] Piano Keys. | 23] Seconds in a minute. |
| 8] Stars on the American Flag. | 24] Horn on an unicorn. |
| 9] Degrees Fahrenheit when Water Freezes. | 25] Brides for seven brothers. |
| 10] Holes on a golf course. | 26] Dots on a die. |
| 11] Degrees in a right angle. | 27] Wonders of the ancient world. |
| 12] Blind mice [See how they run]. | 28] Men on a dead-mans chest. |
| 13] Quarts in a gallon. | |
| 14] Hours in a day. | |
| 15] Wheels on a uni-cycle. | |
| 16] Heinz Varieties. | |

Alan Clark

Next Newsletter

Our next edition will be distributed in May 2011. Please send any articles, pictures etc., to the editor—Helen Harding, at hah3105@aol.com, by the deadline date of

14 April 2011

If you do not have access to the internet, please phone and leave a message on 01582 832644 and you will be given a postal address.

Thanks in advance.



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Fundraising Notes

4th Annual Quiz Night

The Autumn newsletter went to press as we were holding our annual quiz at Elm Court on 23 October. As in previous years, it was a great success, enjoyed by around 90 people. Thanks again to Stephanie and David for organising the event, setting the questions and keeping the scores.



Christmas Bazaar

We had another successful Christmas Bazaar thanks to all our helpers who set the hall up, man the doors, run the stalls and organise the kitchen (not least to keep us going!). Although we do not seem to raise the amount of money we used to, it is still a jolly occasion and it does mean that we see a lot of our friends whom we seldom see the rest of the year and can catch up with all their cat news (should it be mews?). We did have a few new visitors this year; thanks to Maureen and June for distributing some leaflets to houses in the nearby area for us (this is something we should consider doing more widely for future events).

Christmas Events

Our volunteers also ran stalls at events such as Mount Grace School Christmas Fayre and Whitewebbs Transport Museum Antiques Fair and they rattled collecting tins at garden centres. All these activities go towards funding our work with needy cats.



In addition, as they did in 2009, I would also like to mention Maggie who runs Universal Pet Stores in Potters Bar and Heather who runs the shop at Lesley Smallholding in Botany Bay for all that they do to help the Branch throughout the year and especially at Christmas, when they sell Christmas cards, calendars and other gift items for us; thank you both very much.

Christmas Dinner

Despite the 'extremely seasonal' weather, we had a good turnout for Linda Haysey's ever-popular Christmas dinner. The food, as always, was delicious; we dined on turkey with all the trimmings, followed by a very tasty cheeseboard and then a choice of 'scrummy' puddings (all diets forgotten for this evening) plus, of course, wine.

It is so generous of Linda to organise this delightful evening for us and to open her home and do all the cooking and work that makes the evening so enjoyable.



Everyone loved it and it couldn't really be better: good food, nice people and money raised for cats in our care - purrfect! Thank you so much again Linda for your hospitality.

All-Year-Round Effort

Fundraising is not just an end-of-year activity, so I should not let the passing of another year go by without mentioning the efforts of all our volunteers. You are too many to mention by name but, throughout the year, you attend events, run fundraising stalls, 'rattle tins' and create goods for us to sell by baking cakes, Christmas puddings, making marmalade, growing plants, knitting and sewing for the Branch. Thank you all for your relentless effort and putting your selling, culinary, needleworking and horticultural abilities to such effective use for the benefit of our cats.

Maureen Till



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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. *Please note that the new Welwyn/Hatfield District Branch covers postcodes AL9 and AL10 (Hatfield) that were covered by our Branch.*

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.

All Branch activities are overseen by the Management Committee:

Lynette Belch
Adoption Officer

Roger Hales
Treasurer

Kay Moore
Secretary and Neutering Officer

Yvonne Rapley
Welfare Officer

Bernie Till
Coordinator

Maureen Till
Fundraising and Advertising Officer

Contact Details

NOTE: *All our lines are manned by volunteers who have other jobs to do. If the call is not answered, please be patient and leave a message. Your call will be returned.*

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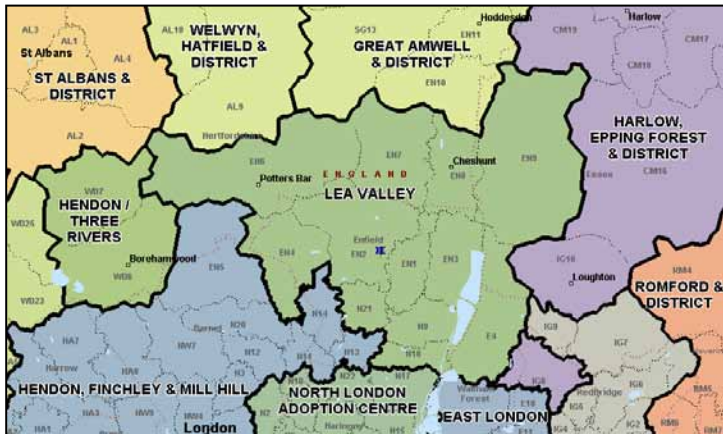


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LEA VALLEY BRANCH OPERATIONAL AREA



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If you know of cat care issues in other areas, they should be addressed initially to the relevant local branch. The following table lists contact details for branches surrounding Lea Valley:

Neighbouring Branch/Adoption Centre

- Great Amwell & District
- Harlow, Epping Forest & District
- Hendon, Finchley & Mill Hill
- North London Adoption Centre
- Romford & District
- St Albans & District
- Three Rivers and Watford Branch
- Welwyn/Hatfield District

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- 020 7272 6048
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- 08453 712 064
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- 08453 711 855

Website

- www.greatamwell.cats.org.uk
- www.harlow.cats.org.uk
- www.hendon.cats.org.uk
- 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

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